

States; Bluefish Fishery and Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of Massachusetts” (RIN0648-XE189) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3231. 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; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 30 Through No. 36” (RIN0648-XE187) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3232. A communication from the Acting 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; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-XE174) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3233. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3234. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Improving 911 Reliability; Reliability and Continuity of communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies” ((FCC 15-95) (PS Docket Nos. 13-75 and 11-60)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3235. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Procedures for Competitive Bidding in Auction 1000, Including Initial Clearing Target Determinations, Qualifying to Bid, and Bidding in Auctions 1001 (Reverse) and 1002 (Forward)” ((FCC 15-78) (AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, and MB Docket No. 15-146)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3236. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to the Commission’s Rules Concerning Market Modification; Implementation of Section 102 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014” ((FCC 15-111) (MB Docket No. 15-71)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3237. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workforce and Mission Critical Systems Personnel Reliability Program”

(RIN2700-AE17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 113th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs” (Rept. No. 114-156).

#### 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 and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2187. A bill to establish a third-party quality system assessment program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2188. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the humanitarian device exemption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2189. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2190. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a scholarship program for educators of rural students and provide for loan forgiveness for rural educators, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide professional development grants for rural elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2191. A bill to establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships to drive down the cost of tuition for millions of American students; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2192. A bill to ensure that States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the national instant criminal background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2193. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr.

KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 291. A resolution honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro*; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor 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 Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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. 1473

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1856

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

S. 1964

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1964, a bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported at home with their families, and for other purposes.

S. 1972

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1972, a bill to require air carriers to modify certain policies with respect to the use of epinephrine for in-flight emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the

Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.

S. 2041

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2041, a bill to promote the development of safe drugs for neonates.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2137

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2137, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families.

S. 2148

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 274

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 274, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

AMENDMENT NO. 2548

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2548 proposed to S. 754, an original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2564

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2564 proposed to S. 754, an original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes.

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## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

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### SENATE RESOLUTION 291—HONORING THE LIVES OF THE 33 CREW MEMBERS ABOARD THE "EL FARO"

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 291

Whereas the *El Faro* departed Jacksonville, Florida for Puerto Rico on September 29, 2015, with 33 crew members aboard;

Whereas the crew of the *El Faro* on September 29, 2015, consisted of 28 citizens of the United States and 5 Polish nationals;

Whereas the *El Faro* sent distress alerts on October 1, 2015;

Whereas members of the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force valiantly searched for the crew members of the *El Faro*; and

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the loss of the 33 seamen aboard the *El Faro*: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and honors the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro* who were lost after the *El Faro* departed on September 29, 2015;