

Whereas, on September 2, 1991, the legislature of Nagorno Karabakh declared formation of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, in accordance with then acting legislation; and

Whereas, on December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic voted in favor of the independence, and on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the Republic formally declared independence; and

Whereas, since proclaiming independence, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has registered significant progress in democracy building, which has been most recently demonstrated during the July 19, 2012, presidential elections that were assessed by international observers as free and transparent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby encourages and supports the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation in order to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and independent society; and be it further

Resolved, That the president and Congress of the United States of America are hereby urged to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and its constructive involvement with the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in that strategically important region; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-37. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the Department of Health and Hospitals examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

Whereas, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) has established policy promoting the importance of quality nutrition for all Americans in order to maintain healthy, active, independent lifestyles; and

Whereas, the NBCSL adopted policy supporting increased access to quality nutrition and support for infants and children, as passed by the United States Congress in Resolution HHS-11-19; and

Whereas, leading health and nutrition experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of patient health and that good nutrition and good patient health can keep people healthy and out of institutionalized health care facilities, thus reducing healthcare costs; and

Whereas, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is not routinely viewed as a medical concern in this nation, and that malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as older adults, hospitalized patients, or minority populations that statistically shoulder the highest incidences of the most severe chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney disease, and cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; the elderly lose lean body mass more quickly and to a greater extent than younger adults and

weight assessment (body weight and body mass index) can overlook accurate indicators of lean body mass; and

Whereas, the American Nursing Association defines therapeutic nutrition as the administration of food and fluids to support the metabolic processes of a patient who is malnourished or at high risk of becoming malnourished; and

Whereas, access to therapeutic nutrition is critical in restoring lean body mass such that it resolves malnutrition challenges and, in turn, improves clinical outcomes, reduces health care costs, and can keep people and our communities healthy; and

Whereas, despite the recognized link between good nutrition and good health, nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment have not been incorporated as routine medical treatments across the spectrum of health care: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests that the Department of Health and Hospitals examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition, as well as examine the benefits of nutrition screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment as part of the standard for evidenced-based hospital care; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana supports an increased emphasis on nutrition through the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, as well as for Medicare beneficiaries, to improve their disease management and health outcomes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana is encouraged that preventive and wellness services, such as counseling for obesity and chronic disease management, are part of the Essential Health Benefits package included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the vice president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

POM-38. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico relative to requesting the President and the Congress of the United States begin the process to admit Puerto Rico to the Union as a State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-39. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Ana, California expressing support for comprehensive federal immigration reform and urging the 113th Congress to enact reforms that secure our borders, ensure economic strength, and promote stronger communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 Lt. Gen. Frank Gorenc, to be General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Philip S. Davidson, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael S. Linnington, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Stephen M. Pachuta, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

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 Daisy Y. Eng, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Joseph N. Kenan and ending with Sirpa T. Autio, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Scott M. Sheflin and ending with Eric J. Turney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Christopher E. Cieuzo and ending with Vinh Q. Tran, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Andrew G. Boston and ending with Valerie G. Sams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Louis A. Barton and ending with Earlyne L. Rodriguez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Craig S. Berg and ending with Jonathan D. Tidwell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas R. Bouchard and ending with John A. Zenker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with George T. Barido and ending with Charles J. Sizemore, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Timothy Barnard and ending with Kevin D. Vaughn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey S. Acree and ending with Vicky L. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Mazen Abbas and ending with Gary H. Wynn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Edward T. Breecher and ending with Edward M. Wise, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Army nomination of Michael D. Payne, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Marlon E. Lewis, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of David R. Maxwell, to be Major.

Army nomination of Thomas A. Jarrett, to be Major.

Navy nomination of Kimberly K. Yeager, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of James D. Harrison, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Kerrie L. Adams and ending with Antonia J. Henry,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 3, 2013.

Navy nomination of Brent E. Havey, to be Lieutenant Commander.

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

S. 1223. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand and intensify programs of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to translational research and related activities concerning cavernous angioma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1224. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1225. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that solar energy property need not be located on the property with respect to which it is generating electricity in order to qualify for the residential energy efficient property credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1226. A bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1227. A bill to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1228. A bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1229. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1230. A bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication;

to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1233. A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1234. A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HELLER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1235. A bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. COWAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1236. A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; 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. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 187. A resolution congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2013 Stanley Cup; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHANNES (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 188. A resolution recognizing June 30, 2013, as the centennial of the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway, which originally spanned 3,389 miles through 13 states, including the great State of Nebraska; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEX-

ANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 189. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable William Dodd Hathaway, former United States Senator for the State of Maine; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 183

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services.

S. 373

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to