

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1210. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1737. An act to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3762. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

The following bill was deemed read the second time, pursuant to the order of November 19, 2015, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4038. An act to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4038. An act to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes.

S. 2329. A bill to prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 19, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

S. 2036. An act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

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-3612. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9933-61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3613. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic Acid, Polymer with Ethenylbenzene and (1-methylethenyl)benzene; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9936-48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3614. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Protection of Military Installations"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3615. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices From the United States" ((RIN0750-A141) (DFARS Case 2015-D007)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3616. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Eliminate Data Collection Requirement" ((RIN0750-A173) (DFARS Case 2015-D031)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3617. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commencement of Assessment of Annual Charges" (Docket No. RM15-18-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3618. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3619. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal" ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 9936-98)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3620. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Prevention Significant Deterioration; Plantwide Applicability Limits for Greenhouse Gases" (FRL No. 9937-25-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3621. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Algal Toxin Risk Assessment and Management Strategic Plan for Drinking Water"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3622. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition

Exclusion, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections under the Affordable Care Act" (TD 9744) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3623. 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 "Medicare Program; Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model for Acute Care Hospitals Furnishing Lower Extremity Joint Replacement Services" (RIN0938-AS64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3624. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transitional Amendments to Satisfy the Market Rate of Return Rules for Hybrid Retirement Plans" ((RIN1545-BL62) (TD 9743)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3625. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Student Loan Bonds" (Notice 2015-78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3626. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Guidance in Notice 2013-7 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund" (Notice 2015-77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3627. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3628. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0134-2015-0149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3629. 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 "Final Rules for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections" (RIN0938-AS56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3630. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3631. 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 "Freedom of Information Act Procedures" ((CBP Dec. 15-16) (RIN1651-AB05)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3632. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's consolidated report addressing the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA or Integrity Act) and the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3633. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Improvement Program" (RIN1076-AF22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3634. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secretarial Election Procedures" (RIN1076-AE93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3635. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempting Mental Health Peer Support Services from Copayments" (RIN2900-AP11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3636. A communication from the Chief Impact Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Access to Non-VA Care through the Veterans Choice Program" (RIN2900-AP24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2015 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3639. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions; Office of Engineering and Technology Releases and Seeks Comment on Updated OET-69 Software; Office of Engineering and Technology Seeks to Supplement the Incentive Auction Proceeding Record Regarding Potential Interference Between Broadcast Television and Wireless Services" ((ET Doc. No. 13-26) (ET Doc. No. 14-14) (GN Doc. No. 12-268) (FCC 15-141)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3640. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2015 Management Area 1A Seasonal Annual Catch Limit Harvested" (RIN0648-XE292) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 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-107. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution which would clarify that a declaration of martial law, or a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, does not prevent presidential and congressional elections from proceeding as scheduled and does not perpetuate a term-limited or a defeated presidential or congressional incumbent in office beyond the expiration of the term to which that incumbent was last elected; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 Col. Robert J. Becklund, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Frank D. Emanuel, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Arlen R. Royalty, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Michelle C. Skubic, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS 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 nominations beginning with Donnette A. Boyd and ending with Paul D. Sutter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Maria J. Belmonte and ending with Deveril A. Wint, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2015.

Air Force nomination of Alan D. Murdock, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of David M. Jackson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Tarnjit S. Saini, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Olga M. Anderson and ending with Eric W. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Jimmy C. Davis, Jr. and ending with Robert E. Wichman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

Army nomination of Spencer T. Price, to be Colonel.

Navy nomination of Jessica L. Morera, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Kari J. Tereick, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Joshua C. Andres and ending with Bethany R. Zmitrovich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

Navy nomination of Calvin M. Foster, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Tara A. Feher, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Peter J. Brown and ending with Joseph M. Vojvodich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2015.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

*Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

*Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

*John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

*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. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2305. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2306. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake remediation oversight of the West Lake Landfill located in Bridgeton, Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2307. A bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2308. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2309. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr.