

Washington, D.C.” (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1165)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5461. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; 24th Annual North American International Auto Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1157)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5462. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Moving Security Zone Around Escorted Vessels on the Lower Mississippi River Between Mile Marker 90.0 Above Head of Passes to Mile Marker 110.0 Above Head of Passes” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1063)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5463. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-Trent 800 Series Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0836)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5464. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Authorization to Use Lower Than Standard Takeoff, Approach and Landing Minimums at Military and Foreign Airports; Confirmation of Effective Date of Effective Date” ((RIN2120-AK02) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0007)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5465. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Category IIIa, IIb, and IIc Definitions” ((RIN2120-AK03) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0019)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5466. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB049) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5467. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments” (RIN0648-BB88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5468. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB035) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5469. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Closure” (RIN0648-XA990) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5470. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species by Amendment 80 Vessels in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5471. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” (RIN0648-XB038) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5472. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB036) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5473. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 50 Feet (15.2 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB062) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5474. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XB051) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Col. Peter R. Masciola, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Mark A. Ediger, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger, to be General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Ondra L. Berry and ending with Colonel Thad L. Myers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Steven A. Cray and ending with Brigadier General Eric W. Vollmecke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General David W. Allvin and ending with Brigadier General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Steven M. Balser and ending with Colonel Sallie K. Worcester, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Robert C. Bolton)

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Clyde D. Moore II, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Douglas D. Delozier, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Robert P. Ashley, Jr. and ending with Brigadier General Darrell K. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2012.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Craig A. Bugno, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David D. Halverson, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Matthew R. Gee and ending with Victor G. Soto, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kerry L. Lewis and ending with Lynn M. Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2012.

Army nomination of Richard M. Scott, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Keith J. Andrews and ending with Douglas W. Weaver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Dwight Y. Shen and ending with Carol J. Pierce, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Army nomination of Shane T. Taylor, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Patricia A. Loveless and ending with Jerome M. Benavides, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012.

Army nomination of Robert S. Taylor, to be Major.

Army nomination of Casey D. Shuff, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with John B. Hill and ending with Stephen M. Radulski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2012.

Marine Corps nomination of William J. Wrightington, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Mark A. Mitchell, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Robert F. Emminger and ending with Michael G. Marchand, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2012.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Paul H. Atterbury and ending with Donald A. Ziolkowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Jay R. Friedman and ending with Donna Raja, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012.

Navy nomination of Steven J. Porter, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2223. A bill to address the implementation of certain prohibitions under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2224. A bill to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2225. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize and improve the Rural Energy for America program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2226. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity carried out outside the United States, including the territories and possessions of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2227. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and simplify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 2228. A bill to convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2229. A bill to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2230. A bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers; read the first time.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2231. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2232. A bill to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S.J. Res. 39. A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 404. A resolution recognizing the life and work of war correspondent Marie Colvin and other courageous journalists in war zones; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 405. A resolution authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 25

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 25, a bill to phase out the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to implement a comprehensive border security plan to combat illegal immigration, drug and alien smuggling, and violent activity in the southwest border of the United States.

S. 1168

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1168, a bill to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training.

S. 1700

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to device review determinations and conflicts of interest, and for other purposes.

S. 1763

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1763, a bill to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, and for other purposes.

S. 1824

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.