

EC-2360. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-1162) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2361. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-1001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2362. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0426) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2363. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bass Harbor, ME" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0793) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2364. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0185) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2365. A communication from the Inspector General of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the audit of the financial statements of the Federal Trade Commission for fiscal year 2013 has commenced; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2366. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers" (RIN1904-AC96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2367. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-092, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2368. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Canadian Firearms Components Exemptions" (RIN1400-AD07) received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2369. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Indian Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Report to Congress Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 450j-1(c) on the Funding Requirements for Contract Support Costs"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2370. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Council for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2371. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medications Prescribed by Non-VA Providers" (RIN2900-AO77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2372. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for fiscal year 2014 on the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile, Nuclear Weapons Complex, Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems and Nuclear Weapons Command and Control System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2373. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Inventory of Contracts for Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Daniel Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Daniel Brooks Baer.

Post Nominated: Permanent Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$1000, 5/2012, Obama for America; \$100, 9/2012, Obama for America.
2. Spouse: (N/A).
3. Children and Spouses: (N/A).
4. Parents: Rebecca Van Buren (widowed): \$25, 7/2012, Obama for America; \$25, 10/2012, Obama for America.
5. Grandparents: Nancy Van Buren: None.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Peter Baer (single), \$10, 9/2012, Obama for America; \$10, 9/2012, Gillibrand for Senate. Lyle Baer (single): None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Merritt Baer (single), \$25, 8/2012, Hirono for Senate; \$25, 8/2012, Gabbard for Congress; \$25, 8/2012, Mikolisi for Congress; \$25, 8/2012, Pace for Congress; \$100, 9/2012, Obama for America.

*Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Nominee: Douglas Edward Lute.

Post: Chief of Mission—NATO. Nominated: 5/23/2013.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Jane Holl Lute: \$250, 6/28/12, Obama Victory Fund; \$250, 12/31/11, Obama For America; \$250, 11/10/08, DNC Services Fund; \$250, 11/3/08, Obama For America; \$250, 11/3/08, Obama For America; \$250, 11/2/08, Obama Victory Fund; \$250, 11/2/08, Obama Victory Fund; \$250, 10/20/08, Obama For America; \$250, 7/7/08, Obama For America; \$500, 2/1/08, Obama For America; \$250, 10/20/12, Soderberg.
3. Children and Spouses: Amy Lute, None; Kamryn Lute, None; Adellyn Polomski, None.
4. Parents: Phyllis Lute, and John Edward Lute (Deceased).
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and Spouses: John Carl Lute (Deceased).
7. Sisters and Spouses: Patricia Lute and Charles Smith, None; Rebecca Lute, None; Beth and Jack Lyness, None.

*Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

*Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

*Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

*Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

*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. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1337. A bill to promote the tracing of firearms used in crimes, and for other purposes, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 1338. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of

Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1339. A bill to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1340. A bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1341. A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1342. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1343. A bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1344. A bill to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1345. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. R. Adams Cowley, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the advancement of trauma care; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1346. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CHIESA, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1347. A bill to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1348. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 101

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to State and local governments for payment of obligations, to prohibit the Board of Gov-

ernors of the Federal Reserve System from financially assisting State and local governments, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, to provide for cash relief for years for which annual COLAs do not take effect under certain cash benefit programs, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of

the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) 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. 420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the logical flow of return information between partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and individuals to better enable each party to submit timely, accurate returns and reduce the need for extended and amended returns, to provide for modified due dates by regulation, and to conform the automatic corporate extension period to long-standing regulatory rule.

S. 462

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

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of