

in Lending (Regulation Z)" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3949. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Electric Motors" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3950. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Mandated Evaluation of Express Lane Eligibility: Final Findings"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3951. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Members of a Family for Purpose of Filing CBP Family Declaration" (RIN1515-AD76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3952. A joint communication from the Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission, and the Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Usage of the Act's Antitrust Laws Exemption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3953. 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 "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Maximizing January 1, 2014 Coverage Opportunities" (RIN0938-AS17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3954. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-138); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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EC-3956. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) Agency Financial Report (AFR) for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3957. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3958. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3960. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty; Correction" (RIN0651-AC85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3961. 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 "Secondary Service Connection for Diagnosable Illnesses Associated With Traumatic Brain Injury" (RIN2900-AN89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 75. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 288. A resolution supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats.

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.

S. Res. 314. A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Res. 318. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 319. A resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 653. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1857. An original bill to reform assistance to Egypt, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

\*Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

\*Keith Michael Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

\*David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

\*Steven Joel Anthony, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2018.

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Indian Affairs.

\*Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

\*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. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1848. A bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1849. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. 1850. A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1851. A bill to provide for incentives to encourage health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1852. A bill to provide for the establishment of free market enterprise zones in order to help facilitate the creation of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, enhanced and renewed educational opportunities, and increased community involvement in bankrupt or economically distressed areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1853. A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration

Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1854. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate System in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1855. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1856. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1857. An original bill to reform assistance to Egypt, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1858. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to suspend and revise portions of the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that revised Universal Service Fund distribution to rural carriers, to encourage renewed investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 323. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on maintaining the current annual adjustment in retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 324. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of employees of the Transportation Security Administration; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 929

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 1108

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) 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. 1254

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) 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. 1341

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1352

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1352, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1391, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) 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. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms.