

Whereas the Government and people of Greece actively participate in peacekeeping and peace-building operations conducted by international organizations, including the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and have more recently provided critical support to the operation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Libya;

Whereas Greece received worldwide praise for its extraordinary handling during the 2004 Olympic Games of more than 14,000 athletes and more than 2,000,000 spectators and journalists, a feat the Government and people of Greece handled efficiently, securely, and with hospitality;

Whereas Greece, located in a region where Christianity meets Islam and Judaism, maintains excellent relations with Muslim countries and Israel;

Whereas the Government of Greece has taken important steps in recent years to further cross-cultural understanding, rapprochement, and cooperation in various fields with Turkey, and has also improved its relations with other countries in the region, including Israel, thus enhancing the stability of the wider region;

Whereas the governments and people of Greece and the United States are at the forefront of efforts to advance freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights;

Whereas those efforts and similar ideals have forged a close bond between the people of Greece and the United States; and

Whereas it is proper and desirable for the United States to celebrate March 25, 2014, Greek Independence Day, with the people of Greece and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which those two great countries were founded: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends warm congratulations and best wishes to the people of Greece as they celebrate the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece;

(2) expresses support for the principles of democratic governance to which the people of Greece are committed; and

(3) notes the important role that Greece has played in the wider European region and in the community of nations since gaining its independence 193 years ago.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2807. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2808. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2807. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 224 as section 225, and

(2) by inserting after section 223 the following new section:

“SEC. 224. CHILD CARE DEDUCTION.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case of an individual for which there are 1 or more qualifying children with respect to such individual for the taxable year, there shall be allowed as a deduction an amount equal to the employment-related expenses paid by such individual during the taxable year.

“(b) DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount allowed as a deduction under subsection (a) with respect to the taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed—

“(A) \$7,000, if there is 1 qualifying child with respect to the taxpayer for such taxable year, or

“(B) \$14,000, if there are 2 or more qualifying children with respect to the taxpayer for such taxable year.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—In the case of a taxable year beginning after 2015, each of the dollar amounts in paragraph (1) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

“(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

“(B) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which such taxable year begins, determined by substituting ‘calendar year 2014’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

If any amount as adjusted under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of \$100, such amount shall be rounded to the next highest multiple of \$100.

“(c) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) QUALIFYING CHILD.—The term ‘qualifying child’ means a dependent of the taxpayer (as defined in section 152(a)(1))—

“(A) who has not attained age 13, or

“(B) who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself.

“(2) EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXPENSES.—The term ‘employment-related expenses’ has the meaning given such term by section 21(b)(2), applied as if the terms ‘qualifying child’ and ‘qualifying children,’ within the meaning of this section, were substituted for the terms ‘qualifying individual’ and ‘qualifying individuals,’ respectively.

“(3) SPECIAL RULES.—Rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (9), and (10) of section 21(e) shall apply.

“(d) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No deduction shall be allowed under this section for any expense with respect to which a credit is claimed by the taxpayer under section 21.

“(2) COORDINATION RULE.—For coordination with a dependent care assistance program, see section 129(e)(7).”

(b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED ABOVE-THE-LINE.—Subsection (a) of section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after paragraph (21) the following new paragraph:

“(22) CHILD CARE DEDUCTION.—The deduction allowed by section 224.”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (e) of section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “, or as a deduction under section 224,” after “section 21.”

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part VII of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the item relating to section 224 and by inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 224. Child care deduction.

“Sec. 225. Cross reference.”

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to expenses

paid or incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

SA 2808. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION ON EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYER-PROVIDED DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section 129(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “shall not exceed” and all that follows and inserting the following: “shall not exceed—

“(i) in the case of a taxpayer whose modified adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than \$100,000 (twice such amount in the case of a joint return), \$10,000 (half such amount in the case of a separate return by a married individual), and

“(ii) in any other case, \$5,000 (half such amount in the case of a separate return by a married individual).”

(b) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—Paragraph (2) of section 129(a) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘modified adjusted gross income’ means the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the taxable year increased by any amount excluded from gross income under section 911, 931, or 933.”

