

FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6926. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export and Reexport Controls to Rwanda and United Nations Sanctions under the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AF31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6927. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Calculation of Maximum Obligation Limitation" (RIN1505-AC36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6928. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6929. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6930. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6931. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6932. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6933. A joint communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Accounting and Administrative Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2011 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6934. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, (15) fifteen reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Energy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. VITTER:

S. 3424. A bill to prohibit the sale of billfish; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 3425. A bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to provide a notice requirement regarding offshoring; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3426. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 3427. A bill to permanently extend the employer-provided child care credit under section 45F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 3428. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to partially waive the renewable fuel standard when corn inventories are low; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 3429. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 525. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. Res. 526. A resolution designating November 2012 as "Stomach Cancer Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REID, Mr. CORKER, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BURR, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 527. A resolution designating August 16, 2012, as "National Airborne Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 528. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the preeminent organization representing podiatric medicine and surgery, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the association to continue providing guidance on foot and ankle health issues to the people of the United States and of the world; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT,

Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RICH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 53. A concurrent resolution honoring the victims of the Aurora, Colorado, movie theater shooting and condemning the atrocities that occurred in Aurora, Colorado; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 137

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates.

S. 239

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 239, a bill to support innovation, and for other purposes.

S. 432

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Services for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) 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. 961

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to create the income security conditions and family supports needed to ensure permanency for the Nation's unaccompanied youth, and for other purposes.

S. 1102

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1102, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 1269

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) 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 Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor 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.

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1935, *supra*.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 3186

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3186, a bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the identification number of a mobile device.

S. 3203

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3203, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 3237

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 3237, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 3239

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3239, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 3244

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3244, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory.

S. 3269

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3269, a bill to provide that no United States assistance may be provided to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed.

S. 3384

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3384, a bill to extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs.

S. 3395

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3395, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to extend certain supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs.

S. 3397

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3397, a bill to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes.

S. 3423

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3423, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 3427. A bill to permanently extend the employer-provided child care credit under section 45F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, we know taxes are scheduled to increase for all Americans next year, and we know an across-the-board tax increase on all Americans would be very bad for our economy. What we disagree on is which tax cuts should be continued.

Unfortunately, this has become a highly partisan debate. Someone watching this debate would assume we cannot agree on anything when it comes to taxes, but they would be wrong. We do agree on far more than we disagree. We agree that middle-class tax rates should not go up. We agree that the alternative minimum tax should not affect middle-class taxpayers. We agree on a variety of tax breaks that help families raise children and invest in their education. Our disagreements elsewhere should not stop