

NOP-11-09FR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7325. A communication from the Administrator of the National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset Review (2012); Correction" ((RIN0581-AC96) (AMS-NOP-09-0074; NOP-09-01FR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7326. A communication from the Administrator of Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Mid-east Marketing Area; Order Amending the Order" (AMS-DA-11-0067) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7327. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program; Establishment of the Reporting Regulation for Wholesale Pork" ((RIN0581-AD07) (AMS-LS-11-0049)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7328. A communication from the Administrator of the Livestock and Seed Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research; Amendment to the Order" (AMS-LS-11-0086) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7329. A communication from the Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations; Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports" (AMS-CN-11-0091) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7330. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Changing Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0002; FV12-929-1 IR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7331. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0080; FV11-966-1 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the Presi-

dent of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7332. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specialty Crops; Import Regulations; New Pistachio Import Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0064; FV09-999-1 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7333. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0093; FV12-932-1 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7334. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9360-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7335. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Microbial Pesticide Definitions and Applicability; Clarification and Availability of Test Guideline" (FRL No. 9338-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7336. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9360-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7337. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nitric Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9338-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7338. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thifensulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9360-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7339. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Inflation Adjustment of Threshold for Acquisition of Right-Hand Drive Passenger Sedans" ((RIN0750-AH65) (DFARS Case 2012-D016)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7340. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Reporting of Government-Furnished Property" ((RIN0750-AG83) (DFARS Case 2012-D001)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7341. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Industrial Base Capabilities Fund; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7342. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Fiscal Year 2011 Inventory of Contracts for Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7343. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five (5) Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending June 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## 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. WICKER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 3526. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to protect the rights of conscience of members of the Armed Forces and chaplains of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 3527. A bill to provide for enhanced criminal penalties for individuals who file a SEVP certification petition under false pretenses, to prohibit certain schools from accessing SEVIS or participating in the SEVP and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 3528. A bill to repeal the authorization to provide office space, a furnishings allowance, congressional franking privileges, and staff assistance to former Speakers of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 3529. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify a certain provision relating to prevention of accidental releases; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. KYL):

S.J. Res. 50. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; to the Committee on Finance.

## 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 Nebraska (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 548. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2012, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 549. A resolution designating September 2012 as "Campus Fire Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. INHOPE):

S. Res. 550. A resolution designating September 13, 2012, as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 434

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) 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. 634

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons.

S. 645

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 722

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Con-

necticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

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

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible beneficiaries of employees.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 1832

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1832, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

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

S. 1935

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

(Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) 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. 1966

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1966, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for enrolling, activating, issuing, and renewing Transportation Worker Identification Credentials so that applicants are not required to visit a designated enrollment center more than once.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1989, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 2078

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) 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. 2347

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) 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. 2620

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2620, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 3083

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3083, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require certain nonresident aliens to provide valid immigration documents to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit.

S. 3199

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3199, a bill to amend the