

Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC093) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7118. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Recreational Fisheries of the United States; National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program" (RIN0648-BB49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7119. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC109) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7120. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-X094) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7121. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Arrowtooth Flounder, Flathead Sole, Rex Sole, Deep-Water Flatfish, and Shallow-Water Flatfish in the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XC110) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7122. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment of Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder Annual Catch Limits" (RIN0648-X077) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7123. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC112) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7124. A joint communication from the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to maintaining the EP-3E Airborne Reconnaissance Integrated Electronic System II and the Special Projects Aircraft platform in a manner that meets the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements of the Commanders of the Combatant Commands; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7125. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7126. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7127. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2012-0085—2012-0096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7128. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2013 Rates; Hospitals' Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment Purposes; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers and for Ambulatory Surgical Centers" (RIN0938-AR12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7129. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-399, "Walter Reed Army Medical Center Base Realignment and Closure Homeless Assistance Submission Approval Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7130. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-400, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7131. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Council for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7132. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7133. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permissible Investments for Federal and State Savings Associations; Corporate Debt Securities" (RIN3064-AD88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7134. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to exempt all military personnel accounts from sequester for fiscal

year 2013, if sequester is necessary; to the Committee on the Budget.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-129. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio designating Central State University as Ohio's 1890 land grant university and requesting that the United States Congress pass legislation and the United States Department of Agriculture take steps to recognize that designation and provide the institution with all of the benefits of the designation; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Whereas, the United States Congress enacted and the President of the United States signed into law the Morrill Act of 1862 permitting each state to designate at least one institution as a "land grant" college or university where the leading object is the teaching of agriculture and the mechanic arts, initially endowing such institution with a grant of land or scrip for the receiving state to sell and invest on behalf of the institution; and

Whereas, the United States Congress enacted and the President of the United States signed into law the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to extend access to higher education by providing sustained federal support for all land grant institutions and to expand and enhance educational opportunities in agriculture and the mechanic arts for Black Americans; and

Whereas, the State of Ohio established The Ohio State University as the state's land grant university under the Morrill Act of 1862 in order to provide excellent educational opportunities to all Ohioans; and

Whereas, the State of Ohio, in 1887, created the Combined Normal and Industrial Department of Wilberforce University to provide teacher training and vocational education open to all qualified applicants of good and moral character; and

Whereas, Central State University is the successor of that institution and continues to provide baccalaureate and graduate educational opportunities in a wide variety of agriculture-related disciplines; and

Whereas, Central State University is Ohio's only public historically Black college or university; and

Whereas, Central State University and its predecessor institutions have made the same extraordinary contributions to the education of African Americans in the State of Ohio as other 1890 universities have made in their respective states; and

Whereas, the Ohio General Assembly desires to designate Central State University as an 1890 land grant university under the Second Morrill Act; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate Central State University as a land grant university under the Second Morrill Act of 1890 and request that the United States Congress pass legislation, and the United States Department of Agriculture take the necessary steps, to recognize that designation and to provide Central State University with all of the benefits of such designation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority

Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the United States Senate.

POM-130. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging the President and Congress to begin an expedited withdrawal of forces from Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 824

Whereas, the United States of America was attacked in a well-coordinated operation by a group of terrorists on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, almost 3,000 innocent men, women, and children were killed as a result of the airplanes that were hijacked by the terrorists and subsequently crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and an open field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the terrorists were proven to be members of the terrorist organization known as al-Qaeda, which was led by Osama bin Laden; and

Whereas, the al-Qaeda terrorist organization had operated for years from sanctuary locations based in Afghanistan; the group conducted numerous acts of terror over the years against U.S. targets both on the U.S. mainland and in other locations throughout the world, which had been planned in those sanctuary locations; and

Whereas, in order to disrupt and destroy the al-Qaeda terrorist organization and capture or eliminate its leaders, it was necessary to attack the organization's sanctuary bases; and

Whereas, in October of 2001, the United States military, acting under orders issued by Commander-in-Chief President George W. Bush, attacked al-Qaeda sanctuary bases in Afghanistan in conjunction with local Afghan forces opposed to the terrorist organization operating in their country; and

Whereas, the United States military, in the finest traditions of America's fighting forces, had great success in disrupting, dispersing, and destroying al-Qaeda operations and eliminating many of its senior leaders; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama, succeeding President Bush as Commander-in-Chief, did continue and strengthen the efforts to completely destroy al-Qaeda; such efforts resulted in the killing of Osama bin Laden, the leader of al-Qaeda, bringing the world's leading terrorist to justice for the many acts of murder which he and his organization carried out; and

Whereas, the United States, having joined forces with nations from around the world, led an effort to stabilize Afghanistan by supporting infrastructure projects beneficial to all Afghans and by helping the Afghans understand the positive benefits of equal rights for all, judicial due process, and the rule of law; and

Whereas, after more than a decade of extended military operations to enhance security and with contributions of hundreds of billions of dollars of nation-building resources having been put into the country to foster development, much progress has been made toward the goals of a free and secure society within Afghanistan; and

Whereas, while this progress has come at a high financial cost, it has also cost the lives of more than 1,500 brave American service members and dozens of fighting forces of other nations, all of whom made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country; and

Whereas, despite this progress, it appears from recent events involving all the International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF)

that the presence of the United States military and that of other countries, as well as the civilian consultants that are working to help the Afghan people, has not been accepted by a broad spectrum of the Afghanistan population; and

Whereas, this lack of acceptance places all foreign military and civilian consultant personnel in grave danger, which results in an inability for those personnel to properly conduct the types of operations in which they are engaged; and

Whereas, there is already in place a plan to withdraw most forces from Afghanistan in the 2014 time frame; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the President and Congress to begin an expedited withdrawal of forces from Afghanistan, to the fullest extent possible consistent with strategic military objectives, thus accelerating the current withdrawal plan set in place; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to the President, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the President pro tempore of the United States Senate.

POM-131. A resolution adopted by the Pecos River Commission requesting that Congress fully fund the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) gages associated with the Pecos River Basin and the U.S. Geological Survey place a priority on funding these gages under NSIP; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-132. A resolution adopted by the Pecos River Commission requesting that Congress reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Section 5056, and to appropriate sufficient funds to carry out work related to that legislation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1956. A bill to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-195).

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

H.R. 5856. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-196).

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 5882. A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-197).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 546. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-198).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1065. A bill to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation (Rept. No. 112-199).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1218. A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-200).

S. 379. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe (Rept. No. 112-201).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 772. A bill to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service (Rept. No. 112-202).

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

S. 225. A bill to permit the disclosure of certain information for the purpose of missing child investigations.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Jon S. Tigar, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

By Mrs. MURRAY for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Thomas Skerik Sowers II, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

*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 Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 3481. A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees and to require approval of high cost Government conferences and reporting regarding Government conferences; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RISK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr.