

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit or Abatement; Determination of Correct Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2011-41) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2906. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Actuarial Tables in Valuing Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, and Remainder or Reversionary Interests" ((RIN1545-BH67)(TD9540)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2907. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State and Local Bonds: Volume Cap and Timing of Issuing Bonds" (Notice 2011-63) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2908. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a "Classified Supplement" to the fifth "Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment" (DCN OSS No. 2011-1279); to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2909. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancies within the Office received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2910. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Psychiatric Evaluation and Treatment" (RIN1120-AB20) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2911. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Antelope Valley of the California High Desert Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB55) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 2011, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 30, 2011:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1510. An original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-47).

S. 201. A bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-48).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 270. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon (Rept. No. 112-49).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 271. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-50).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 278. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-51).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 292. A bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (Rept. No. 112-52).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 333. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (Rept. No. 112-53).

S. 334. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (Rept. No. 112-54).

S. 382. A bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-55).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 519. A bill to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-58).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 535. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-59).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 683. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah (Rept. No. 112-60).

S. 684. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah (Rept. No. 112-61).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 808. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District (Rept. No. 112-62).

S. 897. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and

acid mine remediation programs (Rept. No. 112-63).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 916. A bill to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-64).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 997. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District (Rept. No. 112-65).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1067. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-66).

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

S. 954. A bill to promote the strengthening of the Haitian private sector (Rept. No. 112-67).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 404. A bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior (Rept. No. 112-56).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 512. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-57).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 572. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-68).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 714. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-69).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 734. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy (Rept. No. 112-70).

S. 1000. A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-71).

S. 1001. A bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-72).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE—TREATIES

The following executive reports of committee were submitted on August

30, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, under the authority of an order of the Senate of August 2, 2011:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 112-1 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 112-1); Treaty Doc. 110-23 Investment Treaty with Rwanda (Ex. Rept. 112-2); Treaty Doc. 111-6 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Bermuda with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 112-3); Treaty Doc. 111-7 Tax Convention with Hungary with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 112-4); and Treaty Doc. 111-8 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 112-5)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolutions of advice and consent to ratification are as follows:

[112-1 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation]

As reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation With Respect to Taxes on Income, Signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010, together with a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 112-1), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Protocol is self-executing.

[110-23 Investment Treaty with Rwanda]

As reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: Articles 3 through 10 and other provisions that qualify or create exceptions to these Articles are self-executing. With the exception of these Articles, the Treaty is not self-executing.

[111-6 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Bermuda]

As reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda Relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 111-6), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Treaty is self-executing.

[111-7 Tax Convention with Hungary]

As reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest, and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 111-7), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Convention is self-executing.

[111-8 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg]

As reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009 at Luxembourg and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 111-8), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Protocol is self-executing.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS DURING RECESS

On August 30, 2011, under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 2011, the following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1510. An original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

## 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. LANDRIEU:

S. 1511. A bill to extend the participation term for small business concerns affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita in certain programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1512. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1513. A bill to amend title XII of the Social Security Act to extend the provision waiving certain interest payments on advances made to States from the Federal unemployment account in the Unemployment Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1514. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Elouise Pepion Cobell, in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the Nation through her tireless pursuit of justice; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1515. A bill to permit certain members of the United States Secret Service and certain members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division who were appointed in 1984, 1985, or 1986 to elect to be covered under the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System in the same manner as members appointed prior to 1984; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HATCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. LEE):

S.J. Res. 25. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on August 2, 2011; placed on the calendar.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN,