

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: none.
3. Children and Spouses: none.
4. Parents: deceased.
5. Grandparents: 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.

(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.)

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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. GRASSLEY):

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.

HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to improve teacher quality, and for other purposes.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1773

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1773, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1796

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1796, a bill to make permanent the Internal Revenue Service Free File program.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) 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. 1925

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1925, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) 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. 2004

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the troops who defended Bataan during World War II.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 2058

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to close loopholes, increase transparency, and improve the effectiveness of sanctions on Iranian trade in petroleum products.

S. 2065

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2065, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to modify the discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees and extending the pay freeze for Federal employees.

S.J. RES. 21

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 21, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

AMENDMENT NO. 1521

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1521 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1534

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1534 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1535

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1535 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1545

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 1545 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1546

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1546 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Water Resources Research Amendments Act. First authorized in 1964, the Water Resources Research Act established 54 Water Resources Research Institutes across the country and set up a grant program for applied water supply research. The act was most recently reauthorized in 2006, in PL 109-471. The bill I introduce today would reauthorize the grant program for the next 5 years and would add a program focused on the research and development of green infrastructure.

The research funded through the Water Resources Research Act has had lasting impacts on our Nation's waters. In fact, some of the tools we use today for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay were a product of these research grants. WRRRA Researchers across the Mid-Atlantic States have developed ways to keep the Chesapeake waters clean through urban stormwater treatment, improved roadway design, and eco-friendly poultry farming practices. Moreover, WRRRA-funded projects develop innovative and cost-effective solutions for similar water resources issues across the country. For example, the technology used in West Virginia's innovative nutrient trading program utilizes technology developed by WRRRA researchers. Undoubtedly, funding WRRRA is an intelligent and necessary investment in the future of our water resources.

WRRRA authorizes two types of annual grants. First, it supplies grants to each Water Resources Research Institute for research that fosters improvements in water supply reliability, explores new ways to address water problems, encourages dissemination of research to water managers and the public, and encourages the entry of new