

of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1821. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Approval of Sewage Sludge Incinerators State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Indiana" (FRL No. 9821-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

\*Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation.

\*Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Steven E. Day, USCGR, to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS 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.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Loring A. Small, to be Lieutenant Commander.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Adam R. Williamson, to be Lieutenant Commander.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Kevin J. Lopes, to be Commander.

\*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. PORTMAN:

S. 1122. A bill to authorize States to use assistance provided under the Hardest Hit Fund program of the Department of the Treasury to demolish blighted structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1123. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1124. A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Com-

mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1125. A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress reports on water sharing with Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COWAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1126. A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1127. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 164. A resolution designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 165. A resolution calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko in light of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 166. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and commending its successor, the African Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 167. A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 294

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of prescrip-

tion opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 964

At the request of Mrs. McCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 964, a bill to require a comprehensive review of the adequacy of the training, qualifications, and experience of the Department of Defense personnel responsible for sexual assault prevention and response for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for education of potential military recruits on healthy body weight and to facilitate and encourage exercise in potential military recruits, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

S.J. RES. 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

S. RES. 154

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 154, a resolution supporting political reform in Iran and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1025

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1025 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1118

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1118 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1163

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Da-

kota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1163 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1166

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1166 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1124. A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, scientific studies continue to show cause for concern about the chemical Bisphenol-A, BPA, especially the effects on babies and young children. Endocrine disrupting chemicals alter the function of the body's hormonal system. BPA is a synthetic estrogen, which means that it mimics this hormone when in the body. While studies continue to examine the exact effects this endocrine disrupting chemical has on humans, consumers deserve more information. They have the right to know if it is in the food products they purchase for their families.

The BPA in Food Packaging Right to Know Act requires that food packaging that uses BPA include a clear label informing consumers. The label would read, "This food packaging contains BPA, an endocrine-disrupting chemical." This basic message would allow individuals to make informed decisions about the products they purchase.

BPA is most commonly found in food products, such as the lining of cans. Parents are busy enough caring for their children and juggling what feels like a hundred things at the same time. Having factual information about whether the food they are buying at the grocery store contains BPA, a potentially harmful chemical, shouldn't be one more thing they have to go to great lengths to figure out.

This legislation also directs the Department of Health and Human Services, HHS, to do a safety assessment of food containers containing BPA to determine if there is reasonable certainty that no harm will come from long-term low dose exposure to BPA as well as high dose exposure.

This safety standard would also be used to evaluate proposed uses of alternatives to BPA. There is no use in replacing BPA in products if what we are replacing it with is just as bad or worse for human health.

The President's Cancer Panel focused on reducing the environmental cancer risk in its 2008- 2009 Annual Report. BPA is just one of many chemicals