

“Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XD268) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6197. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Inseason Action to Close the Commercial Blacktip Shark Fishery in the Gulf of Mexico Region” (RIN0648-XD312) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6198. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting proposed legislation entitled “Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments of 2014”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2499. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-195).

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4487. A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-196).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen 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. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2495. A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2496. A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2497. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2498. A bill to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2499. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2500. A bill to restrict the ability of the Federal Government to undermine privacy and encryption technology in commercial products and in NIST computer security and encryption standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2501. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2502. A bill to establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2503. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agree-

ment, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2504. A bill to address prescription opioid and heroin abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2505. A bill to promote unlicensed spectrum use in the 5 GHz band, to maximize the use of the band for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2506. A bill to award grants to States to support efforts at institutions of higher education to increase degree attainment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2507. A bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 2508. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2509. A bill to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2510. A bill to establish a temporary limitation on the use of funds to transfer or release individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 2511. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 479. A resolution recognizing Veterans Day 2014 as a special “Welcome Home Commemoration” for all who have served in the military since September 14, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 480. A resolution expressing condolences and supporting assistance for the victims of the historic flooding in the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 603

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. WALSH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to increase funds set aside for off-system bridges.

S. 1971

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1971, a bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or re-

vise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2133

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal anti-discrimination claims.

S. 2333

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2333, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

S. 2337

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2337, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2405, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2476

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2476, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Montana (Mr. WALSH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2491, a bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program.

AMENDMENT NO. 3246

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3246 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3249

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3249 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3254

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3254 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3262

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3262 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3278

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3278 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3280

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3280 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3289

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3289 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. Kaine):