

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to urge the United States Congress to take the lead in passing necessary legislation that will help all our veterans, from all our wars and conflicts, from World War II to present-day Iraq and Afghanistan to the extent necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-68. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission supporting S.414, the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-69. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico expressing firm support to the decision of the President of the United States to restore diplomatic relations between the government of the United States and the government of the Republic of Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 242. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-89).

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

S. 764. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-90).

S. 834. A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-91).

H.R. 720. A bill to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-92).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John N. T. Shanahan, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Darse E. Crandall, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Joseph E. Tofalo, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Gen. Paul J. Selva, to be General.

Marine Corps nomination of Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., to be General.

Air Force nomination of Gen. Darren W. McDew, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. David J. Buck, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Tod D. Wolters, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Russell J. Handy, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Frank H. Stokes, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. John W. Raymond, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. James E. Porter, Jr., to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert P. Ashley, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Kevin D. Scott, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Kevin M. Donegan, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael H. Shields, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Victor J. Braden, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Richard P. Breckenridge, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel David W. Ashley and ending with Colonel Richard W. Wedan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 9, 2015. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Robert A. Meyer, Jr.)

Air Force nomination of Col. Steven A. Schaick, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Jeffrey A. Doll, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Dondi E. Costin, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John C. Aquilino, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Robert L. Thomas, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Lawrence D. Nicholson, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Robert B. A. MacGregor, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jane E. Boomer and ending with Matthew D. Van Dalen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Afsana Ahmed and ending with Reggie D. Yager, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with John C. Rockwell and ending with Stephen J. Torres, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ana M. Apoltan and ending with Aldo Tinoco, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brian H. Adams and ending with Mary Jean Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Allen Kipp Albright and ending with Bradley

Duncan White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 15, 2015.

Army nomination of David G. Jones, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Raymond L. Phua, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of John M. Bradford, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Steve J. Chun and ending with Benjamin R. Siebert, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Army nomination of Steven L. Isenhour, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Joseph D. Gramling, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Mark S. Snyder, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Keith J. McVeigh, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Lisa M. Stremel, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Michael N. Cleveland and ending with Michael W. Summers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Matthew H. Brooks and ending with Jay D. Hanson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Gil A. Diazcruz and ending with Soliman G. Valdez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Nicholas R. Cabano and ending with James W. Pratt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Kimberly D. Brenda and ending with Carrie A. Storer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Eric J. Ansoorge and ending with D011713, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with John L. Ament and ending with Wendy G. Woodall, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2015.

Army nomination of Laura M. Hudson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Mark R. Read, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of John R. Barclay, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nomination of Thomas F. Murphy III, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Arslan S. Chaudhry and ending with Andrew D. Silvestri, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2015.

Navy nomination of Benjamin M. Boche, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Michael J. Elliott, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher N. Andrews and ending with Nicholas J. Vandyke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2015.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Michael C. McGowan, of Delaware, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, for the term of four 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. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1844. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and chicken; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1845. A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1846. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1847. A bill to enhance the accuracy of credit reporting and provide greater rights to consumers who dispute errors in their credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1848. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1849. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1851. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to require States to eliminate the use of restraints on pregnant juveniles in State correction facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1852. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1853. A bill to limit the availability of funding for contributions to the United Nations if the arms embargo on Iran pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1747 and 1929 is lifted; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1854. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to improve the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1855. A bill to provide special foreign military sales status to the Philippines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1856. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1857. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. Kaine, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1858. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1859. A bill to assure equity in contracting between the Federal Government and small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1860. A bill to protect and promote international religious freedom; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 228. A resolution designating September 2015 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RISC, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. Kaine, Mr. KING, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COTTON, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 229. A resolution designating July 26, 2015, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 174

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 284, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors 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. 812

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New York