

EC-1218. A communication from the Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005, and 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1219. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Appendices A, B, and C" (RIN2900-AM60) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1220. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority; National Cemetery Administration" (RIN2900-AM18) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, with an amendment:

S. 223. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

*S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

*William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Navy nomination of Adm. Gary Roughead, 6126, to be Admiral.

Navy nomination of Adm. Robert F. Willard, 1564, to be Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, 1250, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sorenson, 3510, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, 8600, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. James L. Williams, 0353, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. James T. Cook, 4390, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Richard S. Kramlich, 9829, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. John R. Allen and ending with Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 18, 2007.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Sec-

retary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Katherine J. Alguire and ending with Kristen M. Zebrowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert J. Aalseth and ending with Mario F. Zuniga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Mark A. Yuspa, 2284, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Cheryl A. Udensi, 9460, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Keith A. Darlington and ending with Frank A. Yerkes, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kenneth A. Arnold and ending with Thomas F. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Glenn M. Frederick and ending with Julie L. Steele, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Pio Vazquez Diaz and ending with Drew D. Schnyder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Karen D. Doherty and ending with Maureen G. Toomey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Army nomination of Gerald J. Lukowski, Jr., 9096, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Charles W. Whittington, 7455, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Vasilios Lazos, 7832, to be Major.

Army nomination of Thomas G. McFarland, 4368, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey R. Bavis and ending with Sorrel B. Cooper, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2007.

Army nomination of Kathleen S. Loper, 3463, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael A. White, 6264, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Anthony T. Roper, 0533, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Eric A. Hansen and ending with Peter J. Varljen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Steven S. Gelbert and ending with Patrick R. McBrearty, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Peter W. Ahern and ending with Kevin T. Wooley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 15, 2007.

Navy nomination of Arthur W. Stauff, 3198, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Charles A. McLenithan, 2873, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Jeffrey P. Bejma and ending with Jordan I. Ziegler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2007.

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Nominee: Ford McKinstry Fraker.

Post: Ambassador.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: Ford M. Fraker, none.

2. Spouse: Linda M. Fraker, none.

3. Children and spouses, Antonia W.H. Fraker, none; Ford J.H. Fraker, none; Charles T.H. Fraker, none.

4. Parents: Harrison S. Fraker, none; Marjorie T. Fraker, deceased.

5. Grandparents: George Fraker, deceased; Agnes Fraker, deceased.

Brothers and spouses: Harrison S. and Molly Fraker, \$100, 09/2006; Phil Angelides; \$100, 9/2006; Peter Hutchinson; \$100, 9/2004; John Kerry.

Howard H. Fraker, none.

Christopher P. and Deborah Fraker, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: Wenda W. Fraker, deceased.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Nominee: Zalmay M. Khalilzad.

Post: United Nations.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self, none.

2. Spouse: none.

4. Children and spouses: Cyeryl C. Benard; Alexander Khalilzad Benard; Maximillian Khalilzad Bernard.

Parents: Zahra Khalilzad, Khalilullah, Deceased.

5. Grandparents: Deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: David Khalilzad, none; Vicky Khalilzad, none; Tory Khalilzad, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Aziza Monawar, none; Malika Monawar, none; Ashan Monawar, none; Basima Khalilzad, none.

*Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

*Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

*Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

*Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Natalie J. Freeman and ending with Deborah Ann McCarthy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007. (minus 2 nominees: Beth Pennock Dunford; Ross Marvin Hicks)

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1003. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1004. A bill to make ineligible for Federal contract awards any expatriated corporations and any companies that do business with, or own foreign subsidiaries that do business with, state sponsors of terrorism or foreign terrorist organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1006. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny qualified dividend income treatment to certain foreign dividends; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1007. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic

relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1008. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to improve and strengthen the safety inspection process of nuclear facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1009. A bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve supplemental educational services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1010. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1011. A bill to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1012. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1013. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant woman enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide parental choice for those students that attend schools that are in need of improvement and have been identified for restructuring; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1015. A bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1016. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote energy independence and self-sufficiency by providing for the use of net metering by certain small electric energy generation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. CONRAD)):

S. 1017. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1018. A bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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

S. 1019. A bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1020. A bill to move toward energy independence through a coordinated development of renewable energy sources, including wave, solar, wind, geothermal, and biofuels production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1021. A bill to address the exchange-rate misalignment of the Japanese yen with respect to the United States dollar, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 131. A resolution designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 133. A resolution celebrating the life of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.