

EC-3167. 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; Ohio; Redesignation of the Fulton County Area to Attainment of the 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL No. 9969-67-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3168. 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; Michigan; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9969-61-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3169. 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; Kentucky; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9969-26-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3170. 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; Illinois; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9969-64-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3171. 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; Georgia; Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9969-30-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3172. 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; Georgia; New Source Review Updates" (FRL No. 9969-43-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3173. 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; Florida; Stationary Sources Emissions Monitoring" (FRL No. 9969-39-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3174. 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; Florida; Interstate Transport (Prongs 1 and 2 for the 2010 1-hour NO₂ Standard)" (FRL No. 9969-20-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3175. 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; Connecticut; Non-attainment New Source Review Permit Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9969-54-Region 1) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3176. 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; AL; VOC Definitions and Particulate Emissions" (FRL No. 9969-36-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3177. 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; AL; VOC Definitions and Particulate Emissions" (FRL No. 9969-35-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3178. 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; Alabama; PSD Replacement Units" (FRL No. 9969-22-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3179. 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; South Carolina; Standards for Volatile Organic Compounds and Oxides of Nitrogen" (FRL No. 9969-31-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3180. 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; North Carolina; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9969-28-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3181. 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; Alabama; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9969-24-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3182. 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; Alabama; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9969-25-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3183. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Materials from the Republic of Mali" (RIN1515-AE32) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3184. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health, United States, 2016"; to the Com-

mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3185. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second semi-annual report of fiscal year 2016 of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committees on the Judiciary; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3186. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first semi-annual report of fiscal year 2016 of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committees on the Judiciary; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3187. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Adoption of 2017 North American Industry Classification System for Size Standards" (RIN3245-AG84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3188. 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 Secretary of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 194. A bill to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-176).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Gregory Ibach, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

*William Northey, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Annemarie Carney Axon, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Thomas Alvin Farr, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

William M. Ray II, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

John C. Demers, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Scott C. Blader, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

John R. Lausch, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

J. Douglas Overbey, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Mark A. Klaassen, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

William C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

*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 Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1984. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitations for deductible new business expenditures and to consolidate provisions for start-up and organizational expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1985. A bill to repeal the rules issued by the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services entitled "Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" and "Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1986. A bill to amend the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 to extend the jurisdiction of tribal courts to cover crimes involving sexual violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 1987. A bill to provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in and to certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and to express the sense of Congress relating to the continued provision of information relating to certain national historic trails; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1988. A bill to streamline broadband infrastructure permitting on established public rights-of-way, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1989. A bill to enhance transparency and accountability for online political advertisements by requiring those who purchase and publish such ads to disclose information about the advertisements to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1990. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amounts payable by the Department of Veterans Affairs for dependency and indemnity compensation, to modify the requirements for dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at the time of death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1991. A bill to reduce the risk posed by wildfires to communities and the most at-risk federally owned forests; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 1992. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require federally licensed firearms importers, manufacturers, and dealers to meet certain requirements with respect to securing their firearms inventory, business records, and business premises; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1993. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1994. A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes; 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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 294. A resolution congratulating the Minnesota Lynx women's basketball team on winning the 2017 Women's National Basketball Association championship; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 295. A resolution designating October 2017 as "National Employee Ownership Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 296. A resolution designating the week of November 5 through 12, 2017, as "National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. Res. 297. A resolution supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of

afterschool programs held on October 26, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 298. A resolution supporting the designation of September 2017 as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 299. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2017, as the "National Day on Writing"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 300. A resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of McDaniel College; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 236

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 301

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 301, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination against providers of health services that are not involved in abortion.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) 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 names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors 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. 654

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for private lactation areas in the terminals of large and medium hub airports, and for other purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California