

organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5144. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5145. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 12163, as amended by Executive Order 13346, a report relative to a waiver of the restrictions contained in Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act of 1992; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5146. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the periods October 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5147. 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 2012-0012-2012-0016); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5148. A communication from the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5149. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Foreign Field Offices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5150. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5152. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5153. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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. VITTER (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2138. A bill to establish a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and project delivery efficiency of non-Federal sponsors as the lead project delivery team for authorized civil works flood control and navigation construction projects of the Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2139. A bill to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2140. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to modify the period used to calculate certain unemployment rates, to encourage the development of business incubators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2141. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2142. A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that paper which is commonly recycled does not constitute a qualified energy resource under the section 45 credit for renewable electricity production; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2144. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain foreign residential mortgage obligations; 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. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 382. A resolution designating March 2, 2012, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 383. A resolution designating February 29, 2012, as "Rare Disease Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 384. A resolution designating the first Tuesday in March as "National Public Higher Education Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 555

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 555, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 605

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage research and carry out an educational campaign with respect to pulmonary hypertension, and for other purposes.

S. 998

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 998, a bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1728, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal offense relating to fraudulent claims about military service.

S. 1770

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1884, a bill to provide States with incentives to require elementary schools and secondary schools to maintain, and permit school personnel to administer, epinephrine at schools.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

S. 2046

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCHE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2046, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements of the visa waiver program and for other purposes.

S. 2121

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2121, a bill to modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date.

S. 2122

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2122, a bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCHE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S. RES. 310

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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.

S. RES. 380

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 380, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 380, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1537

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1537 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1542

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1542 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1549

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1549 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1599

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1599 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1606

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1606 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1648

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1648 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1661

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from

Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1661 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1736

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1736 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1737

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1737 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1737 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1738

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1738 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1738 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1739

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1739 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1740

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1740 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1748

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1748 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):