

EC-8428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9370-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8429. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of several violations of the Antideficiency Act in a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8430. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on College Credit Cards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8431. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Washington DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9755-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8432. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County Incorporation by Reference of Pennsylvania's Control of NOx Emissions from Glass Melting Furnaces" (FRL No. 9755-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8433. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, for Imperial County, Placer County and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts" (FRL No. 9710-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8434. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 12-153, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8435. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2012-0170 - 2012-0183); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8436. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-130); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8437. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-162); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8438. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food" (Docket No. FDA-1999-F-1267) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8439. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food" (Docket No. FDA-1999-F-4617) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8440. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General, the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8441. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8442. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8443. A communication from the Acting Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8444. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8445. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to unvouchered expenditures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8446. A communication from the Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8447. A communication from the Chairman and Members of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2012

through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 183, A bill to clarify the applicability of certain maritime laws with respect to the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon (Rept. No. 112-245).

Report to accompany S. 1759, A bill to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition (Rept. No. 112-246).

Report to accompany S. 2279, A bill to amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to provide additional protection for the R.M.S. Titanic and its wreck site, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-247).

Report to accompany S. 3410, A bill to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, and Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers Beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-248).

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. BOXER:

S. 3657. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 3658. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fayetteville Street in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Jesse Helms Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3659. A bill to repeal certain changes to contracts with Medicare Quality Improvement Organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3660. A bill to extend the payroll tax holiday and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a temporary payroll increase tax credit for certain employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3661. A bill to reaffirm and amend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 3662. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Nichols Street in Westminster, Massachusetts, as the "Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. MORAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 609. A resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of United States citizen Alan Phillip Gross from detention in Cuba and urging the Government of Cuba to address his medical issues; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Res. 610. A resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1880

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

S. 1897

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property.

S. 2318

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2318, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, and for other purposes.

S. 3472

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3472, a bill to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act.

S. 3575

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3575, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide equal treatment of LGBT older individuals.

S. 3616

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the expansion of tax benefits for adoption enacted in 2001 and to permanently reinstate the expansion of tax benefits for adoption enacted in 2010, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 595

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 595, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 609—CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN ALAN PHILLIP GROSS FROM DETENTION IN CUBA AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA TO ADDRESS HIS MEDICAL ISSUES

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. REED of Rhode Island) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 609

Whereas, Alan Phillip Gross, a citizen of the United States, was born in New York on May 2, 1949, and is a resident of the State of Maryland;

Whereas Mr. Gross has devoted his professional life to helping others through his work in international development and has served in more than 50 countries and territories worldwide;

Whereas, in 2001, Mr. Gross founded JBDC, LLC to support Internet connectivity in locations with little or no access;

Whereas, on February 10, 2009, JBDC, LLC received a subcontract with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID);

Whereas, working as a subcontractor for the United States Agency for International Development, Mr. Gross sought to establish wireless networks and improve Internet and Intranet access and connectivity for a small, peaceful, non-dissident, Cuban Jewish community;

Whereas Mr. Gross made 5 trips to Cuba in furtherance of the United States Agency for International Development project he was subcontracted to support;

Whereas the last time Mr. Gross was in the United States was on November 24, 2009;

Whereas Mr. Gross was arrested on December 3, 2009, in Havana, Cuba;

Whereas Mr. Gross was detained without charge for 14 months;

Whereas Mr. Gross was charged in February 2011 with "actions against the independence or the territorial integrity of the state";

Whereas Mr. Gross's trial lasted only 2 days, after which he was sentenced to 15 years in prison;

Whereas Mr. Gross and his wife Judy have 2 daughters, one of which was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010;

Whereas Mr. Gross's 90-year old mother was diagnosed with inoperable cancer in February 2011;

Whereas, in 2011, Mr. Gross's wife Judy underwent surgery, causing her to miss considerable time from work and putting further financial strain on their family;

Whereas Mr. Gross is 63 years old and has lost more than 105 pounds since being detained in Cuba;

Whereas Mr. Gross has developed degenerative arthritis in his leg and a mass behind his shoulder;

Whereas the Government of Cuba has denied requests by Mr. Gross for an independent medical examination;

Whereas Mr. Gross's legal representative filed an appeal to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention of the United Nations in August 2012; and

Whereas, since Mr. Gross was detained by the Government of Cuba on December 3, 2009, his health has severely deteriorated and his family members have suffered health and financial problems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls for the immediate and unconditional release of United States citizen Alan Phillip Gross; and

(2) urges the Government of Cuba in the meantime to provide all appropriate diagnostic and medical treatment to address the full range of medical issues facing Mr. Gross and to allow him to choose a doctor to provide him with an independent medical assessment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 610—COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 610

Whereas the United States is a world leader in science, technology, engineering, and