

Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

*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. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 958. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 959. A bill to improve outcomes for students in persistently low-performing schools, to create a culture of recognizing, rewarding, and replicating educational excellence, to authorize school turnaround grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 960. A bill to provide for a study on issues relating to access to intravenous immune globulin (IVG) for Medicare beneficiaries in all care settings and a demonstration project to examine the benefits of providing coverage and payment for items and services necessary to administer IVG in the home; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 961. A bill to create the income security conditions and family supports needed to ensure permanency for the Nation's unaccompanied youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 962. A bill to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 963. A bill to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency, and expand the use of renewable energy by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISC, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. KYL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 964. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to clarify the applicability of such Act with respect to States that have right to work laws in effect; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 965. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 966. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for osteoporosis and related bone disease education, research, and surveillance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 967. A bill to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KOHL, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 968. A bill to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 969. A bill to award planning grants and implementation grants to State educational agencies to enable the State educational agencies to complete comprehensive planning to carry out activities designed to integrate engineering education into K-12 instruction and curriculum and to provide evaluation grants to measure efficacy of K-12 engineering education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 970. A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 971. A bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 972. A bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to establish procedures to advance the use of cleaner construction equipment on Federal-aid highway and public transportation construction projects, to make the acquisition and installation of emission control technology an eligible expense in carrying out such projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 973. A bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of the United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 974. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip tax credit to employers of cosmetologists and to promote tax compliance in the cosmetology sector; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 975. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 976. A bill to extend the designation of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, as a HUBZone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 977. A bill to fight criminal gangs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 978. A bill to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. REED):

S. 979. A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 980. A bill to promote secure ferry transportation and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) (by request):

S. 981. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 982. A bill to reaffirm the authority of the Department of Defense to maintain United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a location for the detention of unprivileged enemy belligerents held by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 983. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 984. A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 985. A bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III

of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 986. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate the subsidies paid to rum producers in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 987. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 988. A bill to ensure that local educational agencies and units of local governments are compensated for tax revenues lost when the Federal Government takes land into trust for the benefit of a federally recognized Indian tribe or an individual Indian; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 989. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require the exclusion of data of an exceedance or violation of a national ambient air quality standard caused by a prescribed fire in the Flint Hills Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 990. A bill to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 991. A bill to ensure efficient performance of agency functions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 992. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 993. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 994. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to protect States that have in effect laws or orders with respect to pay-to-play reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 995. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit public officials from engaging in undisclosed self-dealing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 996. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 997. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract be-

tween the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 998. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CORNYN):

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States; 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. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BURR, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 181. A resolution designating May 15, 2011, as "National MPS Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 182. A resolution expressing the condolences of the United States to the victims of the devastating tornadoes that touched down in the South in April 2011, commending the resiliency of the people of the affected States, including the people of the States of Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina, and committing to stand by the people affected in the relief and recovery efforts; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 183. A resolution designating May 14, 2011, as "National Police Survivors Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 184. A resolution recognizing the life and service of the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, distinguished former Senator from the State of Minnesota and former Vice President of the United States, upon the 100th anniversary of his birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COATS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. KYL):

S. Con. Res. 17. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) 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. 351

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas in and from the western portion of the Coastal Plain of the State of Alaska without surface occupancy, and for other purposes.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska.

S. 384

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 384, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

S. 425

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of permanent national surveillance systems for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases and disorders.