

*Katharine G. Abraham, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

*Carl Shapiro, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

*Jenni Rane LeCompte, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*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. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 816. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 817. A bill to provide for the inclusion of independent regulatory agencies in the application of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.); to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 818. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 819. A bill to provide the spouses and children of aliens who perished in the September 11 terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 820. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 821. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 822. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require all wage withholding returns to be filed electronically; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 823. A bill to permit aliens who lawfully enter the United States on valid visas as nonimmigrant elementary and secondary school students to attend public schools in the United States for longer than 1 year if such aliens reimburse the local educational agency that administers the school for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education at such school for the period of the alien's attendance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 824. A bill to provide for enhanced mortgage-backed and asset-backed security investor protections, to prevent foreclosure fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 825. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and modify the research tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 826. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 827. A bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 828. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. REED, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 829. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 830. A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 831. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for country of origin labeling for dairy products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 832. A bill to reauthorize certain port security programs, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 833. A bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in secondary school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle grades models for struggling students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 834. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 835. A bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearms laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 836. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special depreciation and amortization rules for highway and related property subject to long-term leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 837. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to remove privatized highway miles as a factor in apportioning highway funding; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 838. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 839. A bill to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 840. A bill to establish customs user fees for commercial trucks transporting foreign municipal solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 841. A bill to provide cost-sharing assistance to improve access to the markets of foreign countries for energy efficiency products and renewable energy products exported by small- and medium-sized businesses in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 842. A bill to require reports by the Comptroller General on Department of Defense military spouse employment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 843. A bill to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 844. A bill to provide incentives for States and local educational agencies to implement comprehensive reforms and innovative strategies that are designed to lead to significant improvement in outcomes for all students and significant reductions in achievement gaps among subgroups of students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 845. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to longstanding regulatory rule; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 846. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 847. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 848. A bill to provide for the development of reports based on Medicare data, data that is publicly available, or private data that is provided by a requesting entity in order to improve the quality and efficiency of health care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 849. A bill to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 850. A bill to provide for enhanced treatment, support, services, and research for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 851. A bill to establish expanded learning time initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 852. A bill to improve the H-2A agricultural worker program for use by dairy workers, sheepherders, and goat herders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 853. A bill to provide for financial literacy education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 854. A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 855. A bill to make available such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 856. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to make available to the public aggregate data on providers of services and suppliers under the Medicare program and to allow qualified individuals and groups access to claims and payment data under the Medicare program for purposes of conducting health research and detecting fraud; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 857. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented learners, including high-ability learners not formally identified as gifted; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 858. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 859. A bill to prohibit sexual harassment by individuals administering programs and activities receiving Federal assistance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 860. A bill to ensure that methodologies and technologies used by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to screen for and detect the presence of chemical, nuclear, biological, and radiological weapons in municipal solid waste are as effective as the methodologies and technologies used by the Bureau to screen for those materials in other items of commerce entering the United States through commercial motor vehicle transport; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 861. A bill to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine habitats, and coastal wetland of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 862. A bill to provide for a comprehensive Gulf of Mexico restoration plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 863. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources

under the supplemental security income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve to 3 in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate; 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. VITTER (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 145. A resolution designating April 15, 2011, as "National TEA Party Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 146. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that it is not in the vital interest of the United States to intervene militarily in Libya, calling on NATO to ensure that member states dedicate the resources necessary to ensure that objectives as outlined in the United Nations Resolutions 1970 and 1973 are accomplished, and to urge members of the Arab League who have yet to participate in operations over Libya to provide additional military and financial assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. Res. 147. A resolution recognizing the celebration of National Student Employment Week at the University of Minnesota Duluth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 148. A resolution calling on the President to submit to Congress a detailed description of United States policy objectives in Libya, both during and after Muammar Qaddafi's rule, and a plan to achieve them, and to seek congressional authorization for the use of military force against Libya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 149. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 150. A resolution calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. Res. 151. A resolution congratulating the University of Minnesota Duluth men's ice hockey team on winning their first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Hockey National Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 152. A resolution designating April 30, 2011, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 153. A resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear