

on D.C. Act 22-194, "DMV Services Amendment Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3706. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-197, "Mobile DMV Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3707. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3708. A communication from the Vice President for Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3709. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3710. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3711. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3712. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Housing Administration's fiscal year 2017 Annual Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3713. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2017 Annual Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3714. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (20) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3715. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, a report relative to H.R. 3354, the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

\*Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Pat DeQuattro and ending

with Rear Adm. (lh) David G. Throop, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 16, 2017. (minus 2 nominees: Rear Adm. (lh) Steven J. Andersen; Rear Adm. (lh) Keith M. Smith)

\*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Andrew S. McKinley, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

\*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. James M. Kelly, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Thomas Allan and ending with Capt. Matthew W. Sibley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 23, 2017.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with George Bamford and ending with Tabitha A. Schiro, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 16, 2017.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Stephen J. Adler and ending with Torrence B. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 16, 2017.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Lawrence F. Ahlin and ending with Russell R. Zuckerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 16, 2017.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Meghan K. Steinhilber, to be Commander.

By Mr. BARRASSO for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

\*Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

\*Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

\*Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

\*William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

\*Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

\*Johnny Collett, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

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

S. 2223. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to clarify forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services under good neighbor agreements; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2224. A bill to establish best practices for teaching financial literacy, and to establish an annual estimate of student borrowing costs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2225. A bill to reauthorize the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2226. A bill to prohibit recipients of disaster recovery relief assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development from penalizing applicants that declined assistance from the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2227. A bill to reauthorize the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2228. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for accreditation reform, to require institutions of higher education to publish information regarding student success, to provide for fiscal accountability, and to provide for school accountability for student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 359. A resolution commending the Government of Bangladesh for its compassion during the Rohingya humanitarian crisis and commending Pope Francis for his message of peace; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 360. A resolution calling for international accountability for the crimes against humanity committed by the Burmese military against the Rohingya in Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1055, a bill to restrict the exportation of certain defense articles to the Philippine National Police, to work with the Philippines to support civil society and a public health approach to substance abuse, to report on Chinese and other sources of narcotics to the Republic of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

S. 1118

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1118, a bill to reauthorize the North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventative health services, and for other purposes.

S. 1835

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1835, a bill to provide support to States to establish invisible high-risk pool or reinsurance programs.

S. 2038

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2038, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of herbicide exposure for certain veterans who served in Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2152, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to require covered harassment and covered discrimination awareness and prevention training for Members, officers, employees, interns, fellows, and detailees of Congress within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter, to require a biennial climate survey of Congress, to amend the enforcement process under the Office of Congressional Workplace

Rights for covered harassment and covered discrimination complaints, and for other purposes.

S. 2184

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2184, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve veterans' health care benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2200

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.

S. 2219

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2219, a bill to reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries caused by underdrive crashes, to improve motor carrier and passenger motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 139, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 359—COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH FOR ITS COMPASSION DURING THE ROHINGYA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND COMMENDING POPE FRANCIS FOR HIS MESSAGE OF PEACE

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 359

Whereas Bangladesh has taken in Rohingya refugees fleeing persecution in Burma since the 1970s;

Whereas at least 300,000 Rohingya refugees were still in Bangladesh prior to August 25, 2017;

Whereas an August 25, 2017, attack on security posts in Burma by the military group Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army resulted in a brutal and methodical reprisal by the Burmese military on Rohingya villages;

Whereas more than 624,000 Rohingya refugees have fled to Bangladesh since August 25, 2017, alone, most located in or near the coastal city of Cox's Bazar;

Whereas the Rohingya refugee crisis is the fast-growing refugee crisis in the world;

Whereas the Government of Bangladesh has accepted nearly 1,000,000 Rohingya refugees in total despite facing their own domestic challenges;

Whereas the Government of Bangladesh has notably allowed full access for international relief organizations;

Whereas, on September 22, 2017, Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged before the United Nations General Assembly an end to the violence against the Rohingya and full implementation in Burma of the recommendations made by Kofi Annan's Advisory Commission on the Rakhine State;

Whereas, on November 23, 2017, the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of Burma signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a repatriation agreement;

Whereas the Memorandum of Understanding on a repatriation agreement is modeled after a flawed 1992-1993 repatriation pact between Bangladesh and Burma, and does not resolve critical questions on the potential repatriation process for Rohingya refugees, including verification of residency, where refugees would be permitted to return, and whether they would enjoy equal access and rights;

Whereas, on November 25, 2017, the Bangladeshi Foreign Minister Abdul Hassan Mahmood Ali said that Bangladesh would support the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees being involved in any process to repatriate Rohingya refugees to Burma;

Whereas Pope Francis, who has been recognized for his humility, dedication to the poor, and commitment to dialogue and reconciliation, has previously denounced the "persecution of our Rohingya brothers" who were being "tortured and killed, simply because they uphold their Muslim faith";

Whereas Pope Francis traveled to Burma on November 27, 2017, and urged "a peace based on respect for the dignity and rights of each member of society, respect for each ethnic group and its identity";

Whereas Pope Francis, in a visit to Bangladesh on November 30, 2017, recognized the generosity of Bangladeshis in caring for Rohingya refugees and called on the international community to "take decisive measures to address this grave crisis, not only by working to resolve the political issues that have led to the mass displacement of people, but also by offering immediate material assistance to Bangladesh in its effort to respond effectively to urgent human needs"; and

Whereas the United Nations has estimated a need of \$434,000,000 to respond to the Rohingya refugee crisis: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Government of Bangladesh for its admirable compassion and tolerance in accepting Rohingya refugees;

(2) commends the United Nations agencies, nongovernmental organization (NGO) partners, and all aid workers providing relief to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, and urges the Government of Bangladesh to continue to help coordinate critical humanitarian work and ensure ease of access for those carrying out such efforts;

(3) urges the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of Burma to consult and coordinate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, and NGO partners on any and all safe and voluntary repatriation efforts;

(4) urges the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of Burma to address the flaws of the November 23, 2017, Memorandum of Understanding on repatriation through consultation and agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(5) urges all parties involved in the repatriation process to reject any actions which could continue or worsen the harsh conditions faced by Rohingya refugees, including the confinement of the Rohingya in camps, contained ghettos, or villages where movement is restricted in Burma, or on the flood-