

President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3424. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District, Sacramento Municipal Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9469-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3425. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule" (FRL No. 9471-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3426. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana; Cincinnati-Hamilton Nonattainment Area; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standards" (FRL No. 9472-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Colorado Regulation Number 3: Revisions to the Air Pollutant Emission Notice Requirements and Exemptions" (FRL No. 9290-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 8880-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3429. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a report entitled "OSRE: Affiliation Guidance"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3430. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2010 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3431. A communication from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the boundary for the North Fork Crooked Wild and Scenic River in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3432. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Grand Teton National Park, Bicycle Routes, Fishing and Vessels" (RIN1024-AD75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3433. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Compliance Certification for Electric Motors" (RIN1904-AC23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3434. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2009"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3435. 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 "Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties" (Notice 2011-79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3436. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—October 2011" (Rev. Rul. 2011-22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3437. 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 "Supplemental Procedures for Church Plan Letter Rulings" (Rev. Proc. 2011-44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

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. CORKER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1655. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the annual mailing of statements of Medicare beneficiary part A contributions and benefits in coordination with the annual mailing of Social Security account statements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1656. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide penalty free distributions from certain retirement plans for mortgage payments with respect to a principal residence and to modify the rules governing hardship distributions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1657. A bill to amend the provisions of law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1658. A bill to reform and reauthorize agricultural programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1659. A bill to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1660. A bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 286. A resolution recognizing May 16, 2012, as Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that more research and treatments are needed for Hereditary Angioedema; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 287. A resolution designating October 2011 as "Filipino American History Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 25

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 25, a bill to phase out the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 227

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Moldova.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 393, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 402

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1025

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1025, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.

S. 1108

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment.

S. 1198

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1198, a bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1265, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of

the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 1285

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1285, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for new qualified hybrid motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1392

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1392, a bill to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1460, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1467, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services.

S. 1468

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were

added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1528

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1528, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which that dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, to establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, and for other purposes.

S. 1541

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1541, a bill to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership.

S. 1625

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1625, a bill to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail.

S. 1639

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1639, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1639, supra.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1647, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gain rates.

AMENDMENT NO. 669

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 669 intended to be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 670

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 670 intended to

be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 673

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 673 intended to be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 675

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 675 intended to be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 680

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 680 intended to be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 703

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 703 intended to be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 717

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 717 intended to be proposed to S. 1619, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1655. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the annual mailing of statements of Medicare beneficiary part A contributions and benefits in coordination with the annual mailing of Social Security account statements; to the Committee on finance.

Mr. CORKER. I am here today to say that Senator BENNET from Colorado and myself are introducing a bill that mirrors what has been introduced in the House by Representative COOPER from Tennessee and PAUL RYAN from Wisconsin.

I have tremendous faith in the American people. I believe when the Amer-

ican people are given facts and transparency, they make good decisions. They help us here in Washington make good decisions when I think they have the information they need.

A lot of Americans are very aware of some of the dilemmas we face here in Washington regarding Medicare. But I do not think many Americans are fully aware of the dilemma we face. I think they are aware that the trustees for Medicare have said that in the year 2024 Medicare is going to become insolvent. But I do not think they are aware of the math. Actually I was not aware of the math until we began to look at how we solve the problem.

According to a recent study, the average American couple each earning \$43,500 a year will pay \$119,000 into the Medicare Program over their lifetime. This contribution includes the portion that their employer pays on their behalf. In other words, the family pays in half, the employer pays in half. In 2011 dollars, that means if you paid in 30 years ago, and that money was inflated to today's dollars, that family would have paid in \$119,000 over their lifetime.

What most Americans do not know is that over their lifetime, the average family takes \$357,000 out of Medicare. So obviously the math does not work. I think most Americans did not fully realize this until we got into the situation we're in—I am not sure most people in the Senate understood how off the math is, if you will.

Over the next decade, 20 million more Americans are going to be on Medicare. The situation where the average family and their employer are paying in \$119,000 into the program and taking out \$357,000 is going to be further exacerbated by the fact that over the next 10 years, 20 million more Americans are going to be on Medicare.

Then, on top of that, we are going to have fewer people working per retiree than ever in the history of this country. For that reason, today, Senator BENNET and I are offering a bill that says when Americans receive their Social Security letter, which lays out how much they have paid in, they would also receive the information regarding Medicare, so that they will know how much they are paying into the program and, over time, how much they will have taken out.

I think this type of transparency allows Americans to fully understand how these programs work. To me, what that will do is help all of us in the Senate, and over in the House of Representatives, make better decisions. I think when Americans are informed they help us make better decisions.

A lot of Americans don't fully appreciate this, I think, sometimes. But Congress really does reflect more fully than they think the will of the American people. Again, I think transparency helps us represent the American people in even a more full way.

Today we introduce this bill, and I thank Senator BENNET from Colorado

for joining me in this effort. I also thank Representatives COOPER and RYAN for their leadership in the House.

It is my hope that soon, either through unanimous consent or early action, that this bill will become law. I think as long as Americans understand where things stand, they help us in Congress make good and sound decisions. That is why I am introducing this bill today with the help of Senator BENNET from Colorado.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I congratulate the junior Senator from Tennessee for his usual good judgment and insight in working on a difficult problem. No Member of this body has done more in the last year to try to highlight the problem of the Federal debt. Through his cap plan, which has been a part of almost every discussion we have had seriously about it, through his effort—more recently to support efforts to try to achieve \$4 trillion in debt reduction as a part of the select committee, and his suggestion today that allowing Americans to understand something that most of us hadn't focused on—that during our lifetimes we are paying in \$110,000, \$120,000 into Medicare and taking out, during our lifetimes, \$350,000 or so, and that is a problem that has to be solved.

I have been doing research lately on our debt situation. Fundamentally speaking, our problem lies with health care costs. It lies with families, businesses, and with the U.S. Government. Our discretionary spending—the kind we appropriate every year—on everything from national parks and national defense to roads and bridges, that is about 39 percent of the budget. If we stick to our guns on the agreement we made in early August, that will only grow at a little less than the rate of inflation. But it would go over to the mandatory spending, which is about 55 percent of our spending. It is going to go up three times the rate of inflation, and the fastest growing part of that mandatory spending is Medicare and Medicaid.

So we need to save our Medicare and Medicaid system so Americans can rely on them. I think Senator CORKER shows respect for the voters of Tennessee and for Americans by assuming that if they understand the problem, they will support a serious effort to deal with a solution. I compliment him for that leadership.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The junior Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, while we are issuing compliments, I want to say that all of us want to see to it that Medicare is here for future generations. That will take sound judgment. We have a select committee that is working on, hopefully, the first step to make that happen.

I congratulate the senior Senator from Tennessee for this. More than anybody else recently, I think he has