

H.R. 1624. An act to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as no lower than level 2B liquid assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1918. An act to oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2408. An act to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-2970. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B) Ethnicity and Race Information Collection" ((RIN3170-AA65) (Docket No. CFPB-2017-0009)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2971. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2972. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Planning for Research and Test Reactors and Other Non-Power Production and Utilization Facilities" ((Regulatory Guide 2.6, Revision 2) (NUREG-1537 and NUREG-0849)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2973. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guides: 'Conduct of Nuclear Material Physical Inventories' and 'Statistical Evaluation of Material Unaccounted For'" (NRC-2017-0196) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2974. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Physical Inventories and Material Balances at Fuel Cycle Facilities" (Regulatory Guide 5.88, Revision 0) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2975. 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 "Treatment Under Section 956(c) of Certain Property Tempo-

rarily Stored in the United States Following Hurricane Irma or Hurricane Maria" (Notice 2017-55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2976. 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 "2017-2018 Special Per Diem Rates" (Notice 2017-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2977. 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 "Revised Guidance Related to Obtaining and Reporting Taxpayer Identification Numbers and Dates of Birth by Financial Institutions" (Notice 2017-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2978. 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 Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought" (Notice 2017-53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2979. 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 Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought" (Notice 2017-53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2980. 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 "2017-2018 Special Per Diem Rates" (Notice 2017-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2981. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2982. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2983. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2984. A communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2985. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles; Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection" (RIN2127-AL68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2986. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Damascus (OSTT) Flight Information Region (FIR)" (RIN2120-AL07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2987. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Falls City, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9593)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2988. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Arkadelphia, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0182)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2989. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mason, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0722)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2990. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Pauls Valley, OK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0184)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2991. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Plains, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0165)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2992. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (12); Amdt. No. 3764" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2993. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (82); Amdt. No. 3763" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2994. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (106); Amdt. No. 3761" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2995. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (99); Amdt. No. 3762" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2996. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0339)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2997. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0809)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2998. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0560)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2999. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0451)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3000. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0533)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3001. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0808)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3002. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0308)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3003. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Ameri-King Corporation Emergency Locator Transmitters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-6673)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3004. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B/E Aerospace Protective Breathing Equipment Part Number 119003-11 and Part Number 119003-21" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0439)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3005. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9184)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3006. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-8177)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3007. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0524)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3008. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0525)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3009. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0529)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3010. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0961)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3011. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Textron Aviation Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0608)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*David J. Redl, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

*Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

*Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

*Timothy Gallaudet, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

*Howard R. Elliott, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

*Walter G. Copan, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Bruce J. Walker, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

*Steven E. Winberg, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*John Marshall Mitnick, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

*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