

Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio and Indiana; Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio; Ohio and Indiana 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revisions to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9773-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-199. 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 Regarding the Methods of Collection of Certain User Fees by CBP" (CBP Dec. 13-3) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-200. 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 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Certain Tax Items" (Rev. Proc. 2013-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-201. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—February 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-202. 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 "Extension of Guidance in Notice 2011-14 and Rev. Proc. 2011-55 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund, the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program, and Substantially Similar State Programs" (Notice 2013-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-203. 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 "Regulations Relating to Information Reporting by Foreign Financial Institutions and Withholding on Certain Payments to Foreign Financial Institutions and Other Foreign Entities" ((RIN1545-BK68) (TD 9610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-204. 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 "Application of Retroactive Increase in Excludible Transit Benefits" (Notice 2013-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-205. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Office of the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 Competitive Sourcing annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-206. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-207. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the In-

spector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-208. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the 2012 Information Collection Budget of the United States Government (ICB); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-210. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-211. 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 "Internet Publication of Administrative Seizure and Forfeiture Notices" ((CBP Dec. 13-04) (RIN1651-AA94)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-212. communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Commercial Radio Operators" (FCC 13-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-213. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-214. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relocation of and Spectrum Sharing by Federal Government Stations—Technical Panel and Dispute Resolution Boards" (RIN0660-AA26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-215. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 18a" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-216. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 8 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 19(a) (5)" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*John Forbes Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of State.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's 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. VITTER (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. THUNE):  
S. 167. A bill to suspend sales of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):  
S. 168. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 169. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 170. A bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 171. A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a Governmentwide shutdown occurs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 172. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 173. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 174. A bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 175. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the use of certain registered pesticides; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 176. A bill to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2013 through 2018 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 177. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely; read the first time.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 20. A resolution designating Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to reduce violence and protect the citizens of the United States.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 5, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 51

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

S. 63

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 63, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 135

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 152

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to retain the current leadership rank, aircraft, and core functions of the 354th Fighter Wing and the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base and to require reports on proposed activities at such installation.

S. CON. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States.

S. RES. 12

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 12, a resolution recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti.

S. RES. 13

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 13, a resolution congratulating the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its promotion of sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 13, supra.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 168. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, on January 29, 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay