

EC-4570. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4571. A communication from the Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Sunshine Act Report for 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4572. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2013, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4573. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4574. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4575. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Justice's activities regarding pre-1970 racially motivated homicides, as required by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4576. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Privacy Report for the period January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4577. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: Conditions and Performance"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4578. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Administration Regulations: Editorial Clean-up of References to Foreign Trade Regulations" (RIN0694-AF97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4579. A communication from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, transmitting draft legislation entitled "Antarctic Nongovernmental Activity Preparedness Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4580. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4581. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fish-

eries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2014 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XD058) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4582. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 99" (RIN0648-BC73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4583. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Operation of Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities in the U.S. Beaufort Sea" (RIN0648-AY63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4584. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2014 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XD060) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4585. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" (RIN0648-XC811) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4586. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chelsea River, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-1069)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4587. A communication from the Chair of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Panel's annual report for 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4588. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Adoption of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Section XII and the National Board Inspection Code" (RIN2137-AE58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4589. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ehrenberg, First Mesa, Kachina Village, Munds Park, Wickenburg, and Williams, Arizona)" (MB Docket No. 11-207) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4590. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Call Completion" ((RIN3060-AJ89) (FCC 13-135)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany 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 (Rept. No. 113-137).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

*Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2017.

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

*Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

*Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

*Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

John P. Carlin, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

*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 Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1997. A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1998. A bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1999. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2000. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2001. A bill to require that textile and apparel articles acquired for use by executive agencies be manufactured from articles, materials, or supplies entirely grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2002. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a motor and motor-driven systems market assessment and public awareness program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2003. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit for certain property under construction; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2004. A bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across fed-

erally funded streets and highways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2005. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the reporting of certain hospital payment data under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2006. A bill to provide for the establishment of a National Rare Earth Refinery Cooperative, 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. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 345. A resolution strongly supporting the restoration and protection of State authority and flexibility in establishing and defining challenging student academic standards and assessments, and strongly denouncing the President's coercion of States into adopting the Common Core State Standards by conferring preferences in Federal grants and flexibility waivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 346. A resolution congratulating the athletes from the State of Washington and across the United States who are set to participate in the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 347. A resolution providing for completion of the accelerated transition of United States combat and military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 348. A resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 349. A resolution celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 350. A resolution designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARASSO):

S. Res. 351. A resolution requiring that legislation considered by the Senate be confined to a single issue; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 352. A resolution commemorating the success of Team USA in the past 22 Olympic Winter Games and supporting Team USA in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 257

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

S. 279

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 279, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 946

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

S. 1061

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1061, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) 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. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) 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. 1362

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.