

States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

At 9:48 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 733. An act to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.

H.R. 1461. An act to authorize the Mesquero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights.

H.R. 3319. An act to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe.

H.R. 3783. An act to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4158. An act to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions.

H.R. 6060. An act to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019.

H.R. 6118. An act to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspensions, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification.

H.R. 6433. An act to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

At 1:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2827. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2903. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

H.R. 4124. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

H.R. 4212. An act to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5044. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans.

H.R. 5910. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to produce a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5912. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.

H.R. 5948. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6163. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

H.R. 6296. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide the interest rate for certain disaster related loans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6324. An act to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6361. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6368. An act to require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a joint report to Congress on the Departments' ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence.

H.R. 6375. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6410. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

H.R. 6431. An act to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3245. An act to extend by 3 years the authorization of the EB-5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

S. 3552. An act to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 118. 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.

MEASURES REFERRED ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2827. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2903. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3319. An act to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 4124. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4212. An act to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5044. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 5948. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6060. An act to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6163. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 6324. An act to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6361. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6368. An act to require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a report to Congress on the Departments' ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and

provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3607. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7698. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Rural Services, in the Department of Agriculture received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7699. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Operation and Maintenance, Army (OMA) appropriation, account 2172020, at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) during fiscal year 2007 and was assigned Army case number 11-04; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7700. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7701. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7702. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7703. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Poland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7704. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Charter of the Consumer Advisory Board; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7705. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction"

(RIN0648-XC196) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7706. 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XC205) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7707. 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC202) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7708. 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 Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XC166) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7709. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Fishery; 2012-2013 Accountability Measure and Closure for Recreational Black Sea Bass in the South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XC133) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7710. 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 Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions 4 through 14" (RIN0648-X121) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7711. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 6" (RIN0648-BB99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7712. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit in Longline Fisheries for 2012" (RIN0648-BC14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7713. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fish-

eries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BB28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7714. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "MOX Fuel Fabrication Feedstock"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7715. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a technical correction for the boundary for the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7716. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the detailed boundaries for the Au Sable, Bear Creek, Manistee, and Pine Rivers in Michigan relative to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7717. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the detailed boundary for the White Salmon Wild and Scenic River, Oregon relative to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7718. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Procedures for Placement and Monitoring of Work with Federal Agencies Other Than the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratory Work" (Management Directive 11.8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7719. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase I project in Miami-Dade County, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7720. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Material from Mali" (RIN1515-AD91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7721. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement" (RIN1515-AD88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7722. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections Relating to the Rules of Origin for Goods Imported Under the NAFTA and for Textile and Apparel Products" (CPB Dec. 12-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7723. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report