

Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Naches Heights Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4661. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Fort Ross-Seaview Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4662. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2010 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4663. A communication from the Acting Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Hawaii Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4664. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Academy's activities during the year ending December 27, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4665. A communication from the Associate Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4666. A communication from the Acting Register of Copyrights, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4667. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4668. A communication from the General Counsel and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4669. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Jobs Act: Implementation of Conforming and Technical Amendments" (RIN3245-AG15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4670. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Jobs Act: 504 Loan Program Debt Refinancing" (RIN3245-AG17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4671. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Medical Benefits for Newborn Children of Certain Woman Veterans" (RIN2900-AO05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4672. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2012" (RIN2900-AO28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4673. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment or Reimbursement for Emergency Treatment Furnished by Non-VA Providers in Non-VA Facilities to Certain Veterans with Service-connected or Non-service-connected Disabilities" (RIN2900-AN49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4674. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program—Changes to Subsistence January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4675. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Statutory Period for Compensation for Certain Disabilities Due to Undiagnosed Illness and Medically Unexplained Chronic Multi-Symptom Illness" (RIN2900-AO09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4676. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Evaluation of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN2900-AN60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4677. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty Revised Loan Modification Procedures" (RIN2900-AN78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 50. A bill to strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities with respect to commercially-marketed seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate with the Federal Trade

Commission and other appropriate Federal agencies to strengthen and coordinate those programs and activities (Rept. No. 112-131).

S. 52. A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-132).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 363, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-133).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 485. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-134).

S. 1665. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-135).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 97. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay (Rept. No. 112-136).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 893. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine (Rept. No. 112-137).

S. 1296. A bill to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island (Rept. No. 112-138).

S. 1740. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (Rept. No. 112-139).

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

S. 1789. A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2038. An original bill to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, and for other purposes.

#### 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. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2035. A bill to provide support for workforce residential housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2036. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2037. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2038. An original bill to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2039. A bill to allow a State or local government to construct levees on certain properties otherwise designated as open space lands; considered and passed.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2040. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish a point of order to prohibit an increase or other modification of the public debt limit unless a concurrent resolution on the budget has been agreed to and is in effect; 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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 354. A resolution honoring the life of dissident and democracy activist Wilman Villar Mendoza and condemning the Castro regime for the death of Wilman Villar Mendoza; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 355. A resolution honoring the memory of Special Agent Jared Francom of the Ogden, Utah Police Department; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 165

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 165, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 376

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 376, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.

S. 416

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MI-

KULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 416, a bill to develop a strategy for assisting stateless children from North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 648

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 810

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 810, a bill to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 968, *supra*.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits.

S. 1223

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

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1231

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1231, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to provide for the treatment and temporary financing of short-time compensation programs.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that corporate tax benefits based upon stock option compensation expenses be consistent with accounting expenses shown in corporate financial statements for such compensation.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to prohibit the sale of billfish.

S. 1461

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1461, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services.

S. 1494

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms.