

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.

RUBIO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2310. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2311. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to make grants to States for screening and treatment for maternal depression; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2312. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments for durable medical equipment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2313. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate program-related investments by private foundations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2314. A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2315. A bill to provide protection for consumers who have prepaid cards and mobile accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2316. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and to improve oversight of fiduciaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2317. A bill to amend title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen minority-serving institutions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2318. A bill to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund for 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2319. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2320. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Universal Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2321. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2322. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2323. A bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2324. A bill to provide for transparency, accountability, and reform of the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2325. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2326. A bill to designate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals and youth formerly in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2328. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. PAUL:

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

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2330. A bill to allow the Attorney General additional time to process background checks for alien firearm purchases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2331. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make invalid and unenforceable predispute arbitration agreements with respect to controversies arising under provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 319. A resolution designating November 29, 2015, as "Drive Safer Sunday"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 320. A resolution congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 321. A resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the founding of CARE; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SASSE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should submit the Paris climate change agreement to the Senate for its advice and consent; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 108

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 108, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve access for students to Federal grants and loans to help pay for postsecondary, graduate, and professional educational opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S.