

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5214. A communication from the Acting Unified Listing Team Manager, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse" (RIN1018-AZ32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5215. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Louisiana Black Bear From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Removal of Similarity-of-Appearance Protections for the American Black Bear" (RIN1018-BA44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5216. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2016 Season" (RIN1018-BB10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5217. 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 "Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs; Burial Assistance" (RIN1076-AF29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2016; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5218. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Folic Acid" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-0480) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5219. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Kansas City Plant, Kansas City, Missouri, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5220. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Fourth Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5221. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2016 Annual Report: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Status of Actions Addressing the Safety Issue Areas on the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Most Wanted List"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5222. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Portable Hook-On Chairs" (RIN3041-AD40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-157. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia urging the United States Congress to provide funding for the West Virginia National Guard to sustain and enhance its capabilities in its role in a regional catastrophe and to modernize the antiquated avionics of its fleet of C130s and other aircraft to meet global airspace requirements for 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, In the event of a regional catastrophe, West Virginia's east-west highways, including I-68 and I-64 are links to the major exit corridors from the FEMA National Capital Region (NCR) westward and, assuming that a regional catastrophe will likely include Baltimore to the north of the NCR and Richmond to the south of the NCR, westward evacuation utilizing these highways is highly likely and is, in fact anticipated; and

Whereas, The routes through West Virginia will traverse rural areas that do not have infrastructure adequate for what could be a mass of evacuees in the worst-case scenario; experience in regional emergencies, such as Superstorm Sandy in 2012, illustrates some shortcomings in planning that is less focused on regions and more on states; and

Whereas, West Virginia is perfectly (and geographically) postured to support any emergency or disaster response to the NCR, including mass evacuation westward; and

Whereas, FEMA regions do not necessarily represent grouping of states likely to be involved in some scenarios; FEMA region III contains the NCR and West Virginia as its western-most edge and in a major catastrophe, Regions V, with Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, VII with Missouri, and IV with Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina are likely to be involved in some combinations; and

Whereas, The National Guard, through the use of Emergency Management Assistance Compacts, can operate across state lines to provide vital response capability in security, transportation, medical, housing, communications, command and control, and others based on its dual role in military preparedness and state civil support; and

Whereas, Military Force Structure assigned to the National Guard must be considered by Federal Military planners for the dual use they can encounter; National Guard Organizations require personnel, equipment, organization, training, leadership and funding to maintain federal military standards and to be prepared to respond to a domestic emergency or disaster; and

Whereas, Regional catastrophic planning is dependent on National Guard assets, capabilities and responsiveness; consequently, it is also critical that federal military planners assess the impact of their force structure changes on regional capability needs as I well as those that are state specific; and

Whereas, The C-130 H3 "Hercules" aircraft assigned to the 130th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia National Guard at Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia will eventually become obsolete without system modernization to the communication, naviga-

tion, and surveillance (CNS) components; National Air Traffic Control (ATC) agencies and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) are modernizing airspace faster than the US Air Force is updating C-130 avionics capabilities; and

Whereas, Aircraft component acquisition becomes increasingly difficult as fewer C-130 H aircraft remain in the Air Force inventory and the unique components of the C-130, including its self contained navigational system (SCNS), face short term supply chain shortages that could be remedied with aircraft avionics modernization; and

Whereas, The contract to perform maintenance on aircraft flight computers is renewed annually and this perpetual reliance on short term contracts increases sustainment cost and challenges mission effectiveness and operational planning; and

Whereas, Reliance on short term contracts and antiquated avionics will increase Air Force expense in the long run as it translates to more expensive mission-essential contracts and increased fuel expenditures due to inefficient routing: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia, That the Legislature hereby urges the United States Congress to provide funding for the West Virginia National Guard to sustain and enhance its capabilities in its role in a regional catastrophe and to modernize the antiquated avionics of its fleet of C-130s and other aircraft to meet global airspace requirements for 2020; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives and to the members of West Virginia congressional delegation.

POM-158. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take immediate action to protect citizens and lawful residents from the consequences resulting from the uncontrolled influx of undocumented immigrants into this country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Whereas, the federal Department of Homeland Security has set forth in a report, entitled Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: January 2011 that the unauthorized immigrant population totaled 11.5 million in 2011; and

Whereas, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency apprehended 486,651 individuals crossing the borders of the United States in fiscal year 2014 alone; and

Whereas, the power to control immigration and naturalization is reserved to the federal government by the provisions of Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution, which tasks the legislative branch with establishing uniform rules of naturalization; and

Whereas, the explosive growth in numbers of illegal immigrants, including a substantial increase in unaccompanied alien children, over the past few years reflects a failure by the President of the United States, his administration, and the various members of Congress to implement procedures that adequately address this issue; and

Whereas, despite the lack of authority granted to the states to fully address the issue of illegal immigration, as evidenced by recent court decisions, including *Arizona v. United States*, 132 S. Ct. 2492 (2012), the costs of supporting illegal immigrants in this country continues to fall directly to the several states, and their counties and cities; and

Whereas, according to the complaint filed by several states against certain officials in the administration in charge of immigration enforcement, the Texas Department of Public Safety estimated that it was spending \$1.3 million per week on troopers and resources to deal with the immigration surge, as well as deploying 1,000 National Guard troops to the border at a cost of \$38 million; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has decreed in *Plyler v. Doe*, 102 S. Ct. 2382 (1982), that education cannot be denied even to those who have entered this country illegally; and

Whereas, Congress has likewise decreed that emergency medical care, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §§ 1611 and 1621, cannot be denied even to those who have come here illegally; and

Whereas, this General Assembly is fully aware of the growing existence of illegal immigrants in the various counties of this State, including the 1,294 unaccompanied alien children released to sponsors in this State by the Office of Refugee Resettlement in fiscal year 2014; and

Whereas, the costs of illegal immigration present a significant financial burden to each state in the form of expenditures for education, criminal justice, and emergency medical care, a burden this State cannot absorb without jeopardizing the quality of life for its U.S. citizens and lawful immigrant population: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate Concurring, That even as the members of this General Assembly take decisive steps to address the issue of illegal immigration to the fullest extent of our powers, we strongly urge the President and the Congress of these United States to resolve this issue in a timely and efficient manner, to pass a comprehensive immigration policy that allows those wishing to immigrate to this country to do so only in a lawful manner, and to ensure that American society is not threatened by a decline in public safety, educational standards, medical accessibility, and the overall standard of living resulting from those who knowingly choose to enter this country in violation of the law; and be it further

Resolved, That the President and the Congress of these United States include in any comprehensive immigration policy a revision to existing federal law that would favor U.S. citizens and lawful residents in receiving benefits such as health care, education, and any other government benefits before offering any benefits to those individuals entering this country illegally; and be it further

Resolved, That the President and the Congress of these United States incorporate into any comprehensive immigration policy a system in which the several states may be fully compensated by the federal government for any financial burdens that result from decisions made in Washington, D.C., with regard to illegal immigrants.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 710. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-244).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2019.

*Julie Helene Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

*Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2020.

*Steven Nathan Berk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Elizabeth Carroll Wingo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2021.

*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 Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2845. A bill to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2846. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. ERNST:

S. 2847. A bill to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2848. A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SASSE (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2849. A bill to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. SASSE):

S. Res. 439. A resolution congratulating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln women's bowling team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowling Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 240

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 510

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 510, a bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 821

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A.

S. 859

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to protect the public, communities across America, and the environment by increasing the safety of crude oil transportation by railroad, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas