

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; St. Ignace Fireworks Displays, St. Ignace, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0472)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2358. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cleveland Triathlon Swim Event; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0580)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2359. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Thunder on the Outer Harbor; Buffalo Outer Harbor, Buffalo, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0331)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2360. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak's audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the years ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 with report of independent auditors; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2361. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive Passenger Rail Service Pilot Program" (RIN2130-AC60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2362. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offers of Financial Assistance" (RIN2140-AB27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; 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-76. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to continue full funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the campus of Michigan State University; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

Whereas, The President's proposed 2018 budget includes a \$17 million cut in federal funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) at Michigan State University. This could delay the project's anticipated completion date, increasing costs by an estimated \$20 million; and

Whereas, Currently, the state-of-the-art project is on budget and ahead of schedule and is about three quarters completed. The FRIB will be the world's most powerful rare isotope beam facility upon completion; at least 1,000 times more powerful than Michi-

gan State University's existing cyclotrons; and

Whereas, The FRIB will more than double the research opportunities available in the field of nuclear physics. Its cutting-edge discoveries will provide applications for society in such areas as cancer research, homeland security, and commercial innovation. A world class scientific facility such as the FRIB will address the U.S. innovation deficit and provide opportunities to train the next generation of scientific and business leaders; and

Whereas, The FRIB will have a huge impact on Michigan. It will contribute an estimated \$4.4 billion in statewide economic activity over the course of its lifespan. It is expected to create over 1,000 jobs, generate wages of \$1.7 billion, and strengthen and diversify the state's economy through investments in research and innovation; and

Whereas, It is critically important that federal funding continue to provide a solid foundation for cutting-edge scientific research at the FRIB. A funding shortfall and delay could mean canceled contracts and missed opportunities in the region's burgeoning particle science industry. Continuation of full funding is essential to keeping FRIB construction on time and on budget; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Congress to continue full funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the campus of Michigan State University; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-77. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska making application to the United States Congress to call a convention of the state to propose a countermand amendment to the United States Constitution as provided under Article V; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to make the same application; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas the state's sovereignty has been infringed upon by the federal government, including by the federal government's recent denial of and refusal to work with state officials on the construction of a lifesaving road from King Cove to Cold Bay; and

Whereas the state's access to a fair permitting process for projects that will develop the state's natural resources and provide revenue streams to the state, including oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and large-scale mining projects throughout the state, has been continually denied by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies of the federal government; and

Whereas the United States Congress has, at times, exceeded its delegated powers, the President of the United States has, at times, exceeded the constitutional authority of the office of the President of the United States, and the federal courts have, at times, exceeded their authority by issuing decisions on public policy matters reserved to the states in violation of the principles of federalism and separation of powers, all of which have adversely affected the state and its people; and

Whereas, under the authority of art. V, Constitution of the United States, the several states should apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to amend the United States Constitution and adopt a countermand amendment to author-

ize the states, upon a vote of three-fifths of the state legislatures, to nullify and repeal a federal statute, executive order, judicial decision, regulatory decision by a federal government agency, or government mandate imposed on the states by law that adversely affects the interests of the states, in order to properly exercise the states' constitutional authority to check federal power, preserve state sovereignty, and protect the rights of the states and the people; and

Whereas the states have the authority to define and limit the agenda of a convention to a single-issue "countermand amendment convention" called for by the states as provided under art. V, Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the delegates sent by the states to a countermand amendment convention shall have the limited authority to deliberate on and decide whether the countermand amendment, as preapproved by state legislatures, should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; Be it

Resolved, That, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to call a single-issue convention of the states, called a "countermand amendment convention," for the sole purpose of deciding whether the proposed countermand amendment should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to convene the countermand amendment convention within 60 days after the date it receives the 34th call for that convention from state legislatures; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a single-issue countermand convention of the states under art. V, Constitution of the United States.

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 John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; 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; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BURR for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Robert P. Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency.

*Isabel Marie Keenan Patelunas, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

*Susan M. Gordon, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

*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. UDALL (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1624. A bill to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos on food, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1625. A bill for the relief of Nury Chavarria; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1626. A bill to improve the safety of the air supply on commercial aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1627. A bill to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1628. A bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. HIRONO):

S. 1629. A bill to reauthorize the Department of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1630. A bill to establish in the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty to develop a national strategy to eliminate child poverty in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. 1631. A bill to authorize the Department of State for Fiscal Year 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARPER,

Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PETERS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 231. A resolution designating July 30, 2017, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to provide for nonpreemption of measures by State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 372

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to amend title XVIII of

the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens.

S. 602

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 602, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 to include in the prohibitions on boycotts against allies of the United States boycotts fostered by international governmental organizations against Israel and to direct the Export-Import Bank of the United States to oppose boycotts against Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance for the Venezuelan people, to defend democratic governance and combat widespread public corruption in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 1146

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan