

Kaine for VA (Senate); \$500, February 9, 2011, Bysiewicz for Senate; \$250, July 1, 2010, Giannoulas for U.S. Senate; \$1,000, May 28, 2010, Friends of Mark Warner; \$1,000, Nov. 25, 2009, Forward Together PAC.

Spouse: Natalia Anna Brzezinski, None, Children and Spouses: Aurora Emilie Brzezinski, None.

Parents: Zbigniew Brzezinski, None; Muska Brzezinski, None.

Grandparents: Emilie Benes, Deceased; Leonia Brzezinski, Deceased; Tadeusz Brzezinski, Deceased.

Brothers and Spouses: Ian Brzezinski, None; Ginny Brzezinski, None.

Sisters and Spouses: Mika Brzezinski, None; Jim Hoffer, None.

Mr. KERRY, Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD 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.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Nicholas E. Gutierrez and ending with John L. Shaw, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2011.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Erik M. Anderson and ending with Larry G. Padget, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2011.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Robert Donovan, Jr. and ending with Brenda Vanhorn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2011.

By Ms. LANDRIEU for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

*Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

*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. CASEY:

S. 1682. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to promote growth and opportunity for the dairy industry in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1683. A bill to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1684. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1685. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow rehabilitation expenditures for public school buildings to qualify for rehabilitation credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1686. A bill to amend section 1112 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1687. A bill to adjust the boundary of Carson National Forest, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1688. A bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the methodology for calculating the amount of any Postal surplus or supplemental liability under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 1689. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1690. A bill to preserve the multiple use land management policy in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1691. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. REID, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1692. A bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, to provide full funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1693. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1694. A bill to limit the use of cost-type contracts by the Department of Defense for major defense acquisition programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1695. A bill to require accurate disclosures to consumers of the terms and condi-

tions of 4G service and other advanced wireless mobile broadband service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1696. A bill to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1697. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a special rule for the period of admission of H-2A non-immigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 1698. A bill to add engaging in or supporting hostilities against the United States to the list of acts for which United States nationals would lose their nationality; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1699. A bill to reduce the costs of prescription drugs under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 291. A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning October 16, 2011, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 581

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 581, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 887

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from

Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to increase the portion of community block grants that may be used to provide public services, and for other purposes.

S. 1102

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1102, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 1231

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1231, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1281

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1281, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) 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. 1358

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1358, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 1452

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1452, a bill to promote simplification and fairness in the administration and collection of sales and use taxes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) 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. 1472

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alabama

(Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1472, a bill to impose sanctions on persons making certain investments that directly and significantly contribute to the enhancement of the ability of Syria to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, 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 Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1506, a bill to prevent the Secretary of the Treasury from expanding United States bank reporting requirements with respect to interest on deposits paid to nonresident aliens.

S. 1541

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors 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. 1569

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1569, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide State educational agencies and local educational agencies with flexible Federal education funding that will allow such State and local educational agencies to fund locally determined programs and initiatives that meet the varied and unique needs of individual States and localities.

S. 1600

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1600, a bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 1676

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

S. 1679

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1679, a bill to ensure effective control over the Congressional budget process.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 6

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 6, a joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the

Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

S. RES. 253

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 253, a resolution designating October 26, 2011, as “Day of the Deployed”.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1684. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2011. For far too long, bureaucratic red tape has prevented Indian tribes from pursuing economic development opportunities on tribal trust lands, including energy development. For years, Indian tribes have expressed concerns about how Federal laws and regulations governing the management of trust resources, including energy resources, create significant delays and uncertainty in development proposals.

This bill represents an effort to deal with some of those concerns, and for the RECORD I would like to highlight some of its provisions. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 included an Indian Energy title—Title V—that, in significant part, attempts to deal with these delays and uncertainties that are inherent in the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ energy leasing process, by providing Indian tribes with an alternative way to develop their energy resources. However, more than 6 years after the enactment of that act, it appears that no tribe has yet availed itself of the new energy development process authorized in the 2005 Act.

