

EC-8885. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Survey from Fiscal Year to Calendar Year" (RIN3206-AL63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8886. A communication from the Acting Director, Center for Pay and Leave Administration, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Leave Transfer Program" (RIN3206-AL26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8887. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Santa Clara, California, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8888. A communication from the National Treasurer, Navy Wives Clubs of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the latest audit of the organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8889. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Changes to Patent Cooperation Treaty Transmittal and Search Fees" (RIN0651-AC28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8890. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Rules of Practice" (RIN0651-AB89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8891. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Representation of Others before the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AB55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8892. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Board of Veterans Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans Appeals: Expedited Claims Adjudication Initiative - Pilot Program" (RIN2900-AM77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8893. 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 "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900-AM45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8894. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans

Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Co-payment for Weight Management Counseling" (RIN2900-AM59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8895. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA): Expansion of Benefit Coverage for Prostheses and Enuretic (Bed-wetting) Devices; Miscellaneous Provisions" (RIN2900-AM22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8896. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information to Organ, Tissue and Eye Procurement Organizations" (RIN2900-AM65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8897. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Eye" (RIN2900-AH43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8898. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's financial report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8899. A communication from the Senior Counsel of Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tarp Capital Purchase Program" (31 CFR Part 30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8900. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Funding of Unlawful Internet Gambling" (RIN1505-AB78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8901. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA): Rule To Simplify and Improve the Process of Obtaining Mortgages and Reduce Consumer Settlement Costs" (RIN2502-AI61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. David J. Scott, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. James N. Stewart, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John C. Koziol, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Stephen L. Hoog, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Loren M. Reno, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. James K. McLaughlin, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John M. Mateczun, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Brigadier General Gina S. Farrisee, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Scott C. Black, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. David N. Blackorby, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. James E. Rogers, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Margaret W. Boor, to be Brigadier General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the Records on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Darryl D. Bybee and ending with Marco V. Galvez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Richard Brinker and ending with Nadia C. Shockley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Air Force nomination of Kathleen V. Reder, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Samantha S. Bousigues and ending with John J. Linnett, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with John M. Beene II and ending with Mark E. Sanborn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Air Force nomination of Richard W. Jost, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Clevis T. Parker, to be Major.

Army nomination of Britt B. Hill, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kenneth Carlson, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Raymond L. Capps and ending with Shane Russelljenkins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Anthony H. Savage and ending with Karl F. Woodmansey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Grace Lacara and ending with Chesley D. Overby, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nomination of John F. Kasel, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Max L. Divine and ending with Norma Torres, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Michael L. Nippert and ending with Robert C. Turner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Laurence W. Gebler and ending with Viseth Ngaay, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nomination of Gregg A. Bliss, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Stuart A. Mellon, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert S. Gatewood, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Steven P. Jahner, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of William H. Smithson, to be Major.

Army nomination of James O. McLinnaham, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Gregory R. Ebner, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Paul E. Webb, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Randy R. Cote and ending with Michael P. Steely, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Erol Agi and ending with Patrick C. Sean, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Richard S. Glass and ending with Victor F. Wallace, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Jerzey J. Chachaj and ending with John E. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Malissa A. Hill and ending with Soma R. Webb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Dwight Y. Shen and ending with Jeffrey R. Long, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Michael C. Ahn and ending with Richard P. Martin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Charles K. Aris and ending with John R. Worster, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Eric C. Bush and ending with Jon A. Jensen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Edward J. Briand and ending with John C. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Melanie J. Craig and ending with Paul D. Stoneman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Cynthia J. Abbadini and ending with Justin A.

Woodhouse, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Derrick F. Arincorayan and ending with D060674, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with William J. Adams and ending with D060291, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Richard K. Addo and ending with D060598, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Kenneth P. Adgie and ending with D070487, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nomination of Lynn F. Abrams, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Catherine A. Oliver, to be Major.

Army nomination of Timothy S. Allisonaipa, to be Major.

Army nomination of Daniel A. Strode, to be Major.

Army nomination of Joseph S. Selken, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas A. Bryant and ending with James P. McGinnis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with James A. Griggs and ending with Paul R. Hunt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Peter H. Guevara and ending with Walter W. Shratz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher M. Brannen and ending with Erich H. Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Navy nomination of John E. Murrain, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Dana Stombaugh, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Paul J. Foster, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Deborah A. Hinkley, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Mark C. Holley, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Michael C. Collins, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Channing J. Thomas, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Evan B. Williams, to be Lieutenant.

Navy nominations beginning with Gerald C. Lowe and ending with Victor D. Oliver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Edward J. Arrison and ending with Clevis T. Parker, Sr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Gregory R. Adams and ending with Donovan B. Wortham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

(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 Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 13. A bill to temporarily extend increases in certain home loan limits; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 16. A bill to provide for certain land to be held in trust for the Burns Paiute Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 17. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over four years totaling \$5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 18. A bill to improve the authority of the Special Inspector General charged with overseeing the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 19. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 20. A bill to prohibit the implementation or enforcement of certain regulations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3709. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to expand the Rural Energy for America Program to include schools in rural areas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3710. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to Medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable and advanceable credit against income tax for payment of such premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 3711. A bill to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary; considered and passed.

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

S. 3712. A bill to make a technical correction in the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; considered and passed.

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

S. 3713. A bill to provide for the integration of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center and the Great Lakes Naval Health Clinic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3714. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to ensure that all agreements,