

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9745-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8176. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of New Mexico; Regional Haze Rule Requirements for Mandatory Class I Areas" (FRL No. 9755-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8177. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Limitations Adjusted As Provided in Section 415(d), etc." (Notice 2012-67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8178. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising the Exemption for Digger Derricks in the Cranes and Derricks in Construction Standard" (RIN1218-AC75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2178. A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property (Rept. No. 112-241).

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. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 3639. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide secure borders and to give long-term resident youth the ability to contribute to the safety and economic growth of the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 3640. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3641. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3642. A bill to clarify the scope of the Economic Espionage Act of 1996; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 601. A resolution commending the people of Albania on the 100th anniversary of the declaration of their independence from the Turkish Ottoman Empire on November 28, 1912, and commending Albanians in Albania and Kosovo for protecting and saving the lives of all Jews who either lived in Albania or sought asylum there during the Holocaust; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 602. A resolution designating 2012-2013 as the "Year of the Korean War Veteran" and recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Korean War; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 392

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. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 426

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 426, a bill to strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare young people for college, careers, and citizenship through innovative partnerships that meet the comprehensive needs of children and youth.

S. 1245

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 through 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

CHAMBLISS) 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. 1880

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

S. 2212

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2212, a bill to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) title 28, United States Code.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) 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. 2474

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2474, a bill to improve the health of minority individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2620

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3244

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3244, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory.

S. 3430

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3430, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 3441

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3441, a bill to provide for the transfer of excess Department of Defense aircraft to the Forest Service for wildfire suppression activities, and for other purposes.

S. 3477

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3477, a bill to ensure that the United States promotes women's meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

S. 3512

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3512, a bill to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels.

S. 3539

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3539, a bill to encourage the adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics.

S. 3542

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3542, a bill to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.

S. 3551

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3551, a bill to require investigations into and a report on the September 11–13, 2012, attacks on the United States missions in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen, and for other purposes.

S. 3560

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3560, a bill to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.

S. 3574

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3574, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 3617

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3617, a bill to ensure sufficient sizing of the civilian and contract services workforces of the Department of Defense.

S. 3635

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3635, a bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration.

S. RES. 150

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 150, a resolution calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world.

S. RES. 518

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 518, a resolution congratulating the Southern Baptist Convention for electing Reverend Fred Luter, Jr., as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, acknowledging Reverend Luter's unique role as the first African-American leader of the Southern Baptist Convention, and honoring the commitment of the Southern Baptist Convention to an inclusive faith-based community and society.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 599, a resolution expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

AMENDMENT NO. 2928

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2928 intended to be proposed to S. 3254, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2929

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2929 intended to be proposed to S. 3254, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2940

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New

Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2940 intended to be proposed to S. 3254, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 601—COMMENDING THE PEOPLE OF ALBANIA ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE TURKISH OTTOMAN EMPIRE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1912, AND COMMENDING ALBANIANS IN ALBANIA AND KOSOVO FOR PROTECTING AND SAVING THE LIVES OF ALL JEWS WHO EITHER LIVED IN ALBANIA OR SOUGHT ASYLUM THERE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 601

Whereas, in 1934, the United States Ambassador to Albania Herman Bernstein wrote that "there is no trace of any discrimination against Jews in Albania, because Albania happens to be one of the rare lands in Europe today where religious prejudice and hate do not exist, even though Albanians themselves are divided into three faiths";

Whereas, in 1938, approximately 300 Albanian Jews lived in the Republic of Albania, and more than 1,900 escaped to Albania from Nazi-occupied Western Europe and the former Yugoslavia during World War II;

Whereas Albanians in Albania and Kosova, based on their unique history of religious tolerance, considered it a matter of national pride and tradition to help Jews during the Holocaust, and due to the actions of many individual Albanians, the entire native and refugee Jewish community in Albania during World War II survived the Holocaust;

Whereas Albanians sheltered and protected Jews in Albania and in Kosova, even at the risk of Albanian lives, beginning with the invasion and occupation of Albania by Italian fascists led by Benito Mussolini in 1939;

Whereas, after Nazi Germany occupied Albania in 1943 and the Gestapo ordered Jewish refugees in the Albanian capital of Tirana to register, Albanian leaders refused to provide a list of Jews living in Albania, and Albanian clerks issued false identity papers to protect all Jews in the country;

Whereas, in June 1990, Jewish-American Congressman Tom Lantos and former Albanian-American Congressman Joe DioGuardi were the first United States officials to enter Albania in 50 years and received from the Communist Party leader and Albanian President Ramiz Alia a thick file from the archives containing hundreds of news clippings and personal letters sent by Jews to their Albanian rescuers after World War II, but that the Communist government prevented from being delivered for 45 years;

Whereas Congressman Joe DioGuardi, upon returning to the United States in June 1990,