

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4193. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed permanent transfer of major defense equipment to a Middle Eastern country (OSS 2013-1926); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4194. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1936); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4195. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1935); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4196. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period August 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4197. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-166); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-158); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4199. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0202—2013-0204); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4200. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Third Rule Implementing Export Control Reform" (RIN1400-AD46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4201. 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 U.S. forces to support the security of U.S. personnel and our Embassy in South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4202. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding (OFCGCR) appropriation, Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 7090116; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4203. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2,5-Furandione, polymer with ethenylbenzene, reaction products with polyethylene-polypropylene glycol 2-aminopropyl Me ether; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9902-90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4204. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9904-30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4205. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isoprazam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4206. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 9904-15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4207. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices" ((RIN0750-A118) (DFARS Case 2014-D006)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4208. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Trade Agreements Thresholds" ((RIN0750-A117) (DFARS Case 2013-D032)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4209. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4210. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's Chemical Demilitarization Program (CDP); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4211. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treas-

ury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4212. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to blocking property of the Government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4213. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4214. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings Under the Investment Company Act" (RIN3235-AL02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4215. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" ((RIN3170-AA11) (Docket No. CFPB-2013-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4216. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4217. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2012 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4218. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4219. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Russia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4220. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4221. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z): Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4222. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C): Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1003) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4223. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AL14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4224. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN3235-AL07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

* Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

* Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

* Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

* Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

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

Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Peter C. Tobin, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for a term of four years.

Kevin W. Techau, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Andrew Mark Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

* 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.

(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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 1899. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a consumer renewable credit for a utility that sells renewable power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1900. A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1901. A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1902. A bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1903. A bill to provide greater fee disclosures for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1904. A bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1905. A bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1906. A bill to establish the Office of Net Assessment within the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1907. A bill to amend a provision of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1965 regarding prohibitions on investments in certain funds to clarify that such provision shall not be construed to require the divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities or debt securities of collateralized loan obligations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1908. A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1909. A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1910. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Pat Summitt, in recognition of her remarkable career as an unparalleled figure in women's team sports, and for her courage in speaking out openly and courageously about her battle with Alzheimer's; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1911. A bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1912. A bill to clarify that certain banking entities are not required to divest from collateralized debt obligations backed by trust preferred securities under the Volcker Rule; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) 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. 946

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.