

Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2015.

*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 Ms. MURKOWSKI:
S. 922. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the term "5-year property"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:
S. 923. A bill to promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BURRIS):

S. 924. A bill to ensure efficient performance of agency functions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 925. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study the presence of contaminants and impurities in cosmetics and personal care products marketed to and used by children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 926. A bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating Government spending; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR:
S. 927. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to enhance oversight of nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 928. A bill to enhance disclosures regarding the use of funds under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 929. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for the purchase of certain nonroad equipment powered by alternative power sources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 930. A bill to promote secure ferry transportation and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 931. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 117. A resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope, a preeminent international women's association and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 118. A resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 119. A resolution commending the University of Georgia gymnastics team for winning the 2009 NCAA national championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 120. A resolution congratulating the Trinity College Bantams for their 11th-straight College Squash Association Men's Team Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 21. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Early Educator Worthy Wage Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 34

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 229

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 307

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to health care under the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas.

S. 422

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 476

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 476, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the minimum distance of travel necessary for reimbursement of covered beneficiaries of the military health care

system for travel for specialty health care.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to assist local communities with closed and active military bases, and for other purposes.

S. 592

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 592, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service.

S. 636

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to conform the definition of renewable biomass to the definition given the term in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes.

S. 696

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include a definition of fill material.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr.

BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 717, a bill to modernize cancer research, increase access to preventative cancer services, provide cancer treatment and survivorship initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continuity of TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve.

S. 753

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of children's food and beverage containers composed of bisphenol A, and for other purposes.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to not impose a penalty for failure to disclose reportable transactions when there is reasonable cause for such failure, to modify such penalty, and for other purposes.

S. 816

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 816, a bill to preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas.

S. 832

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 832, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a

Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 908, a bill to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.

S. 909

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 909, a bill to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 11

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 11, a concurrent resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 922. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the term "5-year property"; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce two pieces of legislation S. 922 and S. 923, that I hope will be the next major step that this Congress takes to help an exciting form of renewable energy to become more established as a viable energy technology. I am referring to helping the expansion of the ocean hydrokinetic energy industry.

Today I am introducing the Marine Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2009 and a companion tax provision. They are companion measures to one that has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. JAY INSLEE of Washington.

For a number of years this Nation has been providing help with research and other assistance to promote the development of energy from our oceans and rivers, using the tides, currents, waves and even the thermal properties of our oceans to generate electricity. With 70 percent of our planet covered with water, and the energy that the sun produces—each day oceans absorb the energy equivalent of 250 billion barrels of oil—and the energy that winds produce and impart to that water, marine hydrokinetic energy has the potential to be a major source of the world's clean, non-carbon emitting power in the future.