

to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for the Arctic, Okhotsk, and Baltic Subspecies of the Ringed Seal and Endangered Status for the Ladoga Subspecies of the Ringed Seal” (RIN0648–XZ59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-252. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population for Middle Columbia River Steelhead above the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project in the Deschutes River Basin, OR” (RIN0648–BB04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-253. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for the Beringia and Okhotsk Distinct Population Segments of the *Erignathus barbatus* nauticus Subspecies of the Bearded Seal” (RIN0648–XZ58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-254. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Termination of the Southern Sea Otter Translocation Program” (RIN1018–AX51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-255. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Lost River Sucker and Shortnose Sucker” (RIN1018–AX41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-256. 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 Implementation Plans; Texas; Beaumont/Port Arthur Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets” (FRL No. 9775–2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-257. 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; Minnesota; Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend” (FRL No. 9774–4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-258. 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, San Joaquin Valley United Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 9771–3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-259. 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 “Information Reporting by Domestic Entities under Section 6038D with Respect to Specified Foreign Financial Assets” (Notice 2013–10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-260. 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 “Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2012 and 2013” (Notice 2013–3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-261. 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 “Correction to Revenue Procedure 2013–6 Employee Plans Determination Letters” (Announcement 2013–13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-262. 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 “Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit” (TD 9611) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-263. 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 “Optional Safe Harbor Method for Deducting Expenses Attributable to Business Use of a Home” (Rev. Proc. 2013–13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William H. Etter, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kenneth E. Tovo, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Barbara R. Holcomb, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Patrick D. Sargent, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Brian C. Lein and ending with Brig. Gen. Nadja Y. West, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 22, 2013.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nomination of Kory D. Bingham, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael A. Cooper and ending with Susan Michelle Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Victor Douglas Brown and ending with Rodney M. Waite, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Walter S. Adams and ending with Carl E. Supplee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with John J. Bartrum and ending with George L. Valentine, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kimberly L. Barber and ending with Janet L. Setnor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Dina L. Bernstein and ending with William R. Youngblood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Timothy Lee Bringer and ending with Christopher J. Ryan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Francis Xavier Altieri and ending with Kevin M. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nomination of Jonathan A. Foskey, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Marion J. Parks, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Karen A. Pike, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Derek S. Reynolds and ending with Brian D. Vogt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Edward A. Figueroa and ending with Michael C. Vanhoven, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Jack C. Mason and ending with Todd B. Waytashek, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Ruth E. Aponte and ending with Michael J. Zinno, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Leslie E. Akins and ending with Marc W. Zelnick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Timothy G. Abrell and ending with John A. Zulfer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Rafael E. Abreu and ending with R010075, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nomination of Jackie W. Morgan, Jr., to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Dana R. Fike, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Samuel W. Spencer III, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Larry Miyamoto, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with George L. Roberts and ending with Paul A. Shirley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Richard D. Kohler and ending with Gary J. Spinelli, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Eric T. Cline and ending with Robert S. Schmidt, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jose L. Sada and ending with Brian J. Spooner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Frederick L. Hunt and ending with Chad E. Tidwell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Todd E. Lotspeich and ending with Donald E. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jason B. Davis and ending with John F. Reynolds, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Travis M. Fulton and ending with Gary S. Liddell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Bryan Delgado and ending with Rodolfo D. Quispe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with David B. Blann and ending with Allen L. Lewis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Michael Gasperini and ending with Timothy W. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Stephen R. Byrnes and ending with James N. Timmer, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Peter K. Basabe, Jr. and ending with Michael A. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Navy nomination of Harry E. Hayes, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Shemeya L. Grant, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher J. Kane and ending with Luke C. Suber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Navy nominations beginning with Jeanine F. Benjamin and ending with Benjamin F. Visger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## 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. JOHANNIS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 190. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities of the National Labor Relations Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CORKER, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 191. A bill to codify and modify regulatory requirements of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 192. A bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 193. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 194. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 195. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 196. A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 197. A bill to authorize improvements to flood damage reduction facilities adjacent to the American and Sacramento Rivers near Sacramento, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. COATS):

S. 198. A bill to require a report on the designation of Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 199. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that oil produced from Federal leases in certain Arctic waters be transported by pipeline to on-shore facilities and to provide for the sharing of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues from areas in the Alaska Adjacent Zone; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 200. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 201. A bill to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 202. A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 203. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 204. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; read the first time.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 205. A bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a 5-person Commission, to bring the Bureau into the regular appropriations process, to provide for a safety and soundness check, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 206. A bill to expand the HUBZone program for communities affected by base realignment and closure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 207. A bill to restrict the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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