

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:50 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1843. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3110. An act to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1616. An act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Bob Dole, in recognition for his service to the nation as a soldier, legislator, and statesman.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 69. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 601) to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, and for other purposes; and further, that the House agreed to the amendment numbered 6 of the Senate to the aforementioned bill, with an

amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1843. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2864. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 49. Joint resolution condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President's Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2688. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2689. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2690. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for monthly basic pay increases for members of the uniformed services for 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2691. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2692. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2693. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Venezuela that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2694. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to Executive Order 13783; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2695. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Volatile Organic Compounds Rule Revision and Stage II Vapor Recovery" (FRL No. 9965-62-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2696. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; AK; Adoption Updates and Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9966-80-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2697. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Major New Source Review" (FRL No. 9966-78-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2698. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Permits, Approvals, and Registrations" (FRL No. 9966-79-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2699. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; TN; Redesignation of the Knoxville 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9966-93-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2700. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

“Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2017-18 Season” (RIN1018-BB40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2701. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The Medicare Secondary Payer Commercial Repayment Center in Fiscal Year 2016”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2702. 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 “Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Liability” (Rev. Proc. 2017-44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2703. 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 “Section 305 Treatments of Elective Dividends by Publicly Offered REITS and RICS” (Rev. Proc. 2017-45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2704. 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 “National Average Bronze Plan Premium” (Rev. Proc. 2017-48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2705. 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 “General Arbitrage Rebate Rules” (Rev. Proc. 2017-50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2706. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to amendments to part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2707. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of fully automatic rifles, semi-automatic pistols, and silencers with extra magazines and accessories to Indonesia in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2708. 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 2017-0149–2017-0158); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2709. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration’s fiscal year 2017 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Govern-

mental Activities Inventory and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2710. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Waiving Departmental Review of Appraisals and Valuations of Indian Property” (RIN1093-AA20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2711. A communication from the Acting Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Proposed Schedule and Analysis of Copyright Recodification Fee To Go into Effect on or about December 18, 2017”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2712. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting proposed legislation entitled “Electronic System for Travel Authorization Fee Act”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2713. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Waiver of Passport and Visa Requirements Due to an Unforeseen Emergency” (RIN1651-AA97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 1631. A bill to authorize the Department of State for Fiscal Year 2018, and for other purposes.

S. 1697. 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 and United States Citizens.

## 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. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1765. A bill to require a comprehensive plan for the sharing of best practices for depot-level maintenance among the military services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1766. A bill to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1767. A bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1768. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S.J. Res. 49. A joint resolution condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President’s Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups; read the first time.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 229

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill to provide for a permanent extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 253, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the