

EC-5492. 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—Correction to Rev. Rul. 2012-9" (Rev. Rul. 2012-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5493. 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—April 2012" (Rev. Rul. 2012-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5494. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5495. 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 2012-0028—2012-0034); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5496. A communication from the Correspondence and Regulations Assistant, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment" (RIN0938-AR07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5497. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Quarters of Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5498. 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 District of Columbia Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5499. 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 Nevada Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5500. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2011 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, 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 the Republic of Malta.

Nominee: Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley.
Post: Malta.

(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: \$0.
2. Spouse: Gerard Winstanley, \$200, 2008, Obama Presidential campaign.
3. Daughter: Kara Winstanley, none.
4. Son: Adam Winstanley, none.
5. Parents: both deceased.
6. Grandparents: both deceased.
7. Brother: Craig Stevens, None.
8. Brother: John Brent, None.
9. Sister: Lynne Hicks, none.
10. Brother in law: Larry Hicks, None.

*Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Nominee: Julissa Reynoso.
Post: Montevideo, Uruguay.
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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Julissa Reynoso: \$500, 12/5/2008, PODER Political Action Committee; \$300, 9/26/2008, Perriello for Congress; \$2,300, 8/28/2008, Friends of Hillary; \$1,000, 8/25/2008, Obama Victory Fund; \$1,000 8/31/2008, Obama for America.; (via Obama Victory Fund); \$250, 8/22/2008, Friends of Tracy Brooks; \$250, 8/22/2008, Act Blue; \$400, 6/30/2007, Hillary for President (general); \$2,300, 1/26/2007, Hillary Clinton for President (primary); \$1,900, 1/26/2007, Hillary Clinton for President (general).
2. Spouse: n/a.
3. Children and Spouses: n/a.
4. Parents: Rosario Pantaleon: none; Julio Reynoso: none.
5. Grandparents: Juan Pantaleon: none; Bienvenida Pantaleon: deceased; Nay Reynoso: deceased; Maricusa Vargas: none.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Julio Cesar Reynoso: (single), none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Jessica Adelina Reynoso: (single) none; Osmaris Valerio: (single) none.

*William E. Todd, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Nominee: William E. Todd.
Post: Cambodia.
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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Self: William Todd, none.
2. Spouse: Patricia Buckingham, none.
3. Children and Spouses: William Todd II, none; Christopher Todd, none; John Todd, none; Caitlyn Todd, none.
4. Parents: John and Marie Todd, none.
5. Grandparents: Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: John Todd, \$1000, 2004, Republican Party; \$2000, 2000, George Allen; Doug Todd, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Jean Todd, none.

*Jacob Walles, of Delaware, 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 the Tunisian Republic.

Nominee: Jacob Walles.
Post: Tunis.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Self: \$1750, 2008, Obama.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: N/A.
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.
7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Pamela A. White, of Maine, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Haiti.

Nominee: Pamela A. White.
Post: Haiti.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Self: \$150.00, Oct. 2011, Obama; \$200.00, May 2010, Obama; \$400.00, Jan & Jun 2008, Obama.
2. Spouse: Steve Cowper, None.
3. Children and Spouses: Kristopher White, None; Patrick White, None.
4. Parents: Muriel and Richard Murphy, None.
5. Grandparents: Deceased
6. Brothers and Spouses:
7. Sisters and Spouses: Sandra Nadeau, None.

*John Christopher Stevens, 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 Libya.

Nominee: John C. Stevens.
Post: Tripoli.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Jan Stevens, \$150, 2008, Obama Cmpgn. Carole Cory Stevens, None; Mary Commanday, None; Robert Commanday, None.
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Thomas Stevens, None; Dana Lung, None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Anne Stevens, \$800, 2008, Emily's List. Peter Sullivan, None; Hilary Stevens, None.

*Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, 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 the Republic of Kosovo.

Nominee: Tracey Ann Jacobson.
Post: Republic of Kosovo.

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- Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
 1. Self: None.
 2. Spouse: N/A.
 3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
 4. Parents: None.
 5. Grandparents: None.
 6. Brothers and Spouses: None.
 7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, 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 the Republic of Croatia.

Nominee: Kenneth H. Merteno.
 Post: Croatia.

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- Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
 1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.
 3. Children and Spouses: Caryl Merten & Elisabeth Merten: None.

4. Parents: Edryne Merten: None.
 5. Grandparents: N/A: None.
 6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A: None.
 7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A: None.

*Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, 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 the Republic of Latvia.

Nominee: Mark A. Pekala.
 Post: U.S. Ambassador to Latvia.

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- Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
 1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: Maria R. Pekala: None.
 3. Children and Spouses: Julia C. Pekala: None; Nora M. Pekala: None.

4. Parents: Anne J. Pekala—deceased, Henry S. Pekala—deceased.
 5. Grandparents: John (Jan) Pekala—deceased; Mary (Maria) Pekala—deceased; Michael Virbicki—deceased; Aleksandra Virbicki—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael A. Pekala: None; Lori Pekala (spouse): None.
 7. Sisters and Spouses: Karen Pekala: \$500.00, 9/18/2008, Barack Obama via “Obama for America”; Judeth Hawkins: None; David Hawkins (spouse): None; Lisbeth O’Malley: None.

*Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, 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 Georgia.

Nominee: Richard B. Norland.
 Post: Ambassador to Georgia.

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- Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
 1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: Mary E. Hartnett, \$250, 9/9/2008, Obama for America; \$500, 10/28/2008, Obama for America.

3. Children and Spouses: Daniel Norland (son) and Jennifer Barkley (spouse): \$200, 2008, Obama for America; Kathleen Norland (daughter): None.

4. Parents: Donald R. Norland—deceased; Patricia B. Norland: None.

5. Grandparents: E. Norman Norland—deceased; Aletta Norland—deceased; August Bamman—deceased; Emily Bamman—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: David Norland (brother): \$1,000, 04/01/11, Pawlenty for President Exploratory Committee; \$500, 10/29/10, Republican National Committee; \$250, 01/13/10, Scott Brown for U.S. Senate; \$250, 10/13/09, McDonnell for Governor; \$2,300, 09/09/08, McCain Victory 2008, \$1,300, 01/07/08, Romney for President, Inc.; \$1,000, 06/14/07, Romney for President, Inc; Susan Norland (spouse): None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Patricia D. Norland: None.

*Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, 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 the Republic of Estonia.

Nominee: Jeffrey D. Levine.
 Post: Ambassador.

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- Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: \$200, 2008, Obama for President Campaign.

2. Spouse: Janie L. Keeler (joint contribution with myself as listed above*).

3. Children and Spouses: Nikolai David Levine (minor child—None).

4. Parents: Evelyn Bender: None.
 5. Grandparents: deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Glenn Levine, None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

*Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

*Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.

*Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

*Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Energy Resources).

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations 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.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Olga Ford and ending with Margaret Shu Teasdale, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 2, 2012.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Terry L. Murphree and ending with Andrew J. Wylie, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 2, 2012.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Morgan D. Haas and ending with Stephen L. Wixom, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012.

*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. PRYOR:

S. 2238. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require a regulation to limit the aggregate positions of nontraditional bona fide hedgers in petroleum and related products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2239. A bill to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2240. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the allowance for bonus depreciation for certain business assets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COONS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2241. A bill to ensure that veterans have the information and protections they require to make informed decisions regarding use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 407. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that executives of the bankrupt firm MF Global should not be rewarded with bonuses while customer money is still missing; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

s. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) 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. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri