

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bonus Depreciation for the Kansas Disaster Area" (Notice No. 2008-67) received on July 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7321. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting two legislative proposals relating to the implementation of treaties concerning maritime terrorism and the maritime transportation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 618. A resolution recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks.

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

S. 344. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

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

S. 1211. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors.

S. 1515. A bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims.

S. 2041. A bill to amend the False Claims Act.

S. 2136. A bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, 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 Armenia.

Nominee: Marie L. Yovanovitch.

Post: Ambassador to Yerevan, Armenia.

(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: \$50, 4/7/02, Cole for Congress; \$50, 4/7/02, Herseth for Congress; \$50, 4/7/02, Carnahan for Congress; \$100, 3/3/01, Watson for Congress; \$100, 11/11/00, Clinton for Senate; \$100, 11/11/00, Coyne-McCoy for Congress; \$100, 5/7/00, Gore for President; \$100, 8/26/00, Gore-Lieberman Campaign.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A.

4. Parents: Michel and Nadia Yovanovitch: \$25, 6/2/07, Hillary for President; \$25, 6/2/07, NC Democratic Party; \$35, 3/11/04, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$35,

3/11/04, John Kerry for President; \$25, 3/11/04, A Lot of People Supporting Tom Daschle; \$25, 11/25/03, Jeffords for Vermont; \$25, 11/12/03, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$25, 9/6/03, Senator Tom Daschle; \$25, 9/6/02, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$25, 7/1/02, Senator Jim Jeffords; \$10, 5/4/01, N.C. Dollars for Democrats; \$25, 3/19/99, Gephardt in Congress Committee.

Note: My mother is traveling and does not have access to her financial records from 2005–2006. If she made any political contributions during this period, she says it would not total more than \$100.00.

5. Grandparents: N/A.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Andre Yovanovitch: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, 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 Kyrgyz Republic.

Nominee: Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff.

Post: Bishkek.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: No contributions.

2. Spouse: \$1,000, fall/2000, George W. Bush.

3. Children and Spouses: No contributions.

4. Parents: No contributions.

5. Grandparents: No contributions.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Have no brothers.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Have no sisters.

*W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, 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 Rwanda.

Nominee: W. Stuart Symington IV.

Post: Rwanda.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Jane W., and W. Stuart Symington.

4. Parents: Stuart Symington, Jr.: \$100, 3-18-08, Skelton; \$30, 1-20-08, Yale Bulldog Democrats; \$1,000, 1-27-07, Clinton; \$50, 7-05-07, Dem. Sen. Committee; \$500, 5-07-07, Obama \$100, 7-01-05, Skelton; \$500, 1-05-04, Gephardt; \$50, 10-04-04, W. Lacy Clay.

Jane B. Symington: None.

5. Grandparents: W. Stuart Symington: Deceased.

Evelyn Wadsworth Symington: Deceased.

Sidney M. Studdt: Deceased.

Jane S. Studdt: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Sidney S. Symington: None.

Martha Wadsworth: None.

John S. Symington: \$2100, 2005, Klobuchar for Minnesota; \$200, 2004, Kerry.

Margaret Symington: \$2000, 2005, Klobuchar for Minnesota; \$2000, 2006, Klobuchar; \$300, 2004, Kerry; \$100, 2004, Emily's list.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Anne W. Symington: Deceased.

*Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, 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 the Congo.

Nominee: Alan W. Eastham Jr.

Post: Brazzaville.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: Alan W. Eastham, None.

2. Spouse: Carolyn L. Eastham, None.

3. Children and Spouses: Mark A. Eastham, None; Michael S.G. Eastham, None.

4. Parents: Alan W. Eastham, Deceased; Ruth C. Eastham, Deceased.

5. Grandparents: Thomas W. Eastham, Deceased; Annie Jo Eastham, Deceased; Dewey T. Clayton, Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Thomas C. Eastham, None; Jenny Lea Eastham, None; Craig L. Eastham, None; Dawne Deane, None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*James Christopher Swan, of California, 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 Djibouti.

Nominee: James Christopher Swan.

Post: Djibouti.

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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: none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: none.

*Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, 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 Lebanon.

