

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 21. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 22. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 24. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce.

*Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation.

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

*Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

*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. FLAKE:

S. 195. A bill to expedite the deployment of highway construction projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. COONS):

S. 196. A bill to provide for a Public Health Emergency Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 197. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr.

PERDUE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 198. A bill to require continued and enhanced annual reporting to Congress in the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, the safety and security of European Jewish communities, and the efforts of the United States to partner with European governments, the European Union, and civil society groups, to combat anti-Semitism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 199. A bill to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 200. A bill to prohibit the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 201. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that new wind turbines located near certain military installations are ineligible for the renewable electricity production credit and the energy credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 202. A bill to amend the Social Security Act relating to the use of determinations made by the Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 203. A bill to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 204. A bill to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 205. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and

generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 206. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 207. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 208. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit fully refundable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 209. A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. Kaine, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 210. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 211. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 212. A bill to provide for the development of a United States strategy for greater human space exploration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 213. A bill to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 214. A bill to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 215. A bill to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 216. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 217. A bill to amend the Denali National Park Improvement Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the natural gas pipeline authorized in the Denali National Park and Preserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 218. A bill to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 219. A bill to provide the force and effect of law for certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants to reduce depredation at aquaculture facilities and protect public resources; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 220. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 221. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 222. A bill to repeal provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and provide private health insurance reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KING, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 223. A bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 224. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors

across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortions decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 225. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 226. A bill to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-emitting diodes providing illumination or ceiling fans using direct current motors from energy conservation standards for external power supplies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 227. A bill to impose nonnuclear sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 228. A bill to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. REED):

S. 229. A bill to provide for the confidentiality of information submitted in requests for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 230. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for facilities using a qualified methane conversion technology to provide transportation fuels and chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 231. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 232. A bill to terminate the EB-5 Visa Program and to reallocate the employment creation visas to the other employment-based visa classifications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 233. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility leases of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 234. A bill to provide incentives for businesses to keep jobs in America; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr.

CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 235. A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THUNE:

S. Res. 20. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 21. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 22. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 23. A resolution establishing the Select Committee on Cybersecurity; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 24. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 25. A resolution designating January 27, 2017, as a national day of remembrance for people of the United States who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CASSIDY,