

EC-683. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-684. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, 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: Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities; Notice of Facility Closure" (RIN0938-AQ09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 17, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-685. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Allotment Methodology and States' Fiscal Years 2009 through 2015 CHIP Allotments" (RIN0938-AP53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 17, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-686. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—March 2011" (Rev. Rul. 2011-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-687. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Security Program" (RIN3072-AC40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-688. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2011-0018—2011-0021); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-689. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report to Congress relative to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-690. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, for State Home Facilities" (RIN2900-AN59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-691. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating Fire Safety Standards" (RIN2900-AN57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-692. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications After June 30, 2010" (RIN2900-AN65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 79. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam.

Nominee: Daniel Luke Shields, III.

Post: Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: No contributions.
2. Spouse: No contributions.
3. Children and Spouses: Sonali Eileen Saya Shields: No contributions.
4. Parents: Daniel L. Shields, Jr., Helen M. Shields: \$25, 05/08/2010, Republican Party of Pennsylvania; \$25, 10/21/2009, Republican Party of Pennsylvania; \$50, 01/31/2008, Senator John McCain; \$25, 06/18/2007, Senator John McCain; \$25, 03/21/2007, Senator John McCain 2008; \$25, 10/12/2006, Senator Rick Santorum; \$50, 05/02/2006, Straight Talk America.

5. Grandparents: Daniel L. Shields (deceased), Agnes Shields (deceased), Leo Santry (deceased), Gertrude Santry (deceased): No contributions.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael A. Shields, Alison Langley, Gregory T. Shields, Amy Shields: No contributions.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Kathleen A. DeLong, Tod DeLong: No contributions.

\*Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Nominee Pamela L. Spratlen.

Post: Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Dr. Thaddeus H. Spratlen and Dr. Lois Price Spratlen—please see addendum.

5. Grandparents: Ora Ferguson Price and Madison Price—deceased. Lela Spratlen and Rev. John B. Spratlen—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Khalfani Mwamba; spouse, Anita Koyier-Mwamba; Townsend Price-Spratlen.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Patricia Etem—\$250, 2/25/08, Obama for America; spouse, Richard Etem; Paula Mitchell; James Mitchell, deceased.

Federal Campaign Contribution Report—Spratlen Addendum. Political contributions of parents Thaddeus H. and Lois P. Spratlen—combination of Federal, State, Local and National contributions.

2006—amount, date, donee:

T.H. and L.P. Spratlen: \$50, 4/12/06, Democratic National Committee; \$50, 4/12/06, Dem Congressional Campaign Comm.; \$100, 5/15/06, WA State Democratic Party; \$50, 6/19/06, WA State Democratic Party; \$50, 6/19/06, Dem Congressional Campaign Comm.; \$12, 7/17/06, WA State Patrol Officers Association.

2007—T.H. and L.P. Spratlen: \$50, 1/22/07, Democratic National Committee; \$300, 2/20/07, Larry Gossett for King County Council; \$50, 3/4/07, Dem Congressional Campaign Comm.; \$100, 5/10/07, Gregoire for Governor; \$50, 6/25/07, Sally Soriano for School Board; \$200, 7/23/07, Obama for President; \$50, 7/28/07, Dem Congressional Campaign Comm.; \$150, 8/10/07, Bruce Harrell for City Council; \$50, 8/13/07, Dem Congressional Campaign Comm.; \$25, 8/14/07, WA State Law Enforcement Officers; \$200, 8/31/07, Bruce Harrell for City Council; \$300, 10/22/07, Sally Soriano for School Board; \$200, 10/24/07, David Della for City Council; \$500, 12/04/07, Obama for America; \$400, 12/24/07, Obama for America.

2008—T.H. Spratlen: \$400, 1/30/08, Obama for America; \$500, 3/24/08, Obama for America; \$1,000, 8/30/08, Obama for America; \$1,000 10/17/08, Obama Victory Fund; \$1,000, 10/24/08, Obama for America. L.P. Spratlen: \$500, 2/25/08 Obama for America; \$1,000, 10/28/08 Obama for America. T.H. and L.P. Spratlen: \$50, 3/18/08, Democratic National Committee; \$50, 5/5/08, People for Scott White (State Senate); \$1,000, 6/3/08, Ron Sims for King County Executive; \$50, 6/19/08, Jason Osgood for Secretary of State; \$300, 8/5/08, WA Public Campaign Finance Reform.

2009—T.H. and L.P. Spratlen: \$100, 2/2/09, Democratic National Committee; \$1,000, 2/20/09, Larry Gossett for King County Council; \$100, 3/15/09, People for Nick Licata City Council; \$50, 12/5/09, 46th District Democrats.

2010—T.H. and L.P. Spratlen: \$50, 1/25/10, Adam Kline for State Senate (Dem); \$200, 5/06/10, Randy Gordon for State Senate (Dem); \$50, 6/30/10, Scott White for State Senate (Dem); \$250, 8/06/10, Patty Murray for U.S. Senate (Dem); \$100, 8/27/10, WA State Democratic Central Committee (Dem).

\*Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Montenegro.

Nominee: SUE KATHRINE BROWN.

Post nominated: U.S. Ambassador to Montenegro.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: 0.
2. Spouse: n/a.
3. Children and Spouses: Anthony L. Brown: 0. Tisha M. Pryor: 0. Kevin A. Pryor: 0. Kenneth D. Laryea, Jr.: 0. Justin D. Laryea: 0.
4. Parents: Deceased.

5. Grandparents: Deceased.  
 6. Brothers and Spouses: n/a.  
 7. Sisters and Spouses: Martha L. Blue: 0.

\*David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Nominee: David Lee Carden.

Post: U.S. Representative to ASEAN.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$500, 10/05/06, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$1000, 10/19/06, Whitehouse for Senate; \$2300, 01/23/07, Obama for America; \$1000, 05/04/07, John Hall for Congress; \$1000, 05/05/08, Senate 2008; \$1000, 07/31/08, Hillary Clinton for President; \$5000, 10/16/08, Obama Victory Fund; \$2300, 11/03/08, Obama Victory Fund; \$2400, 09/08/09, Julie Hamos for Congress; \$1000, 09/24/09, Hodes for Senate; \$1000, 07/14/10, Democratic National Committee.

2. Spouse: Rebecca R. Riley: \$2300, 08/08/07, Obama for America; \$210, 03/24/08, Obama for America, \$236.01, 08/20/08, Obama Victory Fund; \$3, 08/29/08, Obama for America.

3. Children and Spouses: Dylan D. Carden: \$2000, 06/11/07, Obama for America. Meredith M. Carden: \$2300, 05/18/07, Obama for America.

\*Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination 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 Irene Arino de la Rubia and ending with Robert Joseph Faucher, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 2, 2011.

\*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. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 416. A bill to develop a strategy for assisting stateless children from North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 417. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the Secretary of the

Navy certain Federal land in Churchill County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INOUE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 418. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 419. A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 420. A bill to support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 421. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Energy to provide grants for lithium production research and development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Stephen M. Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Res. 77. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that domestic oil and gas resources are critical to our Nation's security and economy and the Secretary of the Interior should take immediate action to streamline the shallow and deepwater permitting process; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURR, Mr. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DURBIN,

Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 78. A resolution relative to the death of James Albertus McClure, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. Res. 79. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Con. Res. 7. A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution recognizing women serving in the United States Armed Forces; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 23

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 23, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 81

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 81, a bill to direct unused appropriations for Senate Official Personnel and Office Expense Accounts to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.

S. 102

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 102, a bill to provide an optional fast-track procedure the President may use when submitting rescission requests, and for other purposes.

S. 104

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin