

pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1543. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Analysis of the Effectiveness of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1544. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Georgia Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1545. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Tennessee Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1546. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines that were proposed by the Commission during the 2008 - 2009 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1547. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of a draft bill entitled "Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2009"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of a draft bill entitled "Federal Judgeship Act of 2009"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1549. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1550. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Lake Chelan Viticultural Area (2007R-103P)" (RIN1513-AB42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1551. 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 "Per Diem for Veterans in State Nursing Homes" (RIN2900-AM97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 49. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy.

S. Res. 84. A resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

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

S. 327. A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections.

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 838. A bill to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoy.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

*Michelle DePass, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

*John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

*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.

(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. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 993. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the installation of residential micro-combined heat and power property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 994. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase awareness of the risks of breast cancer in young women and provide support for young women diagnosed with breast cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 995. A bill to amend the Energy and Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize a provision relating to geothermal lease revenue, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot project to streamline certain Federal renewable energy permitting processes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 996. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 997. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide income tax relief for families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. REED):

S. 998. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 999. A bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1000. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve access to high quality early learning and child care for low-income children and working families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1001. A bill to provide for increased research, coordination and expansion of health promotion programs through the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1002. A bill to provide for the acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of child care facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1003. A bill to increase immunization rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1004. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management and coordination services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1006. A bill to require a supermajority shareholder vote to approve excessive compensation of any employee of a publicly-traded company; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny a deduction for excessive compensation of any employee of an employer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1008. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit requirements of separation pay, special separation benefits, and voluntary separation incentive from members of the Armed Forces subsequently receiving retired or retainer pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1009. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Care Transitions Program in order to improve quality and cost-effectiveness of care for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1010. A bill to establish a National Foreign Language Coordinator Council; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1011. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. LEVIN)):

S. 1012. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAYH, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1013. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 136. A bill expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with the country of Georgia; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 137. A resolution recognizing and commending the people of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the park; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 138. A resolution honoring Concerns of Police Survivors for 25 years of service to family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 245

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr.

WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 245, a bill to expand, train, and support all sectors of the health care workforce to care for the growing population of older individuals in the United States.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 327, a bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009", and for other purposes.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction for attorney fees and costs in connection with civil claim awards.

S. 454

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, a bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes.

S. 476

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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. 525

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 614, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to modify the Department of Defense share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

S. 671

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 683, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 701

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 701, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access of Medicare beneficiaries to intravenous immune globulins (IVIG).

S. 749

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 749, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the availability of appropriated funds for international partnership contact activities conducted by the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in