

EC-3251. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" (RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31156)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3252. 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; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles" (RIN2127-AK93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3253. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals on the Pribilof Islands; Final Annual Subsistence Harvest Levels for 2017-2019" (RIN0648-BG71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3254. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Student Loan Ombudsman; to the Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3255. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wool Products Labeling; Fur Products Labeling; Textile Fiber Products Identification" (RIN3084-AB29) (RIN3084-AB27)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3256. 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 of Transactions in which Federal Financial Assistance is Provided" (RIN1545-BJ08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3257. 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 National Pool" (Rev. Proc. 2017-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3258. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Teacher Education Assistance for College And Higher Education Grant Program" (RIN1840-AD19) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3259. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation

Crowdfunding and Regulation A Relief and Assistance for Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, and Hurricane Maria" ((17 CFR Part 227) (17 CFR Part 230)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3260. A communication from the Executive Director of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Advisory Committee's Annual Report on Institutional Quality and Integrity for Fiscal Year 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3261. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3262. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3263. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3264. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3265. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of AB-CHMINACA, AB-PINACA and THJ-221 Into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-402) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3266. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Removal of Naldemedine From Control" (Docket No. DEA-402) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-122. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan opposing slashing federal fund-

ing for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-123. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to a federal holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

\*Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador.

\*Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

\*Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024.

\*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 and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1995. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in underlicensed States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1996. A bill to require Federal agencies to address environmental justice, to require consideration of cumulative impacts in certain permitting decisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1997. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to protect privacy rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 1998. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to reduce county yield disparities for agriculture risk coverage; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1999. A bill to provide for further comprehensive research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke on unruptured intracranial aneurysms; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 2000. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve transparency under the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 2001. A bill to establish a State public option through Medicaid to provide Americans with the choice of a high-quality, low-cost health insurance plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 2002. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to provide whistleblower protections for employees of contractors of elements of the intelligence community, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 301. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 22, 2017, as "National Chemistry Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHELBY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 302. A resolution authorizing limited still photography of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and authorizing the release of preexisting photographs of the Senate Chamber and Senate Wing of the United States Capitol for a book on the history of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 221

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 221, a bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Hamp-

shire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to include certain Federal positions within the definition of law enforcement officer for retirement purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) 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. 591

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) 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. 928

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to prohibit, as an unfair or deceptive act or practice, commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 998

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 998, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude Segal Americorps Education Awards and related awards from income.

S. 1110

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) 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. 1113

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1113, a bill to amend the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 1400

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, and for other purposes.

S. 1558

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to amend section 203 of Public Law 94-305 to ensure proper authority for the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to ensure a complete analysis of the potential impacts of rules on small entities.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1718, a bill to authorize the minting of a coin in honor of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. STRANGE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to improve the processes by which environmental documents are prepared and permits and applications are processed and regulated by Federal departments and agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1764

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1764, a bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and