

EC-2059. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2060. A communication from the Director, National Legislation Commission, American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of the Legion as of December 31, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, requesting fair treatment for Haitian asylum seekers who recently arrived ashore in Hallandale Beach, Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-98. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging Congress to take immediate action to allow the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2008

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge was created primarily in response to concerns for historic declines in desert bighorn populations throughout the west, and the refuge is critical to the health of desert bighorn sheep; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population has declined from 812 sheep in 2000 to 390 sheep in 2006, as documented through extrapolation of data from surveys conducted by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge is the primary source of desert bighorn sheep, mexicana subspecies, throughout the southwestern portion of the United States; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge has served as the primary resource for repatriation of desert bighorn sheep to mountain ranges in Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado and has repatriated at least 513 desert bighorn sheep in 25 of the past 49 years since transplanting began; and

Whereas, the decline in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge sheep herd coincides with periods of drought and a known increase in the resident population of mountain lions on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the current population of Kofa desert bighorn sheep is inadequate to support continuing repatriation; and

Whereas, failure to take immediate action will likely result in further decline and threaten the viability of the Kofa herd; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has a trust responsibility under title 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, to manage all wildlife in Arizona; and

Whereas, although the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is mandated to manage the natural resources of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 which provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall ensure effective coordination, interaction and cooperation with the fish and wildlife agency of the states in which the units of the system are located; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department are recognized for

their body of expertise relative to managing both desert bighorn sheep and mountain lions, and immediate management action is needed to secure the health and viability of the Kofa desert bighorn sheep population.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress take immediate action to reaffirm the Arizona Game and Fish Department's position as the leading agency in the management of non-migratory and nonendangered state wildlife.

2. That the Arizona Game and Fish Commission employ, without any unnecessary delays, burdens or obstacles, all management tools and measures necessary to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population, including the management of predators, water developments, human intervention and the potential for disease epizootics.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

POM-99. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Arizona urging Congress to repeal federal tax withholding on certain payments made by government agencies; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

Whereas, section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 imposes on certain governmental agencies the duty to withhold and remit income taxes on certain payments for providers of services or property; and

Whereas, many providers of covered transactions may be in marginal businesses with little or no federal income tax liability, thereby forcing an interest-free loan to the federal government by the businesses that can least afford them; and

Whereas, section 511 places an undue burden on governmental agencies, creating yet another unfunded mandate to state and local governments; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service is barely able to cope with the current level of tracking of withholding payments, much less handle the exponential increase in such payments that section 511 creates; and

Whereas, this withholding scheme will inevitably lead to endless disputes between governmental agencies and their service providers over billing and account balances.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States repeal section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, codified as section 3402(t) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-100. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Whereas, the death of a child is a devastating experience, and the murder of a child is exceptionally difficult; and

Whereas, Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., (POMC) helps families of murder vic-

tims cope with grief through a variety of support services, including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, POMC was formed in 1978 by Robert and Charlotte Hullinger after the tragic murder of their daughter, Lisa, on September 25 of that year; and

Whereas, POMC has grown from only five parents at the first meeting of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1978 to over 100,000 members in more than 300 chapters worldwide; and

Whereas, POMC membership is open to anyone who has suffered the murder of a loved one and to professionals who are in frequent contact with survivors of murder victims; and

Whereas, POMC provides comfort and vital, ongoing assistance to countless loved ones of murder victims; and

Whereas, POMC helps guide families of murder victims through the process of pursuing justice in the criminal justice system, which can be an overwhelming experience for grieving loved ones; and

Whereas, POMC has designated September 25 of each year as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; and

Whereas, the designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor the memories of murder victims: therefore, be it

Resolved that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims and to recognize the significant benefits that Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., provides to the loved ones of murder victims, be it further

Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 924. A bill to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program (Rept. No. 110-72).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 368. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-73).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocations to Subcommittee of Budget Totals" (Rept. No. 110-74).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 740. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 76. A concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 110. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship.

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1327. A bill to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INOUYE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2012.

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

*James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

*James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

*Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

Nominee Phillip Carter, III.

Post Conakry, Guinea.

(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.
3. Children and spouses: Justin M. Carter, none; Andrew N. Carter, none.
4. Parents: Hortencia Carter, none.
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and spouses: David and Nicole Carter, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: Melissa A. Carter, none.

