

entitled "Rules of Conduct and Standards of Responsibility for Appointed Representatives" (RIN0960-AH63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5822. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2018-0113-2018-0124); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5823. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Feed Materials Production Center in Fernald, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5824. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Grand Junction Facilities in Grand Junction, Colorado, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5825. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Education, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5826. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Division of Regulatory Services, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Assistance on Student Privacy for State and Local Educational Agencies When Administering College Admissions Examinations" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5827. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity and Improvement" (RIN1840-AD39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5828. A communication from the Director of the Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising the Beryllium Standard for General Industry" (RIN1218-AB76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5829. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5830. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Nonimmigrant Visa Exemption for Certain Caribbean Residents Coming to the United States as H-2A Agricultural Workers" (RIN1651-AB09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5831. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Care in Foreign Countries and Filing for Reimbursement for Community Care Not Previously Authorized by VA" (RIN2900-AP55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2202. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-293).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 2800, a bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-294).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Nominee: Randy W. Berry.

Post: Ambassador to Nepal.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$500, 9/30/16, Hillary for America; \$250, 9/30/16, Hillary Victory Fund.

2. Spouse: Pravesh Singh: \$558, 9/30/16, Hillary for America; \$308, 9/30/16, Hillary Victory Fund.

3. Child: Arya Berry-Singh: None; Child: Alexander Berry-Singh: None.

4. Father: Russell Berry: None; Mother: Eunice Berry: None.

5. Grandfather: Charles Berry—Deceased; Grandmother: Hattie Berry—Deceased; Grandfather: Harry Atwood—Deceased; Grandmother: Margaret Atwood—Deceased.

6. Sister: Rhonda Patterson: None; Spouse: Gary Patterson: None; Sister: Rita Wilson: None; Spouse: Scott Wilson: None.

*Donald Lu, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of

Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Nominee: Donald Lu.

Post: U.S. Embassy Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Ariel C. Ahart: none.

3. Children and Spouses: Kipling I. Lu: none; Aliya A. Lu: none.

4. Parents: Allena F. Kaplan, none; David S. Lu—deceased.

5. Grandparents: Abbie Fong—deceased; Allen Fong—deceased; Paternal Grandfather—deceased; Paternal Grandmother—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Gene Lu, none; Terry Lu, none; William Hart, none; Julie Hart, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Bonnie Morgan, none; Doug Morgan, none.

*Alaina B. Teplitz, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Nominee: Alaina B. Teplitz.

Post: The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Maximilien H. Mellott: \$75.00, 2017, Mari Manoogian; Miles F. Mellott: None.

4. Parents: Marsha J. Neece; Jack B. Teplitz, see attached; Marcella B. Teplitz, see attached—jointly with Jack B. Teplitz.

5. Grandparents: Janet Teplitz—deceased; Henry Teplitz—deceased; Janis Freeman—deceased; Thomas Freeman—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Nathan B. Teplitz, None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: n/a.

Attachment: Campaign Contributions for Jack and Marcella Teplitz 2013-2017

2013: 01/31/13, Chuck Grayeb for Council (Peoria City Council), \$200.00.

Total 2013: \$200.00.

2014: 08/07/14, ActBlue*Cheri Bustos (US Rep from IL), \$50.00.

Total 2014: \$50.00.

2015: 04/12/15, HILLARY FOR AMERICA 6468541432 NY, \$25.00.

Total 2015: \$25.00.

2016: 10/19/16, Chuck Grayeb for Council, \$100.00; 11/03/16, HILLARY FOR AMERICA—NEW YORK CITY, NY, \$100.00.

Total 2016: \$200.00.

2017: 02/12/17, Friends of Sid Ruckriegel, \$100.00.

Total 2017: \$100.00.

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations 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.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Polly Catherine Dunford-Zahar and ending with William M. Patterson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 9, 2018. (minus 1 nominee: Tanya S. Urqueta)

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Sandillo Banerjee and ending with Robert Peaslee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 9, 2018. (minus 1 nominee: Dao Le)

*Foreign Service nomination of Peter A. Malnak.

By Mr. ISAKSON for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

*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. SCHUMER:

S. 3187. A bill to authorize veterans service organizations to solicit donations at post offices before and after Federal holidays; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3188. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit gay and trans panic defenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3189. A bill to exclude the discharge of certain Federal student loans from the calculation of gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3190. A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3191. A bill to provide for the expeditious disclosure of records related to civil rights cold cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. PERDUE (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 570. A resolution emphasizing the importance of meeting NATO spending commitments; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 571. A resolution condemning the ongoing illegal occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PERDUE, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. Con. Res. 41. A concurrent resolution recognizing 100 years of the United States-Australia relationship—100 years of Mateship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 58

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 58, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 428, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to authorize States to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through enhanced pediatric health homes, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, *supra*.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 515, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachu-

setts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby Medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 835

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 835, a bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics.

S. 1109

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1109, a bill to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to establish a postsecondary student data system.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase certain funeral benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide greater support to students with dependents, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) 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. 2101

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the