

and Toxins, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review of the List of Select Agents and Toxins and Enhanced Biosafety Requirements" (RIN0920-AA59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-554. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Regulations to Reflect the Terminology of Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements" ((RIN1660-AA89) (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0034)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-555. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Ethics in Government Act Violations" (RIN3209-AA00 and RIN3209-AA38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-556. A communication from the Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2016 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2016 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-560. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-561. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-621, "Constitution and Boundaries for the State of Washington, D.C. Approval Resolution of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-562. A communication from the Chairman and Members of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semi-annual Report for the period of April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-563. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The D.C. Government Must Improve Policies and Practices for the Protection of Personally Identifiable Information"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-564. A communication from the Staff Attorney, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Procedures" (RIN3141-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-565. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-566. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the activities of the Community Relations Service for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-567. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-568. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Solicitor General, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-569. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-570. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-571. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-572. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Regulatory Affairs Law Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating Exception to Expedited Removal Authority for Cuban Nationals Arriving by Air" (RIN1601-AA81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-573. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating Exception to Expedited Removal Authority for Cuban Nationals Arriving by Air" (RIN1125-AA80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-574. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Entrepreneur Rule" (RIN1615-AC04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-575. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-576. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diseases Associated with Exposure to Contaminants in the Water Supply at Camp Lejeune" (RIN2900-AP66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State.

\*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. LEE (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):  
S. 185. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for pre-kindergarten education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. REED):

S. 186. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 187. A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamariam; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 188. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 189. A bill to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 190. A bill to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 191. A bill to improve patient choice by allowing States to adopt market-based alternatives to the Affordable Care Act that increase access to affordable health insurance and reduce costs while ensuring important consumer protections and improving patient care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 192. A bill to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 193. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 194. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a public health insurance option, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 18. A resolution reaffirming the United States-Argentina partnership and recognizing Argentina's economic reforms; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mrs. ERNST):

S. Res. 19. A resolution denouncing the deadly attack at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, honoring the lives of the victims, offering condolences to their families, friends, and all those affected, and commending the efforts of law enforcement and emergency response personnel in responding to the incident; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 16

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 18

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 18, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 26

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 26, a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.

S. 27

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 27, a bill to establish an independent commission to examine and report on the facts regarding the extent of Russian official and unofficial cyber operations and other attempts to interfere in the 2016 United States national election, and for other purposes.

S. 33

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 59

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns.

S. 78

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr.

RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 78, a bill to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business, and for other purposes.

S. 92

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 92, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 104

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 104, a bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 139, a bill to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, and for other purposes.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 172

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 172, a bill to require the President to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and to make that Agreement ineligible for expedited consideration by Congress.

S. 175

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to amend the