*R. Niels Marquardt, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of Comoros.

Nominee: R. Niels Marquardt.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar and the Comoros.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self: \$25.00, 2003, Mike Clancy.
2. Spouse: Judith, none.
3. Children: Kaia Lucinda Marquardt, none; Kelsey Scoles, none; Torrin Allina, none; Yannika Nielsen, none.

4. Parents: Helen Marquardt, none; Robert Marquardt, (deceased).
5. Grandparents: Charles & Inga Nielsen, Frank & Gurina Marquardt, all deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: no brothers.
7. Sisters and spouses: Jack and Inga Canfield, \$200, 2006, Louise Capps; \$500, 2006, Peace Alliance; Gene and Lucinda Scalco, none.

*Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cameroon.

Nominee: Janet E. Garvey.

Post: Yaounde, Cameroon.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: n/a.
3. Children and spouses: n/a.
4. Parents: Thomas F., deceased; Anne B., deceased.

5. Grandparents: Paternal: Thomas Garvey, deceased; Helen Garvey, deceased; Maternal: Paul Cifrino, deceased; Mary Cifrino, deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: Anne F. Oliveira and George R. Oliveira, none; Kathleen A. Garvey and Douglas G. Walton; none.

*Cameron R. Hume, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Indonesia.

Nominee: Cameron R. Hume.

Post: Indonesia.

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1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: none.
3. Children and spouses: None.
4. Parents: none.
5. Grandparents: none.

6. Brothers and spouses: Duncan B. Hume, \$200 per annum, 1994-1996, local republican candidate, Ridgefield, CT.

7. Sisters and spouses: none.

*James R. Keith, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Malaysia.

Nominee: James Keith.

Post: Kuala Lumpur.

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1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: none.

3. Children and spouses: Jason R. Keith, none; John J. Keith, none; Scott C. Keith, none; Emily A. Keith, none; Andrew J. Keith, none; Elizabeth M. Keith, none.

4. Parents: Robert M. Keith, none; Lillian F. Keith, none.

5. Grandparents: Lula Moran, deceased; Aubrey Moran, deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: n/a.

7. Sisters and spouses: Ms. Sherry L. Keith, none.

*Miriam K. Hughes, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Nominee: Miriam K. Hughes.

Post: Micronesia.

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1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: not applicable.

3. Children and spouses: Jordana Hughes Tynan, none; Matthew Tynan, none.

4. Parents: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kahal, none.

5. Grandparents: deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: Matthew and Candace Kahal, none; Lawrence and Marie Kahal, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: none.

*Rovic Rolf Huso, of Hawaii, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Nominee: Rovic Rolf Huso.

Post: U.S. Embassy Vientiane Laos.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Barbara Ann Huso, none.

3. Children and spouses: Natalie M. Huso, none.

4. Parents: Michela Maria Huso, none; Rolf Jerome Huso, none.

5. Grandparents: deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: n/a.

7. Sisters and spouses: Manuela Huso and Richard Brainerd. 2006—\$25.00, 12/08/06, Sierra Club; \$35.00, 10/12/06, American Civil Liberties Union; \$40.00, 09/07/06, Oregon Natural Resources Council; \$30.00, 06/16/06, Oregon Students Political Interest Group; \$35.00, 03/24/06, National Abortion Rights Action League; \$50.00, 03/10/06, Move On Org Political Action; \$40.00, 03/08/06, Sierra Club; 2005—\$100.00, 12/29/05, Alan Zelenka for City Council; \$30.00, 06/21/05, Oregon Students Political Interest Group; \$15.00, 05/19/05, Planned Parenthood Action Fund; \$35.00, 04/18/05, Oregon Natural Resources Council; \$35.00, 02/01/05, National Abortion Rights Action League; 2004—\$25.00, 06/25/04, Human Rights Campaign; \$40.00, 04/09/04, Sierra Club; \$47.00, 03/16/04, Sierra Club; 2003—\$50.00, 11/15/03, 1000 Friends of Oregon; \$35.00; 7/31/03, Oregon Natural Resources Council; \$39.00, 01/23/03, Sierra Club; Total: \$706.00; Renata Beck and Joseph Beck, none.

*Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class