

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8055. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8056. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8057. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8058. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8059. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8060. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8061. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8062. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8063. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8064. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8065. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8066. A communication from the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8067. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch,

Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment: Boarding of Vessels at CBP Ports" (CBP Dec. 14-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8068. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 1A Did Not Fully Comply with All Legal Requirements"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8069. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8070. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference" ((RIN3095-AB78) (Docket No. OFR-2013-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8071. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8072. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8073. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8074. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8075. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8076. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary (International Markets and Developments), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8077. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Distinct Populations Segments of Yelloweye Rockfish, Canary

Rockfish and Bocaccio" (RIN0648-BC76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8078. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of the Treasury" (5 CFR Part 3101) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8079. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary (Domestic Finance), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8080. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies—Investments in Passive Businesses" (RIN3245-AG57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-8081. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8082. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-363. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to direct the Comptroller General to complete a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the federal reserve banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 395

Whereas, Created more than a hundred years ago, the Federal Reserve is an independent federal agency. As leaders of the central bank of the United States, the Federal Reserve's board of governors have enacted monetary policy that influences our nation's money and credit conditions, supervised and regulated banks and other financial institutions, and provided financial services to the U.S. and foreign governments. Through these powers, and with the help of the federal reserve banks, this agency has considerable influence on the well-being of our nation's economy, the economy of the world, and the day-to-day lives of people everywhere; and

Whereas, American citizens have entrusted the Congress of the United States with overseeing all federal agencies, and Congress must hold the Federal Reserve accountable. However, under the current law, the Comptroller General may audit the Federal Reserve only if written consent has been given,

and even then, the purview of audits of the board of governors and federal reserve banks is limited. Under the direction of the Comptroller General, any General Accountability Office audit is prohibited by law from auditing the board or federal reserve banks' transaction history with foreign nations or information related to monetary policy decisions, including discount window operations, open market operations, securities credit, and interest on deposits; and

Whereas, The American public should receive the accountability and transparency they deserve from their government. Providing the Comptroller General the authority and directive to thoroughly audit the Federal Reserve will allow for better oversight and lift the cloak of secrecy off this highly-profitable and influential government institution. Congress must take the actions necessary to fulfill its oversight responsibility: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to direct the Comptroller General to complete a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the federal reserve banks; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2946. A bill to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-286).

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

Report to accompany S. 2520, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act (Rept. No. 113-287).

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

S. 429. A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 1014. A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2022. A bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes.

S. 2094. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2482. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 2484. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2485. A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic

Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007.

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

S. 2777. A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

*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. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2987. A bill to expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2988. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish a Federal regulatory budget and to impose cost controls on that budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2989. A bill to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. Res. 595. A resolution recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) 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 ac-

counts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 2176

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2176, a bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2660

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2660, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes.

S. 2723

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit.

S. 2964

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2964, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 38

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S.