

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “7(a) Loan Program; Eligible Passive Companies” (RIN3245-AG48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6988. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Investment Companies—Early Stage SBICs” (RIN3245-AG32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6989. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Investment Companies—Energy Saving Qualified Investments” (RIN3245-AF86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6990. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Investment Companies—Conflicts of Interest and Investment of Idle Funds” (RIN3245-AF56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Titanium Dioxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9354-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6992. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9354-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6993. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acetamiprid; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9352-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6994. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Maritime Administration’s (MARAD) Operations and Training account (69 1750); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6995. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral and rear admiral (lower half) as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6996. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defining Larger Participants of the Consumer Reporting Market” ((RIN3170-AA00) (Docket No. CFPB-2012-0005)) received

in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6997. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Confidential Treatment of Privileged Information” ((RIN3170-AA20) (Docket No. CFPB-2012-0010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6998. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility” ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6999. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Section 322(k) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7000. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Financial Stability Oversight Council’s study of the feasibility, benefits, costs, and structure of a contingent capital requirement for nonbank financial companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7001. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council’s annual report to Congress on the activities of the Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7002. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank’s 2011 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7003. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, 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 Ghana.

Nominee: Gene Allan Cretz.

Post: Ambassador to Ghana.

(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: None. 0
2. Spouse: None. 0
3. Children and Spouses: None. 0
4. Parents: None. 0
5. Grandparents: None. 0

6. Brothers and Spouses: None. 0
7. Sisters and Spouses: None. 0

*Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Liberia.

Nominee: Deborah Ruth Malac.

Post: Liberia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$150.00, 06/20/2008, Friends of Mark Warner.

2. Spouse: \$35.00, 02/18/2009, Democratic National Committee; \$35.00, 03/19/2009, Democratic National Committee.

3. Children and Spouses: Nicholas Stefan Olson: \$107.07, 11/03/2008, Obama Victory Fund; \$30.00, 11/05/2008, Obama Victory Fund. Gregory Michael Olson: None. Katharine Elaine Olson: None.

4. Parents: Barry Forrest Malac and Marian Bartak Malac: \$25.00, 01/10/2008, Georgia Republican Party; \$20.00, 01/22/2008, Union County (GA) Republican Women; \$15.00, 06/07/2008, Republican National Committee; \$10.00, 08/14/2008, RNC Victory 2008; \$20.00, 1/17/2008, Republican National Committee; \$20.00, 01/23/2009, Union County (GA) Republican Women; \$10.00, 07/15/2009, Georgia Republican Party; \$10.00, 09/28/2009, Republican National Committee; \$15.00, 10/21/2009, Republican National Committee; \$20.00, 01/23/2010, Union County (GA) Republican Women; \$20.00, 04/17/2010, Republican National Committee; \$10.00, 09/10/2010, Republican National Committee; \$15.00, 10/06/2010, National Republican Congressional Committee; \$15.00, 10/30/2010, National Republican Committee; \$15.00, 04/04/2011, National Republican Congressional Committee; \$25.00, 06/21/2011, Union County (GA) Republican Women; \$15.00, 11/02/2011, National Republican Congressional Committee.

5. Grandparents: Rev. Joseph Paul Bartak—deceased; Minnie Polk Bartak—deceased; Rev. Gustav Malac—deceased; Antonie Malac—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Roy David Malac and Carolyn Malac: None; Timothy Alan Malac and Theresa Malac: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Nominee: Thomas Hart Armbruster.

Post: Chief of Mission Marshall Islands.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Son: Bryan Christopher Armbruster: None. Daughter: Kalia Chandler Armbruster: \$20, 2010, Obama for America.

4. Parents: Father: Robert John Armbruster: None. Mother: Nancy Elizabeth Armbruster: \$20, 2010, Obama for America.

5. Grandparents: None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Brother: Christopher Ian Armbruster: \$40, 2010, Obama for America. Spouse: Carol Benson: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*David Bruce Wharton, 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 Zimbabwe.

Nominee: David Bruce Wharton.

Post: Zimbabwe.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$25, 5/25/08, "Obama for America"; \$50, 7/4/08, "Obama for America"; \$50, 10/15/08, "Obama for America"; \$25, 6/30/11, "Obama for America"; \$25, 9/14/11, "Obama for America"; \$50, 12/20/11, "Gerry Connolly for Congress."

2. Spouse: \$25, 6/25/08, "Obama for America"; \$25, 10/15/08, "Obama for America"; \$25, 2/14/12, "Obama for America"; \$25, 05/08/12, "Gerry Connolly for Congress."

3. Children and Spouses: None.

4. Parents: CM Wharton, Approx \$200 06/08 to 04/12, "Obama for America."

5. Grandparents: None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Greta Christine Holtz, 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 Sultanate of Oman.

Nominee: Greta C. Holtz.

Post: Oman.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: Francisco Cosio-Marron. None.

3. Children and Spouses: Victoria Cosio-Marron: None; Alexandra Cosio-Marron: None; Anthony Cosio-Marron: None.

4. Parents: Frederick C. Holtz, Jr.: None; Clarice C. Holtz: None.

5. Grandparents: Carlos W. Campbell: None; Alice M. Campbell: None; Frederick C. Holtz: None; Margaret N. Holtz: None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Frederick C. Holtz: None; Denise Holtz: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Carla E. Holtz: None.

*Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

Nominee: Alexander M. Laskaris.

Post: Republic of Guinea.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A.

4. Parents: Gus C.A. Laskaris—deceased, None; Evelyn Laskaris: None.

5. Grandparents: Anthony & Katherine Xanthopoulos—deceased, None; Arisitidis & Eleni Laskaris, deceased; None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Anthony Laskaris: \$50, 2008, Democratic National Cmte; \$50, 2009, Democratic National Cmte; \$50, 2010, Democratic National Cmte; \$50, 2011, Democratic National Cmte; \$50, 2012, Democratic National Cmte.

Gus A. Laskaris: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Maria Laskaris: \$100, 2008, Hillary Clinton for President.

*Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, 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 Bulgaria.

Nominee: Marcie B. Ries.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Nominated: May 24, 2012.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: \$250, 6/1/2011, Elizabeth Esty.

3. Children and Spouses: Alexander, none; Meredith, none.

4. Parents: Mona Berman: \$75, 2008, Dem Natl Comm; \$50, 2009, DNC; \$75, 2010, DNC; \$50, 2010, Emily's List.

5. Grandparents: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Laura Jane Berman, none.

*John M. Koenig, of Washington, 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 Cyprus.

Nominee: John M. Koenig.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Nominated: June 6, 2012.

(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: \$250,00, 10-05-2008, Obama for America.

2. Spouse: Natalie, none.

3. Children and Spouses: Theodore—single, none; Alexander—single, none.

4. Parents: Theodore Koenig, Janet Koenig—deceased, none.

5. Grandparents: Gerald Crowe—deceased, none; Bernice Crowe—deceased, none; John F. Koenig—deceased, none; Martha Koenig—deceased, none.

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Kathryn Emrick: \$100.00, 09-19-2008, Obama for America; \$50.00, 11-01-2008, Obama for America; Max Emrick: \$50.00, 10-30-2011, Maria Cantwell; Lisa Koenig, none; Matthew Baker, none.

*Michael David Kirby, 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 Serbia.

Nominee: Michael D. Kirby.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Nominated: June 14, 2012.

(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: \$40, 2010, Congressman Gerry Connelly.

2. Spouse: Sara Powelson Kirby, none.

3. Children and Spouses: Katherine Van Nest Kirby—daughter, none; Enrique Plaza Garcia—her husband, none; Elizabeth Marie Kirby—daughter, none.

4. Parents: Dolores Marie Kirby: \$50, 2007, 2008, & 2009, DNC; \$200, 2008, Obama for America; Richard Norman Kirby—deceased.

5. Grandparents: Charles and Marie Senkfor—both deceased; James P. and Marie Kirby—both deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Charles J. Kirby: \$100, 2008, MoveOn.org; \$100, 2008, Obama for America; Christie Kramer (his spouse), none; Richard A. Kirby and his spouse Beth-ann Roth, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Lynn Marie Kirby and her spouse Stephen Rogers, none.

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 Narendran Channugam and ending with Jana S. Wooden, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 7, 2012.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Thomas J. Brennan and ending with Thomas Pepe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 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. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 3444. A bill to require that textile and apparel articles acquired for use by executive agencies be manufactured from articles, materials, or supplies entirely grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr.

MCCONNELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. KYL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BOOZMAN,