

\*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Kurt B. Hinrichs, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Captain Mark E. Butt and ending with Captain Joseph A. Servidio, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2011.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS 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.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Gregory L. Parsons, to be Lieutenant Commander.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Michael B. Bee and ending with James W. Whitley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 11, 2011.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Paul Albertson and ending with Michael L. Woolard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 11, 2011.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Ricardo M. Alonso and ending with Torrence B. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 11, 2011.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Kenneth W. Megan, to be Captain.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Jennifer A. Ketchum, to be Commander.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Alonzo D. Alday and ending with Peter J. Zauner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 31, 2011.

\*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. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1779. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to notify the World Trade Organization if any member of the World Trade Organization fails during 2 consecutive years to disclose subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1780. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1781. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross in-

come amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1782. A bill to provide for the reduction in unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and the promotion of healthy relationships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1783. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to require the Maritime Administrator, in making determinations regarding the non-availability of qualified United States flag capacity to meet national defense requirements, to identify any actions that could be taken to enable such capacity to meet some or all of those requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1784. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1785. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide work opportunity tax credits for the hiring of long-term unemployed workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1786. A bill to facilitate job creation by reducing regulatory uncertainty, providing for rational evaluation of regulations, providing flexibilities to States and localities, providing for infrastructure spending, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 1787. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on certain trading transactions; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1788. A bill to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 1789. A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1790. A bill to modify the Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan to provide that the full statement of budget resources of the Department of Defense is complete and validated by not later than September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 1791. A bill to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1792. A bill to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1793. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1794. A bill to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code; 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 Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 309. A resolution supporting the preservation of Internet entrepreneurs and small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, 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. 687

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 687, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 720, a bill to repeal the CLASS program.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of comprehensive Alzheimer's disease and related dementia diagnosis and services in order to improve care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by improving detection, diagnosis, and care planning.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, and for other purposes.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1106, a bill to authorize Department of Defense support for programs on pro bono legal assistance for members of the Armed Forces.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the 85th anniversary of the founding of the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) 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. 1440

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1527

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1527, a bill to authorize the award of a Congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines of World War II.

S. 1539

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-built multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capability against the increasing military threat from China.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1571, a bill to amend title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1651, a bill to provide for greater transparency and honesty in the Federal budget process.

S. 1704

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from

Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1704, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify certain authorities relating to the strategic airlift aircraft force structure of the Air Force.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, and for other purposes.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1762, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs.

S. 1769

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1769, a bill to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America.

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1769, supra.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1788. A bill to designate the Pine/Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Pine Forest Recreation Enhancement Act of 2011.

The entire Nevada congressional delegation has joined together in support of this important legislation for northern Nevada. The Pine Forest Recreation Enhancement Act would designate 26,000 acres of public lands within the Blue Lakes and Alder Creek Wilderness Study Areas, WSAs, as the Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area while releasing 1,150 acres of existing WSA lands. The bill also directs the