

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 2297. A bill to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112–09154).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2159. A bill to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

*Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

*Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004.

*Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

*Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2013.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Gregory K. Davis, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Gershwin A. Drain, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

*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 Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2250. A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mort-

gage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2251. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Booechever United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2252. A bill to rebuild the American middle class by creating jobs, investing in our future, building opportunity for working families, and restoring balance to the tax code; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2253. A bill to require individuals who file under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to disclose any financial accounts that are or have been deposited in a country that is a tax haven; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2254. A bill to direct the Attorney General to establish uniform standards for the exchange of controlled substance and prescription information for the purpose of preventing diversion, fraud, and abuse of controlled substances and other prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2255. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, to add Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and National observance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2256. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2257. A bill to increase access to community behavioral health services for all Americans and to improve Medicaid reimbursement for community behavioral health services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 2258. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the rule providing 5-year amortization of expenses incurred in creating or acquiring music or music copyrights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BURR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WEBB, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2259. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2260. A bill to allow taxpayers the opportunity to specify their choice of Federal budget priorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2261. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to estab-

lish a revenue loss assistance program, repeal the direct payment and ACRE programs, extend commodity programs through 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2262. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2263. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to establish the National Program for Arts and Technology Act as a Federal program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 2264. A bill to provide liability protection for claims based on the design, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, introduction into commerce, or use of certain fuels and fuel additives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2265. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal cancer screening test under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2266. A bill to improve sharing of immigration information among Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, to improve State and local enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2267. A bill to reauthorize the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2268. A bill to ensure that all items offered for sale in any gift shop of the National Park Service or of the National Archives and Records Administration are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2269. A bill to permit voluntary economic activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2270. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve energy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2271. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time for making S corporation elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2272. A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2273. A bill to designate the Talkeetna Ranger Station in Talkeetna, Alaska, as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2274. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a nonprofit corporation to be known as the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2275. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish a grant program within the rural broadband program of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2276. A bill to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2277. A bill to respond to the extreme fire hazard and unsafe conditions resulting from pine beetle infestation, drought, disease, or storm damage by declaring a state of emergency and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to immediately implement hazardous fuels reduction projects in the manner provided in title I of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2278. A bill to provide for an exemption for community banks to certain escrow requirements under the Truth in Lending Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2279. A bill to amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to provide additional protection for the R.M.S. Titanic and its wreck site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2280. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2281. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to seek advice from external experts regarding rare diseases, the burden of rare diseases, and the unmet medical needs of individuals with rare diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2282. A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2283. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include procedures for requests from Indian tribes for a major disaster or emergency declaration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 411. A resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. Res. 412. A resolution commending the African Union for committing to a coordinated military response, comprised of 5,000 troops from Uganda, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan, in order to fortify ongoing efforts to arrest Joseph Kony and senior commanders of the Lord's Resistance Army and to stop the crimes against humanity and mass atrocities committed by them; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 413. A resolution supporting the designation of April 2012 as National Autism Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 414. A resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 415. A resolution designating April 4, 2012, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Res. 416. A resolution supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. COONS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. Res. 417. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. KYL, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. LEE):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2012, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2022; to the Committee on the Budget.

NYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 606

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the priority review voucher incentive program relating to tropical and rare pediatric diseases.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the treatment of certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1131

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to establish and implement a birth defects prevention, risk reduction, and public awareness program.

S. 1147

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and service to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to prevent the Secretary of the Treasury from expanding United States bank reporting requirements with respect to interest on deposits paid to nonresident aliens.

S. 1670

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS ON MARCH 28, 2012

S. 202

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. COR-