

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF
COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

(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. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 229. A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 230. A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 231. A bill to reauthorize the Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BURR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 232. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 233. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID:

S. 234. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 235. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 236. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 237. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 238. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 239. A bill to extend the frontier extended stay clinic demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 240. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 241. A bill to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 242. A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 243. A bill to provide assistance for watersheds adversely affected by qualifying natural disasters; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 244. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 245. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners of the Federal

Communications Commission to hold non-public collaborative discussions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 246. A bill to prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 247. A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 248. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 249. A bill to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 250. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 251. A bill to amend the renewable fuel program under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 252. A bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 253. A bill establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 254. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 255. A bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 256. A bill to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 257. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 258. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 259. 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. GILLIBRAND:

S. 260. A bill to require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 261. A bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 262. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 263. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to modify the discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 264. A bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 265. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure im-

provement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 266. A bill to provide for the inclusion of Israel in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; 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. MORAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 26. A resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 27. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2013, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor 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 name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 80, a bill to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting System, and for other purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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. 91

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 126

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 126, a bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children.

S. 140

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to prohibit the United States from providing financial assistance to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed.