

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5534. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0333) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5535. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4112) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5536. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Textron Aviation, Inc. Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5457) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5537. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1279) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5538. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4076) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5539. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4809) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5540. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. Turboprop Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-3692) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5541. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; South Bend, WA" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3771) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aviation Training Device Credit for Pilot Certification" (RIN2120-AK71) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1846) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5543. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Positive Train Control Systems" (RIN2130-AC56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 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-166. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska opposing the decisions of the Obama Administration to cancel future lease sales in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, urging the United States Department of the Interior to continue including the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea lease sales in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and urging the Obama Administration to support ongoing efforts to develop offshore oil and gas in the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf responsibly; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLVE No. 7

Whereas the official Arctic policy of the state, passed by the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, states that "It is the policy of the state, as it relates to the Arctic, to uphold the state's commitment to economically vibrant communities sustained by development activities consistent with the state's responsibility for a healthy environment"; and

Whereas the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission advises the state, in its list of strategic recommendations, to "promote prudent oil and gas exploration and development in the Arctic"; and

Whereas the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management estimates that there are 23,000,000,000 barrels and 104,410,000,000,000 cubic feet of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and natural gas in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas; and

Whereas hundreds of exploration and development wells have been safely and responsibly drilled in state and federal water off the coast of the state, including in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas; and

WHEREAS the economic future of the state and the energy security and strategic global position of the nation stand to benefit greatly from development of the state's outer continental shelf; and

Whereas the state has a rich history of developing its resources in a sustainable and responsible manner; and

Whereas development of the state's outer continental shelf is a well-understood undertaking, and Alaskans have the benefit of over half a century's experience in managing Arctic development; and

Whereas the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, a national strategic infrastructure asset, is running at one-quarter of throughput capacity and would benefit from additional future oil supply; and

Whereas Alaskans, including those living closest to the resource on the North Slope, benefit from outer continental shelf exploration through direct employment, business opportunities, and government revenue; and

Whereas there are many synergies between the types of infrastructure that would facilitate Arctic oil and gas exploration and development and the infrastructure needs of local communities, the state, and elements of the United States Coast Guard and Navy; and

Whereas, in January of 2015, the United States Department of the Interior published a draft 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program that proposed one lease sale each in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas; and

Whereas the federal government has limited immediate opportunities in several areas in the Arctic, including, most importantly, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska, and the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf; and

Whereas, on October 16, 2015, the United States Department of the Interior cancelled future outer continental shelf oil and gas lease sales in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area and Beaufort Sea Planning Area, scheduled for 2016 and 2017, respectively; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Alaska House of Representatives opposes the recent decisions of the Obama Administration to cancel future lease sales in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas; and be it further

Resolved that the Alaska House of Representatives urges the United States Department of the Interior to continue including the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea lease sales in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program; and be it further

Resolved that the Alaska House of Representatives urges the Obama Administration to support ongoing efforts to develop offshore oil and gas in the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf responsibly and to acknowledge the support of Alaskans.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-167. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida condemning the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against the State of Israel and calls upon its governmental institutions to denounce hatred and discrimination whenever they appear; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1001

Whereas, the citizens of the State of Florida have long opposed bigotry, oppression, discrimination, and injustice as a matter of public policy; and

Whereas, Florida and Israel have enjoyed a long history of friendship and are great allies in support of each other's interests; and

Whereas, the State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in that region; and

Whereas, the elected representatives of the state recognize the importance of expressing Florida's unwavering support of the Jewish people and the State of Israel's right to exist and right to self-defense; and

Whereas, there are increasing incidents of anti-Semitism throughout the world, including in the United States and in Florida, reflected in official hate crime statistics, and

Whereas, the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement is one of the main vehicles for spreading anti-Semitic perspectives and advocating the elimination of the Jewish State, and

Whereas, activities promoting Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel have increased in the State of Florida, including on university campuses and in other Florida communities, and contribute to the promotion of anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda, and

Whereas, the increase in BDS campaign activities on college campuses around the country has resulted in increased confrontation, intimidation, and discrimination against Jewish students, and

Whereas, leaders of the BDS movement express that their goal is to eliminate Israel as the national home of the Jewish people, and

Whereas, the BDS campaign's call for academic and cultural boycotts has been condemned by many of our nation's largest academic associations, more than 250 university presidents and many other leading scholars as a violation of the bedrock principle of academic freedom: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida;

That the Florida House of Representatives condemns the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against the State of Israel and calls upon its governmental institutions to denounce hatred and discrimination whenever they appear; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities of the State of Israel as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

POM-168. A resolution passed by the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, encouraging and supporting the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and independent society and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in the strategically important South Caucasus region; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-169. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to United States currency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-170. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2955. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-258).

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2956. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development,

Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-259).

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

S. Res. 469. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in the journey of Ireland to independence.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2942. A bill to extend certain privileges and immunities to the Gulf Cooperation Council.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

*Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*Matthew Rhett Jeppson, of Florida, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

*Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2020.

*Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2016.

*Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021.

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Mariano J. Beillard and ending with William G. Verzani, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 14, 2016.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ronald G. Russell, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Inga S. Bernstein, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Suzanne Mitchell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Scott L. Palk, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

*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. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2952. A bill to prevent the proposed amendments to rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure from taking effect; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2953. A bill to promote patient-centered care and accountability at the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 2954. A bill to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CAPITO:

S. 2955. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2956. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2957. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the first manned landing on the Moon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2958. A bill to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2959. A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2960. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2961. A bill to improve end-of-life care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2962. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.