

H.R. 4923. An act to establish a process for the submission and consideration of petitions for temporary duty suspensions and reductions, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4240. An act to require an independent review of the operation and administration of the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and subsets of the TSDB, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4498. An act to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### 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-5288. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9945-28-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5289. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR); Institutional Oversight of Life Science Dual Use Research of Concern (IDURC)" (FRL No. 9941-86-OARM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5290. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date, and Reclassification of Several Areas for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9945-17-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5291. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Plan Revisions; Arizona; Rescissions and Corrections" (FRL No. 9945-78-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5292. 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 State Plans for Designated Facilities; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units" (FRL No. 9945-71-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5293. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Plans; Georgia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9945-60-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5294. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Assurance Requirements for Cleaning of Fluid Systems and Associated Components of Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants" (NRC-2014-0158) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5295. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Laboratory Investigations of Soils and Rocks for Engineering Analysis and Design of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.138, Revision 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5296. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Assessment of Licensed Operators or Applicants for Operator Licenses at Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.134, Revision 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5297. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Welder Qualification for Welding in Areas of Limited Accessibility in Fuel Reprocessing Plants and in Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants" (NRC-2014-0069) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5298. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preheat and Interpass Temperature Control for the Welding of Low-Alloy Steel for Use in Fuel Reprocessing Plants and in Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants" (NRC-2014-0070) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5299. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Response Strategies for Potential Aircraft Threats" (Regulatory Guide 1.124, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5300. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compilation of Reporting Requirements for Persons Subject to NRC Regulations" (NRC-2014-0144) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5301. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. support for Tai-

wan's participation as an observer at the 69th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5302. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting" (RIN1212-AB30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5303. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5304. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Bucksport/Lake Murray Drag Boat Spring National, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0009)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5305. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal System Pumps" (NRC-2015-0107) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 434. A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-246).

S. 1620. A bill to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-247).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

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.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 381. A resolution honoring the memory and legacy of Michael James

Riddering and condemning the terrorist attacks in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on January 15, 2016.

S. Res. 394. A resolution recognizing the 195th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 418. A resolution recognizing Hafsat Abiola, Khanim Latif, Yoani Sanchez, and Akanksha Hazari for their selflessness and dedication to their respective causes, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 436. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 442. A resolution condemning the terrorist attacks in Brussels and honoring the memory of the United States citizens murdered in those attacks, and offering thoughts and prayers for all the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the Belgian people, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of Belgium and all our allies in the face of continuing terrorist attacks on freedom and liberty.

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

S. 2555. A bill to provide opportunities for broadband investment, and for other purposes.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2824. A bill to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C., as the "Ariel Rios Federal Building".

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

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.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Swati A. Dandekar, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. Date: 12/14/2015.

SWATI A. DANDEKAR.

Dandekar, Swati Arvind  
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Year 2015 (thru July 20, 2015)  
Individual/Organization, Dollars, and Level (Local, State or National):

Sam Gray, \$250, State Representative Elections; Kumar Barve, \$1500, U.S. Congress (Maryland); Iowa Democratic Party, \$200 (EST), State; Dubuque County Democratic Central Committee, \$60, Local.

Year 2014  
Iowa Democratic Party, \$1,500 (EST), State; Linn Phoenix Club, \$250 (EST), Local; Linn County Democratic Central Committee, \$100 (EST), Local; Citizens for Gronstal, \$250, State.

Year 2013  
Iowa Senate Fund, \$250, State; Daniel Lundby, \$200, State; Susie Weinacht, \$700, Local; First District Democrats, \$130, Iowa US congress District #1; Mark Smith, \$100, State; Liz Bennett, \$250, State; Citizens for Gronstal, \$250, State; Citizens for Jochum, \$150, State; Linn Phoenix Club, \$250 (EST), Local; Buchanan County Democratic Central Committee, \$25, Local; Iowa Democratic Party, \$1,500, State.

Year 2012  
Rob Hogg, \$25, State; Daniel Lundby, \$100, State; Linn County Democratic Central Committee, \$100 (EST), Local; Linn Phoenix Club, \$250 (EST), Local; Iowa Democratic Party, \$1,500 (EST), State.

Year 2011  
Linn County Democratic Central Committee, \$100 (EST), Local; Linn Phoenix Club, \$250 (EST), Local; Iowa Democratic Party, \$1,500 (EST), State.

\*Adam H. Sterling, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic.

Nominee: Adam H. Sterling.  
Post: Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Elka Sterling, None; Bram Sterling, None.
4. Parents: Stanley Sterling, deceased; Gloria Sterling, deceased.
5. Grandparents: Albert Wolfson, deceased; Mollie Wolfson, deceased; Eddie Sterling, deceased; Janie Wolfson, deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Judith Gitel, \$5/month, DCCC House Democrats Act Blue; Abbie & Mark Frank, None.

\*Kelly Keiderling-Franz, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Nominee: Kelly Keiderling.  
Post: Uruguay.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: \$0.
2. Spouse: David W. Franz: \$0.
3. Children and Spouses (not married): Katherine K. Franz: \$0; Alexander K. Franz: \$0.
4. Parents: Wallace E. Keiderling—deceased; Maria del Rosario Keiderling: \$0.
5. Grandparents: Katherine Keiderling—deceased; Harvey Keiderling—deceased; Domingo Soruco—deceased; Luisa Rios de Soruco—deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Keith L. Keiderling: \$0; Hedy Cyker: \$0.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Casey J. Keiderling: \$0; Jacques Naquet-Radiguet: \$0.

\*Stephen Michael Schwartz, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the

United States of America to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Nominee: Stephen Michael Schwartz.

Post: Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$100, 07-13-13, Friends of Barbara Nuchereno.
2. Spouse: Kristy Doreen Cook: none.
3. Children and Spouses (Both children under 16 years of age): Hannah Hagere Schwartz: none, Jonas Randolph Schwartz: none.
4. Parents: Robert Norman Schwartz, none; Carole Lessee Schwartz—Deceased; Jean Suto Schwartz (Father's second wife), \$125, 10-22-13, Friends of Barbara Nuchereno.

5. Grandparents: Edward Idal Schwartz—Deceased; Liza Dudnik Schwartz—Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Edward A. Schwartz (brother), none; Sharon F. Schwartz (sister-in-law), none; Lewis L. Schwartz (brother), \$250, 08-29-12, Obama Victory Fund 2012; \$250, 08-29-12, Obama for America; Patricia Pierson Schwartz (sister-in-law), \$250, 08-29-12, Obama for America; \$250, 10-23-13, Friends of Barbara Nuchereno.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Barbara Schwartz Nuchereno (sister), \$150, 06-07-15, Brenda Freedman/Family Court; \$400, 09-25-14, Patrick Gallivan/NYS Senate; \$205, 07-25-13, Guy Marlette/Amherst Town Cncil; \$25, 05-01-13, Amherst Century Club; \$150, 03-06-13, Debra Givens/NYS Supreme Court; \$580, 07-25-12, Guy Marlette/Amherst Town Cncil; \$325, 05-12-12, Amherst Republicans. Louis J. Nuchereno (brother-in-law): \$250, 08-26-15, Danielle Restaino/Judge; \$125, 05-29-15, Ed Rath/County Legislator; \$1,000, 10-23-14, Ortt for NYS Senate; \$15,260, 02-07-14, Barbara Nuchereno/Judge; \$1,000, 10-22-13, Paul Wojtaszek/NYS Supr. Court; \$1,000, 09-03-13, DeBlasio/NYC Mayor; \$5,000, 09-11-13, Barbara Nuchereno/Judge; \$15,000, 08-30-13, Barbara Nuchereno/Judge; \$75, 07-26-13, Barbara Nuchereno/Judge; \$10,000, 06-24-13, Barbara Nuchereno/Judge; \$1,000, 06-24-13, Andrews/State Treasurer; \$250, 04-29-13, Barbara Nuchereno/Judge; \$250, 02-01-13, Mary Carney/Erie Cnty Family Crt; \$250, 06-20-12, Andrews/State Treasurer; \$2,500, 06-18-12, Mitt Romney/US President; \$2,500, 06-18-12, Mitt Romney/US President.

\*Christine Ann Elder, of Kentucky, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Liberia.

Nominee: Christine A. Elder.  
Post: Monrovia.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: Christine A. Elder: none, N/A, N/A.
2. Spouse (see below note): Paul R. Hughes, Jr.: \$500, 3/30/11, Lofgren for Congress; Paul R. Hughes, Jr., \$500, 8/4/11, Friends of Roger Wicker; Paul R. Hughes, Jr., \$500, 11/15/11, Lofgren for Congress; Paul R. Hughes, Jr., \$500, 5/29/12, Anna Eshoo for Congress; Paul R. Hughes, Jr., \$500, 3/7/13, Anna Eshoo for