

title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”.

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-3928. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9937-18-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3929. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)” (FRL No. 9939-95-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3930. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0027) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3931. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3932. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold” (RIN3170-AA11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3933. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (CARD Act, HOEPA and ATR/QM)” (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3934. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Consumer Leasing (Regulation M)” (RIN3170-AA06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3935. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)” (12 CFR

Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3936. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards: Conforming Amendments” (RIN2501-AD66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3937. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on College Credit Cards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3939. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the 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 2015-0166 - 2015-0171); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3940. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program” (FRL No. 9939-57-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3941. 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 Implementation Plans; Texas and Oklahoma; Regional Haze State Implementation Plans; Interstate Viability Transport State Implementation Plan to Address Pollution Affecting Visibility and Regional Haze; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze” (FRL No. 9940-21-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3942. 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 Implementation Plans; Oregon; Interstate Transport of Ozone” (FRL No. 9940-35-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3943. 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 Implementation Plans; Idaho; Interstate Transport of Ozone” (FRL No. 9940-32-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3944. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled “Air Quality Implementation Plan Approval; Illinois; Illinois Power Holdings and AmerenEnergy Medina Valley Cogen Variance” (FRL No. 9939-75-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3945. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; NH; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for Ozone, Lead, and Nitrogen Dioxide.” (FRL No. 9940-15-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3946. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders” (RIN0648-XE261) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3947. 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 of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates” (Notice 2015-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3948. 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 “Tribal Economic Development Bonds: Use of Volume Cap for Draw-Down Loans” (Notice 2015-83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3949. 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 “Borrower Defense Student Loan Discharges” (Rev. Proc. 2015-57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3950. 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 “Revenue Ruling: 2015 Base Period T-Bill Rate” (Rev. Rul. 2015-26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3951. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016” (Rept. No. 114-197).

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

Report to accompany 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 (Rept. No. 114-198).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 152. A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts (Rept. No. 114-199).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Patrick Joseph Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

*Janine Anne Davidson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

*Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

*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.

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 Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2422. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2423. A bill making appropriations to address the heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2424. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2425. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

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

S. 2426. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2427. A bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 2428. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a National Service for Schools Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KIRK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2429. A bill to require a report on the military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program and to prohibit the provision of sanctions relief to Iran until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2430. A bill to permit the recovery of costs incurred by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for preclearance operations activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2431. A bill to improve the training of child protection professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2432. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require the disclosure of the portion of health insurance premiums attributable to the health insurance tax; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2433. A bill to provide Federal support to increase public transportation ridership by college students; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2434. A bill to provide that any executive action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2435. A bill to ensure that each covered alien receives a thorough background investigation before such alien is admitted to the United States as a refugee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2436. A bill to provide for certain assistance and reforms relating to the territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 338. A resolution congratulating Towson University on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the university; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. Res. 339. A resolution congratulating the University of Iowa College of Law for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 340. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS or Da'esh) is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and calling upon the President to work with foreign governments and the United Nations to provide physical protection for ISIS' targets, to support the creation of an international criminal tribunal with jurisdiction to punish these crimes, and to use every reasonable means, including sanctions, to destroy ISIS and disrupt its support networks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 341. A resolution designating January 2016 as "National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 342. A resolution congratulating the women's volleyball team of Wheeling Jesuit University on winning the Division II National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 627

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on