

EC-3953. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Management and Budget's report of the estimated cost of assets purchased under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3954. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3955. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2012-2017"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3956. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, a legislative proposal relative to requiring participation in the Enumeration at Birth (EAB) program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3957. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Head Start Designation Renewal System" (RIN0970-AC44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3958. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General and the Director's Semiannual Report to Congress on Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Records Reproduction Fees" (RIN3095-AB71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3960. A communication from the Inspector General of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3961. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3962. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense (DoD) Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3963. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement

effort against public corruption for 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3964. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fee for Filing a Patent Application Other than by the Electronic Filing System" (RIN0651-AC64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3965. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Ex Parte Appeals" (RIN0651-AC37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3966. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2010 Post-Election Survey Report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3967. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-098, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3968. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-081, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3969. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-042, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed retransfer of major defense equipment involving the retransfer of four (4) C-27J Spartan Aircraft from Alenia Aeronautica S.p.A. to the Government of Mexico in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3971. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom for the manufacture and assembly related to the Phalanx Close-In Weapon Systems and Land Based Phalanx Weapon Systems in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3972. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to proposed amendments to parts 120, 123, 124, 126, 127, and 129 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## 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 (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1876. A bill to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1877. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require mandatory reporting of incidents of child abuse or neglect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1878. A bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1879. A bill to ensure that States have enacted criminal statutes that require individuals to report child abuse to law enforcement or child protective agencies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1880. A bill to repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1881. A bill to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of climate variability and change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 1882. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that valid generic drugs may enter the market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. WEBB):

S. Res. 324. A resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the United States-Australia alliance; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 325. A resolution recognizing the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a global event of cultural significance to the United States and expressing support for designation of July 2012 as World Choir

Games Month in the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 326. A resolution designating Thursday, November 17, 2011, as "Feed America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 327. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. MORAN):

S. Res. 328. A resolution designating the week of November 14 through 20, 2011, as "Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 329. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 330. A resolution designating January 27, 2012, as a national day of remembrance for Americans who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 331. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should "Go Big" in its attempts toward deficit reduction; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 481

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to enhance and further research into the prevention and treatment of eating disorders, to improve access to treatment of eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 497

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements of the visa waiver program and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) 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. 755

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for restitution and other State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1034

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) 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. 1176

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1176, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) 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. 1268

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1268, a bill to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by providing for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational service by employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator

from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1610, *supra*.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) 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. 1756

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to extend HUBZone designations by 3 years, and for other purposes.

S. 1770

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1770, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster case placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1838

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1838, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1853

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico