

Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1773, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1866

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1866, a bill to provide incentives for economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 1868

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1868, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to urban Medicare-dependent hospitals.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1925, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1942

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1942, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve transportation for seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1959

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1959, a bill to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization and for other purposes.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to provide level funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

S. 1964

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1964, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the harbor maintenance tax certain commercial cargo loaded or unloaded at United States ports in the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway System.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 252, a resolution celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United States-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty.

S. RES. 310

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 310, a resolution designating 2012 as the "Year of the Girl" and congratulating Girl Scouts of the USA on its 100th anniversary.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 310, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1980. A bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the Pirate Fishing Elimination Act, a bill to implement the international Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated, IUU, Fishing as adopted by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in November of 2009. The agreement is the first binding global instrument focused specifically on combating IUU, also known as pirate fishing, and the United States was a primary participant in its negotiation and was one of its first signatories.

Pirate fishing is a global problem that threatens healthy ocean ecosystems and sustainable fisheries both here and abroad. It is estimated that annual lost revenues from pirate fishing activities may be as much as \$23 billion worldwide and that as much as 40 percent of the total catch for some fish stocks is caught illegally. The impacts of these activities are felt throughout the fishery supply chain, from the fisherman through the consumer, and affect food security and socio-economic stability in many parts of the world. This includes the United States where our own sustainable domestic fisheries may be undermined through unfair competition with illegally caught international product.

The Pirate Fishing Elimination Act, and the underlying international agreement, would combat this threat by establishing an inspection regime that would raise global standards for access to seafood markets to levels similar to those that we set here in the U.S. It would also explicitly prohibit known pirate fishing vessels from entering our ports and from introducing

their tainted goods to our healthy seafood supply chain. As the world's third largest seafood importer, our actions can make a real difference by dramatically increasing the risks and costs associated with pirate fishing. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this crucial legislation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1458. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BURR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1801, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1458. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BURR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1801, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act".

SEC. 2. SECURITY SCREENING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44903 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(m) SECURITY SCREENING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), in consultation with the Department of Defense, shall develop and implement a plan to provide expedited security screening services for a member of the armed forces, and, to the extent possible, any accompanying family member, if the member of the armed forces, while in uniform, presents documentation indicating official orders for air transportation departing from a primary airport (as defined in section 47102).

"(2) PROTOCOLS.—In developing the plan, the Assistant Secretary shall consider—

"(A) leveraging existing security screening models used to reduce passenger wait times;

"(B) establishing standard guidelines for the screening of military uniform items, including combat boots; and

"(C) incorporating any new screening protocols into an existing trusted passenger program, as established pursuant to section 109(a)(3) of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (49 U.S.C. 114 note), or into the development of any new credential or system that incorporates biometric technology and other applicable technologies to verify the identity of individuals traveling in air transportation.

"(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall affect the authority of the Assistant Secretary to require additional screening of a member of the armed forces if intelligence or law enforcement information indicates that additional screening is necessary.

"(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Assistant Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the implementation of the plan."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,

the Assistant Secretary shall implement the plan required by this Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a business meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Allison Seyferth at (202) 224-4905.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Daley, a detailee with the Foreign Relations Committee from the State Department, be granted floor privileges for the consideration of the Eisen and Aponte nominations.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. RES 10 AND S.J. RES 24

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent, pursuant to the Budget Control Act of 2011, that following morning business on Tuesday, December 13, the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following joint resolutions proposing a balanced budget constitutional amendment and the Senate proceed to their consideration en bloc: S.J. Res. 10, S.J. Res. 24; further, that the titles of both joint resolutions be amended as follows so they comply with the Budget Control Act of 2011:

“Joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States”; that there be up to 8 hours of debate on the joint resolutions to run concurrently during Tuesday’s session, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that when the Senate resumes consideration of the joint resolutions en bloc, on Wednesday, December 14, there be up to 10 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to votes on passage of the joint resolutions in the following order: first, S.J. Res. 24; and, secondly, on S.J. Res. 10; further, that there be 2 minutes, equally divided, between the votes; finally, that there be no amendments, motions or points of order to either joint resolution prior to the votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 1633

Mr. REID. I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1633) to establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning, Tuesday, December 13, 2011; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in morning business for 2 hours, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; and that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 10 and S.J. Res. 24, under the previous order; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:23 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate December 12, 2011:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NORMAN L. EISEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM DECEMBER 22, 2010, TO JANUARY 5, 2011.