

S. 2312

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers.

S. 2325

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2361

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2361, a bill to enhance airport security, and for other purposes.

S. 2377

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2377, a bill to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and protect and secure the United States, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor 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. 326

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 326, a resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 335—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY, HONORING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES EDWARD TAYLOR, REGARDED AS THE FATHER OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE, AND RECOGNIZING THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS IN ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF CIVIL AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 335

Whereas the safety of the flying public is ensured and the integrity of aircraft airworthiness is personally guaranteed by individuals who comprise the professional aviation maintenance technician workforce;

Whereas professional aviation maintenance technicians are key members of the Armed Forces of the United States and help protect the United States through a strong Armed Forces aviation infrastructure;

Whereas the duties of aviation maintenance technicians are critical to the homeland security of the United States and an integral component of the aerospace industry of the United States;

Whereas professional aviation maintenance technicians provide the strong infrastructure through which public confidence in the airborne transportation safety and military aviation strength of the United States is ensured;

Whereas, in 1901, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, Ohio;

Whereas using only a metal lathe, drill press, and hand tools, Charles Edward Taylor built, in 6 weeks, the 12-horsepower engine that was used to power the first flying machine of the Wright brothers;

Whereas the ingenuity of Charles Edward Taylor earned him a place in aviation history when the Wright brothers successfully flew their airplane in controlled flight on December 17, 1903;

Whereas Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years;

Whereas Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the Federal Aviation Administration with the establishment of the Charles Edward Taylor Master Mechanic Award, which recognizes individuals with not less than 50 years of aviation maintenance experience;

Whereas Charles Edward Taylor has become a hero to aircraft maintenance technicians worldwide; and

Whereas 45 States, together with the commonwealths, territories, republics, and federations of the United States, have already declared May 24 to be Aviation Maintenance Technician Day within their jurisdictions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day to honor the professional men and women who ensure the safety and security of the airborne aviation infrastructure of the United States; and

(2) recognizes the life and memory of Charles Edward Taylor, the aviation maintenance technician who built and maintained

the engine that was used to power the first controlled flying machine of the Wright brothers on December 17, 1903.

SENATE RESOLUTION 336—HONORING THE PORTLAND TIMBERS AS THE CHAMPIONS OF MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER IN 2015

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 336

Whereas on December 6, 2015, the Portland Timbers won the Major League Soccer Cup, the championship match of Major League Soccer;

Whereas by defeating the Columbus Crew by a score of 2 to 1, the Portland Timbers won their first Major League Soccer championship and the 20th edition of the Major League Soccer Cup;

Whereas Portland Timbers players Diego Valeri and Rodney Wallace scored goals in the Major League Soccer Cup;

Whereas Portland Timbers midfielder Diego Valeri was designated by Major League Soccer as the Most Valuable Player of the Major League Soccer Cup;

Whereas the victory of the Portland Timbers in the Major League Soccer Cup was the first Major League Soccer championship win for Portland Timbers head coach, Caleb Porter, and Portland Timbers owner, Merritt Paulson;

Whereas by doing charity work, the Portland Timbers organization inspires the people of Portland, Oregon, both on the soccer field and in the community;

Whereas the Timbers Army and the fans of the Portland Timbers, who inspire and exemplify Rose City pride by filling Providence Park with songs, scarves, flags, and confetti, and contributing to the community with charity work, are the best fans in Major League Soccer; and

Whereas the success of the Portland Timbers soccer team will—

(1) broaden an appreciation of athletics in young people; and

(2) encourage Oregonians to volunteer in their communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015;

(2) recognizes the outstanding achievement of the Portland Timbers team, ownership, and staff; and

(3) requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution for—

(A) Portland Timbers owner Merritt Paulson;

(B) Portland Timbers head coach Caleb Porter; and

(C) Portland Timbers general manager Gavin Wilkinson.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2928. Mr. INHOFE (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. REED)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 571, 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.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2928. Mr. INHOFE (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. REED)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 571, 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; as follows:

On page 37, line 12, after the period, insert the following: "I certify that I am not aware of any medical condition that, as presently treated, could interfere with the individual's ability to safely operate an aircraft."

On page 40, line 6, insert "and signed by the physician" after "followed".

On page 48, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

(1) **AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Administrator receives credible or urgent information, including from the National Driver Register or the Administrator's Safety Hotline, that reflects on an individual's ability to safely operate a covered aircraft under the third-class medical certificate exemption in subsection (a), the Administrator may require the individual to provide additional information or history so that the Administrator may determine whether the individual is safe to continue operating a covered aircraft.

(2) **USE OF INFORMATION.**—The Administrator may use credible or urgent information received under paragraph (1) to request an individual to provide additional information or to take actions under section 44709(b) of title 49, United States Code.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Afghanistan Intelligence Assessment."

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418, of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 15, 2015, at 10 a.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that LCDR Robert Donnell, a Coast Guard fellow with the Senate commerce committee, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 114th Congress.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 378, 380, and 427 through 430.

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

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote en bloc without intervening action or debate on the nominations in the order listed; that following disposition of the nominations, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years; Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years; Dana J. Boente, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years; Robert Lloyd Capers, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years; John P. Fishwick, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years; and Emily Gray Rice, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to executive session to consider individually the following nominations at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader: Calendar Nos. 305, 306, 360, and 361; that there be 30 minutes for debate for each nomination equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time on the respective nomination, the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nomination. Further, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that all judicial nominations received by the Senate during the 114th Congress, first session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. For the information of our colleagues, it is my intention to schedule each of these nominations for floor consideration and a vote prior to the Presidents Day recess in February.

HONORING THE PORTLAND TIMBERS AS THE CHAMPIONS OF MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER IN 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 336, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 336) honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 336) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 16; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that