(c) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Paragraph (2) of section 129(a) of such Code, as amended by subsection (b), is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after 2014, each dollar amount contained in subparagraph (A) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

“(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

“(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, determined by substituting ‘calendar year 2013’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

Any increase determined under the preceding sentence shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$50.”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on March 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Access and Cost: What the U.S. Health Care System Can Learn from Other Countries.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Bill Gendell of the committee staff on (202) 224-5480.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on March 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "From Poverty to Opportunity: How a Fair Minimum Wage Will Help Working Families Succeed."

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Sarah Cupp of the committee staff on (202) 224-5363.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on March 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting the Public Health: Examining FDA's Initiatives and Priorities."

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Emily Schlichting of the committee staff on (202) 224-6840.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Carly Robinson, a fellow in the office of Senator MARK UDALL, be granted the privilege of the floor during the Senate's session of today, March 10, 2014.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Harsh Desai, a fellow in the office of Senator FEINSTEIN, be granted the privilege of the floor during the duration of the overnight debate on climate change.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Samuel Bockenbauer, a fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 113th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that two science policy fellows from my office, Anna Mebust and Melissa Holtmeyer, be granted floor privileges through the end of the session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SANDERS. I also want to thank them, as well as my environmental policy adviser, Jacob Smith, for all of the hard work they have done on this important issue.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Brian

Beall, James Chang, Jamie Lawrence, Mohsin Syed, and Timothy Torma, who are fellows from Senator SCHATZ's office, be given floor privileges for the remainder of this session of Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

ERIKA LIZABETH MORITSUGU, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE PETER A. KOVAR, RESIGNED.

NANI A. COLORETTI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE MAURICE A. JONES, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ESTEVAN R. LOPEZ, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION, VICE MICHAEL L. CONNOR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

MONICA C. REGALBUTO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT), VICE INES R. TRIAY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANDREW H. SCHAPIRO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271(D):

To be rear admiral

LINDA L. FAGAN
THOMAS W. JONES
STEVEN D. POULIN
JAMES E. RENDON

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. JOHN E. HYTEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. DARREN W. MCDEW

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. KATHLEEN A. COOK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8037:

To be major general

COL. JEFFREY A. ROCKWELL

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. JOHN W. MILLER

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

JOSE A. SANCHEZ

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

PETER P. ALERIA
TROY D. ALLAN
ANDREW K. ARRINGTON
PETER BAEK
CHRISTIAN J. BANG
JEREMY A. BLANFORD
JEFFERY A. BRYAN
TODD A. CHENEY
BENJAMIN P. CLARK
THOMAS E. COLLIER
BERNARD CORNELL
CHAD B. DAVIS
ERIC O. DEAN
MILLER J. EICHELBERGER
MICHAEL W. FOX
LUIS A. GARAYUA III
VINCENT M. GARCIA
WILLIAM J. GLENN
WESLEY A. GORNALL
MATTHEW M. HAMRICK
WILLIAM I. HARRISON
BENJAMIN L. HINES
PETER T. HOFMAN
KEVIN M. HOVAN
TRACY C. HUDGINS
CHUL W. JEON
DAVID M. JOHNSTON II
STUART D. KAZAROVICH
SCOTT F. KENNAUGH
DANIEL P. KERSEY
KEHMES A. M. LANDS
MICHAEL D. MCCAWLEY
GREGORY S. MCVEY
JOSHUA A. METZ
MARK S. MILLER
DARIN M. MITCHELL
JEFFREY S. MITCHELL
DAVID MVONDO
RALPH D. NAB
LISA A. NORTHWAY
JOSEPH R. ODELL
TROY D. PARSON
DEREK M. POTTINGER
RALPH L. B. PRICE
JAMES W. RAMSEY
LEX M. REED
MARK A. RENDON
WILLIAM B. ROBINSON, JR.
RAMON P. SANTILLANO, JR.
JOHN E. SCOTT
JAVON A. SEABORN
ANDREW S. SHRIVER
KURT W. SPOND
MATTHEW W. SPRECHER
MICHAEL E. SWARTZ
OMARI S. THOMPSON
JASON D. UNSWORTH
DAN S. URQUHART
ROY H. VAUGHN
BRUCE A. WAGNER
RICKIE E. WAMBLES, JR.
AARON D. WHITE
SHAY L. D. WORTHY

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 10, 2014 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

NANI A. COLORETTI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE DANIEL M. TANGHERLINI, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 6, 2014.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.