

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2419. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Water, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2420. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2421. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2422. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Group Classification and Standards for Water-, Steam-, Radioactive-Waste-Components of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.26, Revision 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2423. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Vibration Assessment Program for Reactor Internals During Preoperational and Initial Startup Testing" (Regulatory Guide 1.20, Revision 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2424. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Evaluation of Shipper-Receiver Differences in the Transfer of Special Nuclear Material; Internal Transfers of Special Nuclear Material; Shipping and Receiving Control of Strategic Nuclear Material" ((NRC-2016-0189) (Regulatory Guide 5.28, Revision 0; Regulatory Guide 5.49, Revision 0; and Regulatory Guide 5.57, Revision 1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2425. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recommended Practice for Dealing with Outlying Observations" (NRC-2017-0077) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2426. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment of the Assumption of Normality (Employing Individual Observed Values)" (NRC-2017-0161) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dedication of Commercial-Grade Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.164, Revision 0) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for the application of the Theft and Diversion Design-Basis Threat for Category I Fuel Cycle Facilities" (NRC-2017-0042) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2429. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping, Receiving, and Internal Transfer of Special Nuclear Material at Fuel Cycle Facilities" (Regulatory Guide 5.41, Revision 0) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2430. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limit of Error Concepts and Principles of Calculation in Nuclear Materials Control" (NRC-2017-0059) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2431. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2432. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Enrollment Examination User Fee for Enrolled Agents" ((RIN1545-BN09) (TD 9820)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2433. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Return Due Date and Extended Due Date Changes" ((RIN1545-BN13) (TD 9821)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2434. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Notice 2015-77 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund" (Notice 2017-40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2435. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Regarding the Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit" ((RIN1545-BM09) (TD 9822)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2436. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branded Prescription Drug Fee" ((RIN1545-BM26) (TD 9823)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2437. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AI06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2438. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0129—2017-0141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2439. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2440. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Premarket Approval of Pediatric Uses of Devices—Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2441. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Selection Criteria that Apply to Direct Grant Programs" (RIN1855-AA13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2442. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's 2017 Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## 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. CARPER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1672. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to include in income the unrepatriated earnings of groups that include an inverted corporation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1674. A bill to provide grants for the repair, renovation, and construction of public elementary schools and secondary schools, to establish a school infrastructure bond program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1675. A bill to promote quality student loan servicing by improving the borrower experience for borrowers of Federal Direct Loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1676. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to provide grants for access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. STRANGE):

S. 1677. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to improve access to grants and loans for evidence-based substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1678. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve access to grants and loans for evidence-based substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1679. A bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 to increase enforcement of certain violations and strengthen certain transparency requirements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1680. A bill to decrease the incidence of food waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1681. A bill to require persons who undertake Federally funded research and development of drugs to enter into reasonable pricing agreements with the Secretary of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 479

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, 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. 497

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, 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. 754

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to support meeting our Nation's growing cybersecurity workforce needs by expanding the cybersecurity education pipeline.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) 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. 1050

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1169, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with an option to provide medical assistance to individuals between the ages of 22 and 64 for inpatient services to treat substance use disorders at certain facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1182, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion.

S. 1218

At the request of Ms. HETTKAMP, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1218, a bill to promote Federal employment for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to

provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to amend certain Acts to reauthorize those Acts and to increase protections for wildlife, and for other purposes.

S. 1520

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1520, a bill to expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan.

S. 1544

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to prevent Federal funds from being used to establish a cybersecurity unit in cooperation with the Russian Federation.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. STRANGE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1598, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1619, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to provide priority under certain federally assisted housing programs to assist youths who