This bill includes a number of amendments to the alternative process established back in 2005, all of which are intended to facilitate the use of that section—to make the process easier for Indian tribes to follow and more predictable—be clearing away some of the red tape and other impediments.

Another amendment to this process would provide the Indian tribes with some funding to implement the processes authorized under the 2005 Energy Policy Act, in a way that should not increase the cost of the program. What this amendment would do is require the Secretary to provide funding to the tribe for its energy development activities in an amount equal any savings that the United States might realize as a result of the Indian tribe pursuing this process, since the Indian tribe would be performing many functions itself rather than the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The bill requires the Secretary to iden-

tify the savings to the United States and make that amount available to the Indian tribe in a separate funding agreement.

The ultimate goal of these amendments is to facilitate economic development, provide Indian people with an opportunity to make a good living, and give the tribes greater control over the management and development of their own trust resources.

There are other energy-related issues addressed in this bill as well. There is an amendment to section 201 of the Federal Power Act that would put Indian tribes on a similar footing with States and municipalities for preferences when preliminary permits or original licenses, where no preliminary permit has been issued, for hydroelectric projects. However, this provision does not affect any preliminary permit or original license issued before the bill’s enactment date or any application for an original license where no preliminary permit has been issued that was complete before the date of enactment of the bill.

The bill would also authorize a “biomass demonstration project” for biomass energy production from Indian forest lands, rangelands and other Federal lands in accordance with program requirements developed by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture after consultation with Indian tribes. This amendment would promote the development of tribal biomass projects by providing them with more reliable and potentially long-term supplies of woody biomass materials.

There are many other provisions of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2011, but the foregoing items are among the more important. Before I conclude, I would like to thank Senator AKAKA, the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, for his leadership on this issue and for agreeing to cosponsor this bill with me as well as the other Senators who have agreed to join as cosponsors.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to help us expand economic opportunity on tribal trust lands by moving this act expeditiously.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I rise in support of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2011. I am proud to co-sponsor this bill introduced by my friend, colleague, and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator JOHN BARRASSO. I applaud his leadership and am proud to call him my full partner in our work on behalf of the Native peoples of the United States. Introduction of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2011 is an important first step. I look forward to hearings on this measure and working with all of my colleagues to increase the ability of Native communities to develop energy resources on their lands and enhance self-determination.

Indian lands hold great potential for traditional and renewable domestic energy production. Responsible development could help decrease our Nation’s dependence on foreign energy sources and create much needed jobs in some of the most impoverished areas of the Nation. Today, Indian reservations make up approximately 5 percent of the United States land base, and it is estimated that those reservations contain about 10 percent of the country’s energy resources. A number of Indian tribes are already working in the areas of traditional and renewable energy production, energy transmission, and energy planning. Yet, successfully tapping into the vast energy reserves in our Nation’s Indian communities remains a difficult and complex task.

It remains challenging for Indian tribes to develop adequate information about their energy resources, to obtain interconnection to the electric transmission grid, and to partner with private entities to engage in energy projects. Congress recognized the potential of tribes to develop energy sources on their lands by enacting tribal provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. However, many of the programs and policies authorized by Title V of the act intended to benefit tribes have not been implemented or have only been partially implemented.

The Committee on Indian Affairs has held a listening session, and we have solicited comments from stakeholders across the spectrum on the issue. Tribes have made it clear they wish to chart their own economic destinies, but that in order to do so modifications are needed to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The legislation introduced today will address tribal concerns as well as private sector concerns and will help unlock the huge potential of Indian tribal energy development to create jobs, promote tribal self-determination, and decrease our dependence on foreign energy sources.

This bill will set clear deadlines for Secretarial approval and streamline administrative processes related to tribal energy development which will help tribes and the United States “win the future” by enabling development of renewable energy sources from tribal lands.

I encourage all of my colleagues to stand with me and Senator BARRASSO in support of this legislative initiative.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1688. A bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the methodology for calculating the amount of any Postal surplus or supplemental liability under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Save Our Postal Worker Jobs Act.

Even with advances in technology, America relies on the Postal Service