

Regulation; Justification and Approval of Sole-Source 8(a) Contracts” (RIN9000-AL55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5772. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Representation Regarding Export of Sensitive Technology to Iran” (RIN9000-AL91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5773. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments” (FAC 2005-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5774. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5775. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Biobased Procurements” (RIN9000-AM03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5776. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-58, Introduction” (FAC 2005-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5777. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5778. A communication from the Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exemption of Privacy Act System of Records of the Department-wide notice: ‘Debt Collection Enforcement System, (DCES), DOJ-016’” (CPCLO Order No. 009-2012) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5779. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed legislation to harmonize security threat assessment procedures applicable to transportation worker populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5780. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed legislation to amend

and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5781. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “United States Department of Transportation 2012 Report to Congress on Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee Recommendations”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5782. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Locomotive Safety Standards Amendments” (RIN2130-AC16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5783. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief for Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “The Proposed Extension of Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding Outage Reporting To Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service Providers and Broadband Internet Service Providers” (PS Docket No. 11-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5784. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; and Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund” (WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; WT Docket No. 10-208, DA 12-298) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5785. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Amendment to Cuba Airport List: Addition of Recently Approved Airports” (CBP Dec. 12-08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5786. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Packages Intended for Transport by Aircraft” (RIN2137-AE32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5787. 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; General Electric Company (GE) Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0982) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. LEVIN:

S. 2328. A bill to extend and modify the temporary reduction of duty on 4-methoxy-2-methyldiphenylamine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2329. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain direct injection fuel injectors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2330. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain hybrid electric vehicle inverters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2331. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on stator/rotor parts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2332. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain power electronic boxes and static converter composite units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2333. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain motor generator units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2334. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on lithium ion electrical storage batteries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2335. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain high pressure fuel pumps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2336. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on 4'-methoxy-2,2',4'-trimethyl diphenylamine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms.

COLLINS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2337. A bill to require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr.

GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr.

ALEXANDER):

S. 2338. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 219

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 434

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 687, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of comprehensive Alzheimer's disease and related dementia diagnosis and services in order to improve care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by improving detection, diagnosis, and care planning.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 975

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1734

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1734, a bill to provide incentives for the development of qualified infectious disease products.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1935

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1935, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation.

S. 1990

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1990, a bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

S. 2046

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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. 2051

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2051, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 2121

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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 ex-

empt 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. 2165

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2165, a bill to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2248

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2248, a bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State.

S. 2293

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2293, a bill to establish a national, toll-free telephone parent helpline to provide information and assistance to parents and caregivers of children to prevent child abuse and strengthen families.

S. 2296

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2296, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes.

S. 2325

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2325, a bill to authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

S.J. RES. 38

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 38, a joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the certification of nonimmigrant workers in temporary or seasonal nonagricultural employment.

S. RES. 401

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 401, a resolution expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals who represent the United States around the globe.

S. RES. 429

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Georgia

(Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 429, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

S. RES. 431

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 431, a resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair.

AMENDMENT NO. 2020

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2020 intended to be proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 2040

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2040 intended to be proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 2043

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2043 intended to be proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 2060

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARASSO), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2060 intended to be proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 2071

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2071 intended to be proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 2072

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2072 intended to be proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., to hear testimony on S. 219, the "Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act."

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Lynden Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee on (202) 224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, this is to advise you that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a business meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2012, immediately preceding the full committee hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the Business Meeting is to consider the nominations of Adam Sieminski, to be administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Marcilynn Burke to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Anthony Clark to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and John Norris to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Allison Seyferth at (202) 224-4905.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Edenfield, a member of my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2338

Mr. REID. There is a bill at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2338) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

Mr. REID. I now ask for the second reading in order to place the bill on the calendar, but I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until Tuesday, April 24, at 10 a.m.; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day;

that the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1925, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act; and that at 10:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 36, a resolution of disapproval regarding the National Labor Relations Board offered by Senator ENZI, under the previous order; and that at 12:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1925; further, that the Senate recess from 12:50 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; finally, that at 2:15 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 36.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the first vote will be at 2:15 tomorrow on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 36. If that motion is defeated, there will be several votes in order to complete action on the postal reform bill at 2:15 p.m.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:30 p.m., recessed until Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. RUSS A. WALZ

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. THEODORE C. NICHOLAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. FRANCISCO A. ESPAILLAT

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JON M. DAVIS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ROBERT E. SCHMIDLE, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601: