

Navy nominations beginning with Nicole A. Aguirre and ending with Amy F. Zucharo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Alice A. T. Alcorn and ending with Malka Zipperstein, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Julie M. C. Anderson and ending with Bradley S. Wells, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Benjamin D. Adams and ending with Michael F. Whittican, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Stephen K. Afful and ending with Alessandra E. Ziegler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Scott E. Adams and ending with Charmaine R. Yap, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Raymond B. Adkins and ending with Gale B. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Paul I. Ahn and ending with Shannon L. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with Dennis L. Lang, Jr. and ending with Yasmira Leffakis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nomination of Karen J. Sankesritland, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Mark F. Bibeau and ending with Jason A. Laurion, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2016.

Navy nomination of Randall L. McAtee, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of John F. Capacchione, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Stuart T. Kirkby, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Carrie M. Mercier, to be Lieutenant Commander.

(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. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 3313. A bill to authorize assistance to Burma and to support a principled engagement strategy for a peaceful, prosperous, and democratic Burma that respects the human rights of all its people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3314. A bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other pur-

poses; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3315. A bill to authorize the modification or augmentation of the Second Division Memorial, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3316. A bill to maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3317. A bill to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Utah except by express authorization of Congress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 3318. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3319. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to appoint a harmful algal bloom coordinator; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3320. A bill to waive the essential health benefits requirements for certain States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 553. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the challenges the conflict in Syria poses to long-term stability and prosperity in Lebanon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 554. A resolution honoring the life of Jacob Wetterling and the efforts of Patty Wetterling and the Wetterling family to find abducted children and support their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 555. A resolution congratulating the Optical Society on its 100th anniversary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 556. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 12 through September 16, 2016, as "National Family Service Learning Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 557. A resolution designating September 2016 as "School Bus Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 558. A resolution honoring the memory and legacy of the 12 Louisiana citizens and 1 Texas citizen who lost their lives due to the tragic flooding in the State of

Louisiana in August 2016; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 539

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1588

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2645

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2645, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2680

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2680, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide comprehensive mental health reform, and for other purposes.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2782, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pediatric subspecialists in the National Health Service Corps program, and for other purposes.

S. 2791

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2791, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2849

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2849, a bill to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information.

S. 2873

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2873, a bill to require studies and reports examining the use of, and opportunities to use, technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models to improve programs of the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

S. 2927

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2927, a bill to prevent governmental discrimination against providers of health services who decline involvement in abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 3056

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3056, a bill to provide for certain causes of action relating to delays of generic drugs and biosimilar biological products.

S. 3179

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3179, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend the credit for carbon dioxide sequestration.

S. 3183

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3183, a bill to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, and for other purposes.

S. 3195

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3195, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve Medicare beneficiary access to ventilators, and for other purposes.

S. 3198

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3198, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 3285

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3285, a bill to prohibit the President from using funds appropriated under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, to make payments to Iran, to impose sanctions with respect to Iranian persons that hold or detain United States citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 3296

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3296, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption to the individual mandate to maintain health coverage for individuals residing in counties with fewer than 2 health insurance issuers offering plans on an Exchange.

S. 3297

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3297, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption to the individual mandate to maintain health coverage for certain individuals whose premium has increased by more than 10 percent, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 16, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

S.J. RES. 39

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 39, a joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of M1A1/A2 Abrams Tank structures and other major defense equipment.

AMENDMENT NO. 4992

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4992 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 5004

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5004 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 5038

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5038 intended to be proposed to 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.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 553—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE CHALLENGES THE CONFLICT IN SYRIA POSES TO LONG-TERM STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN LEBANON

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 553

Whereas the stability of Lebanon, a pluralistic democracy in the Middle East, is in the interests of the United States and United States allies in the region;

Whereas the United States has provided more than \$2,000,000,000 in assistance to Lebanon in the past decade, including training and equipment for the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF);

Whereas the conflict in Syria threatens stability in Lebanon as a result of violent attacks against Lebanese citizens perpetrated by combatants active in Syria, as well as a massive influx of refugees fleeing the conflict;

Whereas the United States has contributed more than \$5,500,000,000 in humanitarian assistance for victims of the conflict in Syria, including for refugees in Lebanon;

Whereas the people of Lebanon have shown great generosity in welcoming more than 1,000,000 refugees from Syria, a refugee population equal to ¼ of its native population;

Whereas Lebanon is hosting more refugees proportionally than any nation in the world;

Whereas the refugee crisis has challenged Lebanon's economy, which faces a national debt that is approximately 140 percent of gross domestic product and underperforming economic growth;

Whereas the LAF have been called into direct conflict with the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) as a result of attacks carried out by the terrorist group in Lebanon;

Whereas the Syrian conflict has placed additional strains on the Government of Lebanon as it continues to confront political deadlock that has kept the presidency vacant for more than two years;

Whereas the unique political constitution of Lebanon hinges on that nation's distinct demographic and social equilibrium;

Whereas the prolongation of the Syrian conflict has the potential to upset the precarious social and political balance in Lebanon;

Whereas the constitution of Lebanon is further undermined by undue foreign influence, particularly by the Islamic Republic of Iran through its terrorist proxy Hizbollah;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1701 in 2006, which calls for the disarmament of all armed groups in Lebanon and stresses the importance of full control over Lebanon by the Government of Lebanon; and

Whereas Hizbollah continues to violate United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701, including by replenishing its stock of rockets and missiles in South Lebanon: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the importance of bilateral United States assistance to the Government of Lebanon in building its capacity to provide services and security for Lebanese citizens and curbing the influence of Hizbollah;

(2) encourages continued coordination between the Department of State, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

and humanitarian organizations to ensure that refugees from the conflict in Syria, including those in Lebanon, are supported in such a way as to mitigate any potentially adverse effect on their host countries;

(3) recognizes that it is in the interests of the United States to seek a negotiated end to the conflict in Syria that includes the ultimate departure of Bashar al-Assad, which would allow for the eventual return of the millions of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and other countries around the world;

(4) supports full implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701; and

(5) recognizes the LAF as the sole institution entrusted with the defense of Lebanon's sovereignty and supports United States partnerships with the LAF, particularly through the global coalition to defeat the terrorist group ISIS.

SENATE RESOLUTION 554—HONORING THE LIFE OF JACOB WETTERLING AND THE EFFORTS OF PATTY WETTERLING AND THE WETTERLING FAMILY TO FIND ABDUCTED CHILDREN AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 554

Whereas Patty and Jerry Wetterling faced the unimaginable tragedy of having their 11-year-old son, Jacob Wetterling, abducted near their home in Stearns County, Minnesota, on October 22, 1989;

Whereas Jacob Wetterling was taken at gunpoint and his disappearance remained unsolved for nearly 27 years;

Whereas Jacob Wetterling's body was not recovered until September of 2016;

Whereas Patty Wetterling bravely turned her grief into action and devoted her life to advocating for missing and exploited children;

Whereas Patty Wetterling has become a nationally recognized educator on child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children;

Whereas Patty Wetterling serves on the Board of Directors of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

Whereas Patty Wetterling and her husband co-founded the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to educate communities about child safety issues to prevent child exploitation and abductions;

Whereas Patty Wetterling authored the publication "When Your Child is Missing: A Family Survival Guide", along with 4 other families;

Whereas Patty Wetterling served for more than 7 years as Director of Sexual Violence Prevention for the Minnesota Department of Health;

Whereas the Star Tribune selected Patty Wetterling as one of the "100 Most Influential Minnesotans of the Century";

Whereas Patty Wetterling's efforts led to the passage of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (Public Law 103-322; 108 Stat. 2038), a Federal law that requires States to implement a sex offender and crimes against children registry; and

Whereas Jacob Wetterling's memory lives on through the efforts of the Wetterling family: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors—

(1) the life of Jacob Wetterling; and

(2) the efforts of Patty Wetterling and the Wetterling family to prevent child exploitation and abductions across the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 555—CONGRATULATING THE OPTICAL SOCIETY ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 555

Whereas the Optical Society is the leading professional association in optics and photonics, supporting research and collaboration in the science of light;

Whereas the Optical Society was founded in 1916 in Rochester, New York, as the research catalyst for the science of light and has since become the leading voice for advancing the study and application of optics and photonics;

Whereas, today, the Optical Society connects 270,000 scientists, students, engineers, and business leaders in 177 countries around the world;

Whereas, over the course of the 100-year history of the Optical Society, 34 members of the society have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics, Chemistry, or Physiology or Medicine;

Whereas optics and photonics is the science of light, serving as the backbone for modern national security applications, industrial controls, telecommunications, advanced manufacturing, health care, and consumer and business products;

Whereas a 2012 National Research Council study, entitled "Optics and Photonics: Essential Technologies for our Nation", outlined the utility of optics and photonics and their role in facilitating economic growth, recognizing their extraordinary impact on communications, information processing and data storage, defense and national security, energy, health and medicine, advanced manufacturing, and strategic materials;

Whereas the United States Government has recognized the importance of photonics, the contributions of photonics to economic development, and the benefits of public-private partnerships by recently announcing a consortium working with the Department of Defense known as the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics; and

Whereas optics and photonics create more than \$3,000,000,000,000 in revenue annually in the United States and support more than 7,400,000 jobs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Optical Society on its 100th anniversary;

(2) reaffirms the critical role that optics and photonics have played over the last 100 years and continue to play in the economy of the United States and the lives of the people of the United States; and

(3) recognizes the importance of continued investment in fundamental optics and photonics research.

SENATE RESOLUTION 556—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2016, AS "NATIONAL FAMILY SERVICE LEARNING WEEK"

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, and