

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 30. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 31. An original resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. Res. 32. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 33. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 34. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 37. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 255. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

H.R. 321. An act to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

*Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

*Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General.

*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 and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 249. A bill to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 250. A bill to prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting any Department of Defense position at, or in support of, a public shipyard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 251. A bill to repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board in order to ensure that it cannot be used to undermine the Medicare entitlement for beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KING, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. UDALL, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 252. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 253. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 254. A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 255. A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.2 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 256. A bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 257. A bill to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 258. A bill to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under holocaust-era insurance policies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

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; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 260. A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. KING, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 261. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the section 45 credit for refined coal from steel industry fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 263. A bill to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow charitable organizations to make statements relating to political campaigns if such statements are made in ordinary course of carrying out its tax exempt purpose; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 265. A bill to prevent conflicts of interest that stem from executive Government employees receiving bonuses or other compensation arrangements from nongovernment sources, from the revolving door that raises concerns about the independence of financial services regulators, and from the revolving door that casts aspersions over the awarding of Government contracts and other financial benefits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 267. A bill to provide for the correction of a survey of certain land in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 268. A bill to provide the legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to

fund postsecondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 269. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 270. A bill to prohibit the use of premiums paid to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation as an offset for other Federal spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 271. A bill to strengthen highway funding in the near term, to offer States additional financing tools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 272. A bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and the stability of the transportation security workforce by applying a unified personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who are responsible for screening passengers and property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 273. A bill to provide for the protection and recovery of the greater sage-grouse by facilitating State recovery plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 274. A bill to nullify the effect of the recent executive order that temporarily restricted individuals from certain countries from entering the United States; read the first time.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. STABENOW):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution approving the discontinuation of the process for consideration and automatic implementation of the annual proposal of the Independent Medicare Advisory Board under section 1899A of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SCOTT):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution approving the discontinuation of the process for consideration and automatic implementation of

the annual proposal of the Independent Medicare Advisory Board under section 1899A of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to prepaid accounts under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act and the Truth in Lending Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. Res. 30. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. Res. 31. An original resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. Res. 32. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. Res. 33. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. Res. 34. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. NELSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 35. A resolution expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, including free and fair elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. Res. 37. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 38. A resolution recognizing January 30, 2017, as "Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 40. A resolution designating the week beginning on February 5, 2017, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 41. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2017 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 18

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) 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. 55

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York.

S. 82

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 87

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 87, a bill to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect