

*Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Laura S. H. Holgate.

Post: Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State.

(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/Joint: \$100, 6/12, Obama for America; \$200, 1/2/12, Obama for America.
2. Spouse
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Susan Markley Hayes, Gilbert Franklin Hayes: N/A.
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Carolyn Gregg Hayes Butler, Steven A. Butler: N/A.

*Scot Alan Marciel, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of Burma.

Nominee: Scot Alan Marciel.

Post: Ambassador to the Union of Burma.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: 0.
2. Spouse: Marie Earlynn Marciel: 0.
3. Children and Spouses: Lauren Marciel: 0; Natalie Marciel: 0.
4. Parents: Ronald Marciel: 0; Lorna Marciel: deceased; Grace Marciel (step-mother): 0.
5. Grandparents: Steve Marciel: deceased; Louise Lundy: deceased; Gordon McLellan: deceased; Helen McLellan: deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael Marciel: 0; Keith Marciel: deceased.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Rhonda Donhowe: 0.

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Foreign Service nomination of Christopher Nairn Steel.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Christopher Alexander and ending with Tipten Troidl, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2015.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Virginia Lynn Bennett and ending with Susan M. Cleary, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 19, 2016.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Susan Paradise Baxter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Marilyn Jean Horan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

*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. MCCAIN (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 2470. A bill to repeal the provision permitting the use of rocket engines from the Russian Federation for the evolved expendable launch vehicle program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2471. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2472. A bill to establish an American Savings Account Fund and create a retirement savings plan available to all employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2473. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide veterans the option of using an alternative appeals process to more quickly determine claims for disability compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 349. A resolution congratulating the Farm Credit System on the celebration of its 100th anniversary; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 350. A resolution congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CRAPO,

Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 351. A resolution designating the week of January 24 through January 30, 2016, as "National School Choice Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 352. A resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* and of Teacher in Space S. Christa McAuliffe of Concord, New Hampshire; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 859

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 974

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor.

S. 1641

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 2021

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2021, a bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes.

S. 2144

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr.

SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2144, a bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2344, a bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and trans-actional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 2423

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 2452

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2452, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to make payments to Iran relating to the settlement of claims brought before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal until Iran has paid certain compensatory damages awarded to United States persons by United States courts.

S. 2466

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2466, a bill to amend the Safe Water Drinking Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to notify the public if a State agency and public water system are not taking action to address a public health risk associated with drinking water requirements.

S. 2469

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2469, a bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

S. RES. 347

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 347, a resolution honoring the memory and legacy of Anita Ashok Datar and condemning the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, on November 20, 2015.

AMENDMENT NO. 2954

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2954 proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2989

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2989 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2990

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2990 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2990 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 3002

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3002 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3004

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3004 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3005

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3005 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3018

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3018 intended to be

proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3029

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3029 proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3035

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3035 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3038

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3038 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 349—CONGRATULATING THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

S. RES. 349

Whereas on July 17, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the Federal Farm Loan Act (39 Stat. 360, chapter 245), which established the Farm Credit System;

Whereas through the enactment of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.), Congress—

(1) directed that the Farm Credit System be designed as a permanent system to support the well-being and prosperity of rural communities and agricultural producers of all types and sizes in the United States; and

(2) recognized that a prosperous, productive agricultural sector is essential to a free country;

Whereas Congress designed the Farm Credit System as a network of independently owned cooperatives that are—

(1) controlled by borrowers; and
(2) responsive to the individual needs of borrowers for credit and financial services;

Whereas the Farm Credit System plays an important role in the success of United States agriculture and economic vibrancy of rural communities in all 50 States and Puerto Rico;

Whereas the Farm Credit System actively supports the next generation of agricultural producers—