received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

EC-5018 A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Palm Beach International Airport, FL'' ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0527)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5019. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Olathe, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0748)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5020. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Adminis-Department of Transportation, tration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Show Low, AZ'' ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1023)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5021. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kwigillingok, AK'' ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0881)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5022. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kipnuk, AK'' ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FM-2011-0866)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5023. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Oneonta, AL'' ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0744)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5024. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney Corp. (PW) JT9D-7R4H1 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0731)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9. 2012: to the Committee on Commerce. Science, and Transportation.

EC-5025. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Apical Industries, Inc., (Apical) Emergency Float Kits" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1190)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012: to the Committee on Commerce Science. and Transportation.

EC-5026. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1040)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

- S Res 342 A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Laura Pollan.
- S. Res. 372. A resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Egypt relationship, and urging the Government of Egypt to protect civil liberties and cease intimidation and prosecution of civil society workers and democracy activists, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations

\*Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

\*Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

\*Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacv.

\*Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, 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 Togolese Republic.

Nominee: Robert Earl Whitehead.

Post: Lome, Togo.

(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.
- 2. Spouse: none.
- 3. Children and Spouses: Wesley Richard Whitehead, none; Mary Ellen Whitehead-deceased.
- 4. Parents: Robert William Whitehead none: Mary Ellen Whitehead-deceased.
- 5. Grandparents: Lloyd Alvin Whiteheaddeceased: Alma Whitehead-deceased: Earl Hoover-deceased; Barbara Hattie Hooverdeceased
- 6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.
- 7. Sisters and Spouses: Barbara Lee Georgescu, none (divorced); Richard and Ruth Saukas, none; Nina Marie Howerton, none (divorced); Peter and Pamela Miller: Miller contributed \$200 to Barack Pete Obama 2008 campaign by Internet but did not keep any corroborating record. He thinks it was in August, 2008.

\*Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, 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 Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

NOMINEE: Larry Palmer.

Post: Barrados

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

- 1. Self: none.
- 2. Spouse: Lucille Palmer: none.
  3. Children and Spouses: Vincent Palmer, none; Heydi Palmer, none.
  4. Parents: Rev. R.V. Palmer, Sr—deceased;
- Mrs. Gladys Palmer-deceased.
- Grandparents: Augustus Young-deceased; Litha Young—deceased.
  6. Brothers and Spouses: R. V. Palmer, II,
- none; Theresa Palmer, none; Charles Palmer, none; Mollie Palmer, none.
  7. Sisters and Spouses: Miriam Golphin,
- none; Lewis Golphin-deceased; Seygbo Palmer (Single), none.
- \*Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, 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 Panama.

Nominee: Jonathan Don Farrar.

Post: Panama.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:

- 1. Self: none.
- 2. Spouse: none.
- 3. Children and Spouses: Melissa Lien Farrar: \$30.00, 11/06/08, "No on 8"; \$5.00, 06/28/ 11, "Obama for America." Jason Asher, none; Jonathan Don Farrar III, none; Leigh Castaldo, none; Nathaniel Lysle Farrar,
- none.
  4. Parents: Joseph Don Farrar—deceased; Josephine McIntire Farrar—deceased.

Grandparents: Elizabeth McIntire—deceased; William McIntire—deceased; Lysle Farrar—deceased; Lucille Farrar—deceased.

- 6. Brothers and Spouses: Joseph Frank Farrar, none; Dana Farrar: \$50.00, 09/20/08, "No on 8/Equality California"; \$20.00, 09/15/09, California''; California''; \$25.00, "Equality 05/18/10, \$50.00, 09/21/08, "Equality "Obama for America"; \$35.00, 07/07/05, "California Democratic Party."
- Sisters and Spouses: Melissa Ramierz: \$50.00, 06/17/08, "Obama for America"; \$15.00, 06/28/08, "Obama for America"; \$25.00, 09/03/08, "Obama for America";
  "Obama for America"; \$25.00, 10/08/08. \$50.00, 09/02/11. "Emily's List". Fernando Ramirez, none.

\*Phyllis Marie Powers, 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 Republic of Nicaragua.

Nominee: Phyllis Marie Powers.

Post: Nicaragua.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

- 1. Self: none.
- 2. Spouse: none.
- 3. Children and Spouses: none.
- 4. Parents: deceased.
- ${\it 5. Grand parents: deceased.}$
- 6. Brothers and Spouses: none.
- 7. Sisters and Spouses: Pamela and Donald Curley: \$200.00, August 2008, Brett Green Campaign for District Judge in Wilkesboro, NC. Patricia and Charles Miller, none.

\*Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India.

Nominee: Nancy J. Powell.

Post: New Delhi, India.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

- 1. Self: none.
- 2. Spouse: N/A.
- 3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
- 4. Parents: Joseph William Powell—deceased; J. Maxine Powell—deceased.
- 5. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Crandall—deceased; Mr. & Mrs. Omar Little—deceased.
- 6. Brothers and Spouses: William Craig Powell—deceased.
  - 7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD 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 James A. Bever and ending with John Mark Winfield, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 12, 2011. (minus 1 nominee: R. Douglass Arbuckle)

\*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Jason P. Jeffreys and ending with Courtney J. Woods, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 8, 2011.

\*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Ronald P. Verdonk and ending with Bruce J. Zanin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2011

\*Nominations were reported with recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

## 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. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2104. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize

grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2105. A bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States; read the first time.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2106. A bill to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 2107. A bill to amend the extension of the temporary employee payroll tax holiday to give individuals the choice of whether to participate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2108. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for the establishment of Youth Corps programs and provide for wider dissemination of the Youth Corps model; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. McCain):

S. 2109. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the allottees of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of municipal water projects relating to the water rights claims, to resolve litigation against the United States concerning Colorado River operations affecting the States of California, Arizona, and Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

# 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. INHOFE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 372. A resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Egypt relationship, and urging the Government of Egypt to protect civil liberties and cease intimidation and prosecution of civil society workers and democracy activists, and for other purposes: placed on the calendar.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Kyl.):

S. Res. 373. A resolution recognizing February 14, 2012, as the centennial of the State of Arizona: considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. GRASS-LEY):

S. Res. 374. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 375. A resolution celebrating the bicentennial of the City of Columbus, the capital city of the State of Ohio; considered and agreed to.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor 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. 414

At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Coons) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 648

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. Begich) was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1023, a bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. Udall of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. Baucus, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kerry) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. Blunt, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs.