

relative to Technical Collection for the New START Treaty (OSS-2013-0163); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-364. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Quarantine; Import Regulations for Infectious Biological Agents, Infectious Substances, and Vectors" (RIN0920-AA37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-365. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of User Fees for Filovirus Testing of Nonhuman Primate Liver Samples" (RIN0920-AA47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-366. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pattern of Violations" (RIN1219-AB73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-367. A communication from the Director of the Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation Division, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Family and Medical Leave Act" (RIN1215-AB76, RIN1235-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-368. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Agency Drug-Free Workplace Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-369. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Managing Public Employees in the Public Interest: Employee Perspectives on Merit Principles in Federal Workplaces"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-370. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to reservations made for internment at Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-371. 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 "Disclosures to Participate in State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs" (RIN2900-AO45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense.

*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. THUNE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 280. A bill to ensure effective control over the Congressional budget process; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 281. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 282. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a new counseling program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 283. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to invest in innovation for education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 284. A bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 285. A bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 286. A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 287. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 288. A bill to increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 289. A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small

Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 29. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 30. A resolution establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 33

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 34

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 58

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 58, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) 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 name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors 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. 148

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to safeguard America's schools by using community policing strategies to prevent school violence and improve student and school safety.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 168

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) were added as cosponsors 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 Vet-

erans 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. 263

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 21

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 21 proposed to S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 281. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about the farm bill and then specifically about reforming payment limits for farm programs.

As one looks back to the fall of 2011 and the failure of what was referred to as the "supercommittee," we saw many committees continue on with business as usual afterwards. However, one committee's members took it upon themselves to continue efforts to tackle spending and propose meaningful cuts—the Senate Agriculture Committee.

For that matter, the House Agriculture Committee worked towards that end as well. I commend Chairman STABENOW and then Ranking Member ROBERTS for corralling the many ideas of the members of the committee to write a bill that cut \$23 billion.

We were able to work in committee to get the bill done. We were able to work in a bipartisan manner to get the bill across the Senate floor. It is how legislation is supposed to be considered and debated in the Senate.

One of the measures in last year's farm bill was my proposal reforming payment limitations in the farm program.

Adopting reforms to payment limitations contributed to the \$23 billion in savings. Beyond just being a part of saving money, these reforms help ensure farm payments go to those who they were originally intended—small and medium-size farmers.

In addition, the reforms include closing off loopholes so nonfarmers can't game the system. I will come back to

my proposed reforms in a minute after I say just a few words about the overall farm bill picture.

As we all know, Congress was not able to complete work on the farm bill last year. But that is not for a lack of desire by either the Senate nor the House Agriculture Committees. There remains a desire to get a 5-year bill passed.

Supporters of the farm bill need to take a hard look at what challenges were presented last year to getting the bill done. We need to forge ahead knowing some tough decisions need to be made.

For the Senate, we need to consider whether it is realistic that we only reduce \$4 billion out of the nearly \$800 billion nutrition title. More can and should be done. The nutrition title comprised by far and away the largest expenditure in the bill.

There are more reforms we can make to programs such as food stamps, and they are reforms that cut down on waste, fraud, and abuse in the program but also safeguard assistance for people who need it.

There are other programs we need to take a fresh look at. Should we accept the status quo on the sugar program? How do we handle dairy policy? What policy can we implement in the commodity program that won't distort planting decisions but maintains an effective safety net?

These are some of the many issues we need to debate again and decide. I, for one, hope we are able to start soon and work together to get a 5-year bill completed this year. Our farmers and rural communities deserve to have certainty.

When we do move forward on drafting a new farm bill, I will again be pushing for the reforms to payment limitations. That is why today I am introducing the Farm Program Integrity Act of 2013 with Senators JOHNSON of South Dakota, Senator ENZI, and Senator BROWN.

The proposed legislation strikes a needed balance of recognizing the need for a farm safety net while making sure we have a defensible and responsible safety net.

In case there is any doubt, we do need a farm program safety net. For those who argue we do not need a safety net for our farmers, I argue they do not understand the danger of a nation which does not produce its own food.

Take Germany and Japan during World War II, for instance. There came a point where their soldiers had difficulty fighting because they didn't have food to eat. So today their respective governments maintain vigorous support for their farmers.

It is a matter of social cohesion as well. Without a secure source of food, we jeopardize our very way of life. Look around the world where there is hunger and you see rioting, stealing, and other acts of violence. We need our farmers to keep producing our food.

For all the advances in modern agriculture, farmers are still subject to