

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share Hospital Limits for Fiscal Year 2012, and Preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Limits" (RIN0938-AR91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3736. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Quality Incentive Program, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies" (RIN0938-AR55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3737. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs ...." (RIN0938-AR54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3738. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Date for Mental Disorders Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AH49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3739. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an evaluation of community-based prevention and wellness programs; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3740. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2014, Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements, and Cost Allocation of Home Health Survey Expenses" (RIN0938-AR52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3741. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for Calendar Year 2014" (RIN0938-AR56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 944. 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 All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-123).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 1386. A bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

\*Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years.

\*Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

\*Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

\*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. BURR:

S. 1778. A bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1779. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1780. A bill to clarify that funding for the standard setting body designated pursuant to section 19(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is not subject to the sequester; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 1781. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify the definition of accidental release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1782. A bill to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1783. A bill to enhance public safety by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1784. A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 312. A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. RICH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 313. A resolution designating November 30, 2013, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small business; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to expand access to community mental health centers and improve the quality of mental health care for all Americans.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator

from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 857

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards.

S. 1085

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small businesses.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

SCHATZ) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1149, a bill to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms, and to extend the ban to undetectable firearm receivers and undetectable ammunition magazines.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1618

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications.

S. 1712

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1735, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans.

S. 1740

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1740, a bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to improve master plans for major military installations.

S. 1753

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1753, a bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program.

S. RES. 299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 299, a resolution congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world.

AMENDMENT NO. 2142

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2142 intended to be pro-

posed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2144

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2144 intended to be proposed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2176

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2176 intended to be proposed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2343

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2343 intended to be proposed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2418

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2418 intended to be proposed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2419

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2419 intended to be proposed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2499

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2499 intended to be proposed to S. 1197, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1783. A bill to enhance public safety by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Federal prison system with offender risk and needs assessment, individual risk reduction incentives and rewards, and risk and recidivism reduction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1783

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Prison Reform Act of 2013".

### SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of the Act are to—

(1) increase public safety by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Federal prison system, and to reduce the recidivism rates of Federal offenders;

(2) establish offender risk and needs assessment as the cornerstone of a more effective and efficient Federal prison system;

(3) implement a validated post-sentencing risk and needs assessment system that relies on dynamic risk factors to provide Federal prison officials with guidelines to address the individual criminogenic needs of Federal offenders, manage limited resources, and enhance public safety;

(4) enhance existing recidivism reduction programs and increase prison jobs and other productive activities by incentivizing Federal prisoners to reduce their individual risk of recidivism by successfully completing such programs, and by successfully maintaining such jobs and activities over time;

(5) reward all Federal prisoners who successfully complete evidence-based intervention and treatment programs, and maintain prison jobs and other productive activities, with the ability to earn and accrue time credits and additional privileges;

(6) reward Federal prisoners who successfully reduce their individual risk of recidivism by providing them with the ability to transfer into prerelease custody when they are reassessed as low risk and have earned sufficient time credits;

(7) expand the implementation of evidence-based intervention and treatment programs designed to reduce recidivism, including educational and vocational training programs, prison jobs, and other productive activities, to ensure that all Federal prisoners have access to them during their entire terms of incarceration;