

Docket No. CPSC-2012-0068) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4008. A communication from the Chairperson, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4009. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4010. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4011. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4012. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address for the Department of Veterans Affairs 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4013. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-160. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida supporting the efforts of the Florida U.S. Congressional delegation to delay the effective date of the 2012 Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-161. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Recognition of State Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-162. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission supporting the reporting of chemicals intentionally used for hydraulic fracturing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-163. A resolution adopted by the American St. Regis Indian Republic Men's Counsel memorializing the exercising of the Counsel's sovereign will and protecting all aspects of its future; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-164. A resolution adopted by the Caddo Bossier Port Commission, Shreveport, Louisiana relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintaining the J. Bennett Johnston/Red River Waterway at a 9 ft. channel and 24/7/365 lock and dam operations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-165. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission supporting

the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1376. A bill to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-129).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 157. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (Rept. No. 113-130).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 975. A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

From the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1417. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

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.

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1870. An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1871. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted on December 19, 2012:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Gary Blankinship, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Robert L. Hobbs, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

(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. REID:

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1860. A bill to reform the medical liability system, improve access to health care for rural and indigent patients, enhance access to affordable prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1861. A bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1862. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1863. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for licensed medical professionals to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1864. A bill to require a demonstration program on the accession as Air Force officers of candidates with auditory impairments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1865. A bill to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1866. A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1867. A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1868. A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships for the districts of Hawaii and Kansas to permanent judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1869. 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,

and to provide an offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1870. An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1871. An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1872. A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1873. A bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1874. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen Federal-State partnerships in postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1875. A bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1876. A bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1877. A bill to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1878. A bill to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1879. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1880. A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the

Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHANNNS, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1881. A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 250

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) 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 name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) 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. 468

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation's miners.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms.

HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of 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. 733

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 733, a bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 975

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNNS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in