

## 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.

(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: \$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,

Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHANNES, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3445. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 3446. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to halt the premature proposed listing of 4 central Texas salamander species resulting from a settlement agreement, and to take into account extensive ongoing State and local conservation efforts; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3447. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to permit access to certain disability benefits without penalty; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3448. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3449. A bill to prohibit purchases by the Federal Government of Chinese goods and services until the People's Republic of China becomes a party to the Agreement on Government Procurement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 3450. A bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 3451. A bill to exempt certain air taxi services from taxes on transportation by air; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3452. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3453. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 529. A resolution recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by supporting education, awareness outreach, and research specifically focused on how prostate cancer affects African-American men; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 530. A resolution designating the month of August 2012 as "National Registered Apprenticeship Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 531. A resolution commemorating the success of Team USA in the past 25 Olympic Games and supporting Team USA in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. KOHL):

S. Res. 532. A resolution expressing support for the XIX International AIDS Conference and the sense of the Senate that continued commitment by the United States to HIV/AIDS research, prevention, and treatment programs is crucial to protecting global health; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 195

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 1173

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) 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. 1454

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1454, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 1935

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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. 2055

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2055, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the protection of certain information.

S. 2078

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2078, a bill to enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of the Nation's home builders, and to provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the Nation's need for new homes.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2094, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to update a program to provide assistance for the planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, or treat municipal combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, and to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to update certain guidance used to develop and determine the financial capability of communities to implement clean water infrastructure programs.

S. 2268

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2472

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2472, a bill to provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service for research and demonstration projects relating to autism spectrum disorders.