Nominee: Michele J. Sison.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: Alexandra K. Knight: None. Jessica E. Knight: None.

4. Parents: Pastor B. Sison: None. Veronica T. Sison: None.

5. Grandparents: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: No brothers.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Victoria Sison Morimoto and Miles Morimoto: None.

Cynthia Sison Morrissey and Patrick Morrissey: \$200 (2004)/\$50 (2005)/\$100 (2006)/\$100 (2007) to Democratic National Committee.

*David D. Pearce, 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 the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Nominee: David D. Pearce.

Post: Algeria.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses Names: Jennifer Eva Pearce: None.
- Joseph Alan Pearce: None.
4. Parents Names: D. Duane Pearce: None.
- Mary Jean Pearce: None.
5. Grandparents Names: Howard A. Pearce: Deceased.
- Muriel Pearce: Deceased.
- Joseph Little: Deceased.
- Urania Little: Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses Names: Michael Pearce: None.
- sp: Kathleen Pearce: None.
- Jonathan Pearce: None.
- sp: Robyn Pearce: None.
- Christopher Pearce: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses Names: Elizabeth Hunt: None.
- sp: David Hunt: None.

*Richard G. Olson, Jr., of New Mexico, 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 United Arab Emirates.

Nominee Richard G. Olson, Jr.

Post Embassy Abu Dhabi

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: None.
4. Parents: Richard and Barbara Olson: May have contributed to Minnesota Republican Party prior to their deaths in early 1980s.
5. Grandparents: Unknown, deceased by 1972.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Philip and Elisa Olson: Minimal, Before 2004, Republican and Democratic Candidates in State of Washington. Minimal, Before 2004, Microsoft PAC.
7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Nominee: John A. Simon.

Post: Ambassador to the Africa Union.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$100, 9/24/04, Rep. National Committee; \$105, 10/23/06, Rep. National Committee; \$105, 11/6/06, Rep. National Committee; \$100, 6/14/07, Rep. National Committee; \$100, 1/16/08, Rep. National Committee; \$100, 1/24/08, John McCain 2008.
2. Spouse: Laura Simon: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Will Simon: None.
- Leo Simon: None.
- Maya Simon: None.

Jayne Simon: None.

4. Parents: Barry Simon: \$1,000, 2006, Norm Coleman for Senate; \$4,000, 2007-08, Obama for President.

Hinda Simon: \$1,000, 2004, John Kerry for President; \$100, 2007, Hillary Clinton for President; \$4,000, 2007-08, Obama for President.

5. Grandparents: Rhoda Simon: Deceased.

Alfred Simon: Deceased.

Irving Bookstaber: Deceased.

Olga Bookstaber: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Alan Simon: None.

Eric Simon: \$500, 2004, Kerry for President; \$800, 2008, Obama for President.

Christina Elia Simon: \$500, 2004, Kerry for President.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

*Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

*Patrick J. Durkin, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2009.

*Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

*John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2013.

*John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring February 9, 2014.

*Julius E. Coles, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2011.

*Morgan W. Davis, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring November 13, 2013.

*Peter Robert Kann, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

*Michael Meehan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

*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.

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. CASEY:

S. 3353. A bill to provide temporary financial relief for rural school districts adversely impacted by the current energy crisis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 3354. A bill to award grants for the establishment of demonstration programs to enable States to develop volunteer health care programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3355. A bill to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3356. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 3357. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain rayon staple fibers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA):

S. 3358. A bill to provide for enhanced food-borne illness surveillance and food safety capacity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 3359. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the shipping investment withdrawal rules in section 955 and to provide an incentive to reinvest foreign shipping earnings in the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3360. A bill to increase the availability of domestically manufactured passenger cars for intercity passenger rail service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3361. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3362. A bill to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 629. A resolution honoring the life of, and expressing the condolences of the Senate on the passing of, Bronislaw Geremek; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 630. A resolution recognizing the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and encouraging employers to increase employment of former foster youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 631. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate has lost confidence in the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Stephen L. Johnson, that the Administrator should resign his position immediately, and that the Department of Justice should open an investigation into the veracity of his congressional testimony regarding the California waiver decision and pursue any prosecutorial action the Department determines to be warranted; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.