

Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2009. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2010. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2011. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and a report entitled "Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2012. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Rate Setting for Community-Rated Plans" (RIN3206-AN00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2013. A communication from the Director, Recruitment and Hiring, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of National Security Positions in the Competitive Service, and Related Matters" (RIN3206-AM73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2014. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2015. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Herbicide Exposure and Presumption of Disability During Service For Reservists Presumed Exposed to Herbicide" (RIN2900-AP43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2016. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority: Office of Regulation Policy and Management (ORPM)" (RIN2900-AP47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2017. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2018. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BE83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2019. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Specifications" (RIN0648-BE87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2020. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Special Management Zones for Delaware Artificial Reefs" (RIN0648-BD42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2021. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD973) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2022. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2023. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules" (CS Docket No. 98-120, FCC 15-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2024. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XD901) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2025. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Effective Competition" (MB Docket No. 15-53, FCC 15-62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## 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-44. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress to enact legislation allowing individual states to establish daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, When Congress enacted The Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. No. 93-182, 87 Stat. 707), it included in its findings and declarations of policy that "various studies of governmental and nongovernmental agencies indicate that year-round daylight saving time would produce an energy saving in electrical power consumption"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that "the use of year-round daylight saving time could have other beneficial effects on the public interest, including the reduction of crime, improved traffic safety, more daylight outdoor playtime for children and youth of our Nation, [and] greater utilization of parks and recreation areas"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that the use of year-round daylight saving time could result in "expanded economic opportunity through extension of daylight hours to peak shopping hours and through extension of domestic office hours to periods of greater overlap with the European Economic Community"; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly*, That the Nevada Legislature urges the members of Congress to enact appropriate legislation to give individual states the option of establishing daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 544. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (Rept. No. 114-69).

## 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. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1640. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration

law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1641. A bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1642. A bill to reduce Federal, State, and local costs of providing high-quality drinking water to millions of people in the United States residing in rural communities by facilitating greater use of cost-effective alternative systems, including well water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 207. A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Con. Res. 18. A concurrent resolution recognizing the daisy as the flower for military caregivers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 497, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 800

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. McCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 1427

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of