

States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-856. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-857. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-858. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Capital Stock and Capital Plans" (RIN2590-AA71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-859. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-860. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-861. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material From the Pre-Hispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador" (RIN1515-AE01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-862. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Development Loan Servicing" (RIN0570-AA88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-863. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-864. A communication from the Supervisory Attorney Advisor, Office of Violence

Against Women, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants To Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders" (RIN1105-AB43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-865. 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 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Lansing, Michigan)" ((MB Docket No. 15-2) (DA 15-210)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-866. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XD437) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-867. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Cod Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD715) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-868. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Fountaingrove District Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-869. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Sections 101, 103 and 105 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014" (MB Docket No. 15-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-870. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2016" ((RIN0938-AS19) (CMS-9944-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-871. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges" (RIN3206-AN12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-872. A communication from the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, General Services Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2015; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-873. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-874. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-593, "Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-875. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-594, "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-876. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-595, "Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-877. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-597, "Sonia Gutierrez Campus Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-878. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-598, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 1412, S.O. 13-10159, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-879. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-599, "Urban Farming and Food Security Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-880. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-600, "Notice Requirements for Historic Properties Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-881. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-601, "U Street/14th Street, N.W., and Georgia Avenue Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-882. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-602, "Workforce Investment Implementation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-883. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-603, "Public Space Maintenance Contracting Authorization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-884. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-604, "Federal Health Reform Implementation and Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-885. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-605, "Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-886. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-606, "Executive Service Compensation System Changes and Pay Schedule Approval Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-887. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-607, "Office of Motion Picture and Television Development Establishment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-888. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-608, "Adoption Fee Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-889. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-609, "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-890. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-610, "Prohibition of Pre-Employment Marijuana Testing Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-891. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-611, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-892. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-615, "New Columbia Statehood Initiative Omnibus Boards and Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-893. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-618, "Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-894. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-619, "Civil Asset Forfeiture Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-895. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-620, "Primary Date Alteration Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-896. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-621, "License to Carry a Pistol Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-897. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-622, "Nuisance Abatement Notice Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-898. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-623, "Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-899. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-624, "UDC Fundraising Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-900. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-625, "Classroom Animal for Education Purposes Clarification Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-901. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-626, "Apprenticeship Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-902. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-627, "Fiscal Year 2015 Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-903. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-628, "Lots 36, 41, and 802 in Square 3942 and Parcels 0143/107 and 0143/110 Eminent Domain Authorization Temporary Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-904. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-630, "Ticket Sale Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 682. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 683. A bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 684. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 685. A bill to prescribe safety standards for autocycles and related equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 686. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a limitation on certain aliens from claiming the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 687. A bill to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 688. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 689. A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 690. A bill to support local decision-making functions of local educational agencies by limiting the authority of the Secretary of Education to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions, and guidance materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 691. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 692. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 693. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 694. A bill to exempt certain 16- and 17-year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 695. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. KAINE):