

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: David Nelson: \$0, n/a, n/a.
2. Spouse: Gloria Nelson: \$0, n/a, n/a.
3. Children and Spouses: Alexander D. Nelson: \$0, n/a, n/a.
4. Parents: Edmund K. Nelson: No donations, but ran for State Legislature in South Dakota, 2004 (he lost). Marlys M. Nelson: \$50, 2008, Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee.
5. Grandparents: Joel Nelson—deceased; Estelle Nelson—deceased; Albert Billman—deceased; Edith Billman—deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Suzanne Babich: \$50, 2008, Minn. State Republican Party; \$50, 2007, Minn. State Republican Party; \$50, 2006, Minn. State Republican Party, \$50, 2005, Minn. State Republican Party; Elizabeth Thorson: \$0, n/a, n/a; David Thorson: \$50, 2004, Doug Meslow; \$50, 2004, Rebecca Otto; \$50, 2006, Hutchinson/Reed; \$50, 2006, Matt Dean; \$50, 2006, Scott Wright; \$50, 2006, Thomas Huntley; \$356, 2009, AAFP PAC; \$100, 2009, MMA MEDPAC; \$356, 2008, AAFP PAC; \$100, 2008, MMA MEDPAC; \$356, 2007, AAFP PAC; \$100, 2007, MMA MEDPAC; \$356, 2006, AAFP PAC; \$100, 2006, MMA MEDPAC; \$356, 2005, AAFP PAC; \$100, 2005, MMA MEDPAC.

\*Betty E. King, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Betty King.

Post: USUN Geneva.

(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, date, donee, and amount:

1. Self: 2009, Democratic National Committee; \$200, 2008 Barack Obama Presidential Campaign; \$1,750, 2008 Hillary for President; \$1,250, 2008, Democratic National Committee; \$150, 2007, Democratic National Committee; \$100, 2006, Harold Ford Senate Campaign; \$250, 2005, Paul Aronshen for Congress; \$100.

\*Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

\*Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

\*Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

\*Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate 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 for U.N. Management and Reform.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations 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 Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

\*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Christopher William Dell and ending with Mark J. Steakley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 24, 2009. (minus 1 nominee: Barbara J. Martin)

\*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Carleene H. Dei and ending with Robert E. Wuertz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 25, 2009. (minus 2 nominees: Earl W. Gast; R. Douglass Arbuckle)

\*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Jeffrey D. Adler and ending with Conrad William Turner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 9, 2009.

\*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. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 2846. A bill to authorize the issuance of United States War Bonds to aid in funding of the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2847. A bill to regulate the volume of audio on commercials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2848. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require manufacturers of bottled water to submit annual reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2849. A bill to require a study and report on the feasibility and potential of establishing a deep water sea port in the Arctic to protect and advance strategic United States interests within the evolving and ever more important region; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2850. A bill to permit the use of Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program to be used to remediate damage from the installation of tainted drywall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2851. A bill to make permanent certain education tax incentives, to modify rules relating to college savings plans, 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. LEVIN:

S. Res. 372. A resolution designating March 2010 as "National Autoimmune Diseases

Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 696

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 696, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include a definition of fill material.

S. 762

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 762, a bill to promote fire safe communities and for other purposes.

S. 841

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

S. 936

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 936, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1304

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1304, a bill to restore the economic rights of automobile dealers, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Federal Torts Claim Act) to extend medical malpractice coverage to free clinics and the officers, governing board members, employees, and contractors of free clinics in the same manner and extend as certain Federal officers and employees.

S. 1589

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1660

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1660, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 1666

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1666, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to satisfy certain conditions before issuing to producers of mid-level ethanol blends a waiver from certain requirements under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to amend the

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, with respect to considerations of the Secretary of the Treasury in providing assistance under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1938

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1938, a bill to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. LEMIEUX, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2128, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Office of Deputy Secretary for Health Care Fraud Prevention.

S. 2810

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2810, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency disaster assistance to certain agricultural producers that suffered losses during the 2009 calendar year.

S. 2831

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2831, a bill to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation and to keep Americans working, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 320

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 320, a resolution designating May 1 each year as "Silver Star Banner Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 2790

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2790 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2807

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2807 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2878

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amend-

ment No. 2878 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2898

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2898 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2909

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2909 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2912

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2912 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2913

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2913 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2923

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2923 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2930

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2930 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of

the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2943

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2943 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2944

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2944 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2957

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2957 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2961

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2961 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2962

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2962 proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2962 proposed to H.R. 3590, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2962 proposed to H.R. 3590, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2969

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANN) was added as a cospon-

sor of amendment No. 2969 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2991

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2991 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2993

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2993 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2995

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2995 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska:

S. 2846. A bill to authorize the issuance of United States War Bonds to aid in funding of the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to help finance the war effort without sharp tax increases or increased foreign borrowing. The United States War Bonds Act of 2009 will authorize the Treasury to issue and market War Bonds to the American people to help finance the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

I believe that we need shared sacrifice and fiscal discipline in financing the war effort. I don't believe our first instinct should always be a rush to tax. The government has gone to great lengths to address the economic downturn and adding new taxes right now could undermine those efforts. We need to work to reduce Federal spending wherever possible and reduce the growth in spending to finance the war.

War bonds are a cost-effective way to reduce our dependence on foreign creditors and create an outlet for Americans to express their patriotism and support for our servicemembers and America's mission. War bonds allow us to borrow from ourselves, rather than other countries.

This legislation finds a precedent in World War II savings bonds. From May 1, 1941 through December 1945, the War Finance Division and its predecessors were responsible for the sale of nearly \$186 billion worth of government securities. Of this, more than \$54 billion was in the form of War Savings bonds.

Although the times and economic circumstances are different than the 1940s, America's commitment to protecting freedom and our way of life has not waned. My hope is that we can tap into the same spirit of patriotism and create a sense of participation in the war effort akin to that shown by the greatest generation.

The new military strategy increasing troops by 30,000 for Afghanistan announced last week by President Obama is estimated to cost \$30 billion beyond the baseline for Iraq and Afghanistan funding, which stands around \$130 billion for 2010. The United States public debt is currently more than \$7.6 trillion and nearly \$3.5 trillion—46 percent—of the debt is held by foreign investors. While there are no simple solutions to our fiscal woes, while we endeavor to get our fiscal house in order, we must also be responsible borrowers and reduce our dependence on foreign creditors; this is a step in that direction.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2847. A bill to regulate the volume of audio on commercials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act of 2009—the CALM Act. I want to thank my original cosponsor Senator SCHUMER for his support of this straightforward and commonsense legislation, which would require the Federal Communications Commission, FCC, to limit the volume of television advertisements to a level no louder than the average volume level of the programs during which the advertisements appear. This time for this Act is overdue. All too often over the years, Americans, sitting down after a long workday or workweek to enjoy their favorite television shows, have been assaulted by commercials at volumes that are degrees of magnitude louder than the shows themselves. The FCC first received enough complaints from viewers to look into the problem in the 1960s—when television was in its earliest stages—but technology did not exist to fix the problem. Each decade, as consumer complaints piled up, the FCC had to reexamine the loudness issue. Unfortunately, it took no action