

H.R. 1965. An act to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2061. An act to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 894. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. WOLF of Virginia, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, and Mr. ROYCE of California.

At 3:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BONNER, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DICKS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. SCHIFF.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 894. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1280. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of a sexual assault policy, the establishment of an Office of Victim Advocacy, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advocacy Council, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2061. An act to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolutions were discharged by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

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.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the mitigation by States of cross-border air pollution under the Clean Air Act.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2042. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1070. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act.

H.R. 1965. An act to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, November 3, 2011, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 894. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3775. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Derivatives Clearing Organization General Provisions and Core Principles" ((17 CFR Parts 1, 21, 39, and 140)(RIN3038-AC98)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3776. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to requesting a waiver of realistic survivability testing of the Ship to Shore Connector (SSC) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3777. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting by Investment Advisers to Private Funds and Certain Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors on Form PF" (RIN3235-AK92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3778. 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; Virginia; Revision to Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program" (FRL No. 9487-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3779. 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 Implementation Plans; Texas; Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL No. 9485-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3780. 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, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9477-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3781. 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, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9481-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3782. 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, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9481-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3783. 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, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9479-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3784. 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; North Dakota; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules" (FRL No. 9486-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3785. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of the Cook Islands to the List of Nations Entitled to Special Tonnage Tax Exemption" (CBP Dec. 11-21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3786. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement" (RIN1515-AD79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3787. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2012" (RIN0938-AQ16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3788. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premiums for Calendar Year 2012 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AQ15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3789. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Final Waivers in Connection With the Shared Savings Program" (RIN0938-AR30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3790. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System and Quality Incentive Program; Ambulance Fee Schedule; Durable Medical Equipment; and Competitive Acquisition of Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies" (RIN0938-AQ27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3791. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Co-insurance Amounts for Calendar Year 2012" (RIN0938-AQ14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3792. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2012" (RIN0938-AQ30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3793. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program; Accountable Care Organization" (RIN0938-AQ22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3794. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, Five-Year Review of Work Relative Value Units, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Signature on Requisition, and Other Revisions to Part B for Calendar Year 2012" (RIN0938-AQ25 and RIN0938-AQ00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3795. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment; Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment; Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program; Physician Self-Referral; and Patient Notification Requirements in Provider Agreements" (RIN0938-AQ26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3796. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. Assistance for the Government of Ukraine (DCN OSS-2011-1727); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3797. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recent Global Fund audit information, commitment and disbursement data, and a summary of the recipient and sub-recipient expenditures as reported to the United States Government; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3798. A communication from the Chairman of the National Council on Disability, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Disability Policy: A Progress Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3799. A communication from the Chairman of the National Council on Disability, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Power of Digital Inclusion: Technology's Impact on Employment and Opportunities for People with Disabilities"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3800. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to waiving or partially waiving Section 404(a) of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008 with respect to Yemen, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Chad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3801. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Report to Congress for the Office of Justice Programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3802. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Cathinones Into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-357) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3803. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mandatory Minimum Penalties in the Federal Criminal Justice System"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 75. A bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1487. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1759. A bill to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.