

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6534. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-451, "Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6535. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-453, "Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6536. 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 "VA Acquisition Regulation: Contract Cost Principles and Procedures; Protests, Disputes and Appeals" (RIN2900-AQ02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-303. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to work together to implement grid hardening measures and to help ensure our nation's critical electrical infrastructure is protected from threats from electromagnetic pulses and physical attacks on the infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, Geomagnetic storms are natural phenomena involving disturbances in the earth's geomagnetic field caused by solar activity; and

Whereas, Disruptions of electrical power caused by geomagnetic storms, such as the collapse of the Hydro-Quebec grid during the geomagnetic storm of 1989, have occurred many times in the past; and

Whereas, The congressionally mandated Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack found, in its report delivered in July of 2004, that an enemy using a low-yield nuclear weapon detonated at a high altitude above the United States could carry out an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack against the United States, and that an EMP attack has the potential to place our society at risk and to defeat the Armed Forces of the United States; and

Whereas, Congress has commissioned numerous other hearings and reports on this issue, including the House of Representatives National Security Committee hearing on the EMP threat in 1997, the House of Representatives Military Research and Development Subcommittee hearing on the threat to the United States of potential EMP attacks in 1999, the creation of the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack in 2001, the congressional commission report, "Critical National Infrastructures," issued in 2008, the United States Navy Naval Sea Systems Command EMP program in 2010, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation/federal Department of Energy report, "High-Impact, Low-Frequency Event Risk to the North American Bulk Power System," issued in 2010, and the federal Department of Home-

land Security testimony to the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, "The Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Threat: Examining the Consequences," in 2012; and

Whereas, In April 2013, an electrical substation in San Jose, California, was attacked with gunfire, leaving transformers disabled for nearly four weeks in an apparent attempt to disrupt power to Silicon Valley, raising questions about the vulnerability of power grids across the United States; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to work together to implement grid hardening measures and to help ensure our nation's critical electrical infrastructure is protected from threats from electromagnetic pulses and physical attacks on the infrastructure; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 593. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 1537. A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 1857. A bill to establish a compliance deadline of May 15, 2023, for Step 2 emissions standards for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1934. A bill to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2461. A bill to allow for judicial review of certain final rules relating to national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with the rules by existing sources.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2827. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2961. A bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 3170. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make certain changes to the reporting requirement of certain service providers regarding child sexual exploitation visual depictions, and for other purposes.

S. 3354. A bill to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

Nominee: Lynda C. Blanchard.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

(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: \$2,700.00, 11/5/2016, Martha Roby for Congress; \$2,500.00, 10/31/2016, Reaching for a Brighter America PAC; \$5,000.00, 9/30/2016, Common Sense Common Solutions PAC; \$40,725.00, 11/30/2017, Republican National Committee; \$9,275.00, 11/30/2017, Republican National Committee; \$5,000.00, 10/26/2017, HALPAC; \$24,625.00, 8/29/2017, Republican National Committee; \$1,200.00, 8/29/2017, Kay Granger Campaign Fund; \$2,700.00, 8/29/2017, Kay Granger Campaign Fund; \$50,000.00, 8/1/2017, Strengthen Majority Committee (\$25,000 went to NRSC and \$24,625 went to RNC, \$1,200 to Kay Granger Campaign Fund, and \$2,700 to Kay Granger Campaign Fund); \$25,000.00, 8/1/2017, NRSC; \$2,700.00, 5/9/2018, Martha Roby for Congress.

2. Children and Spouses: Christopher John Blanchard—deceased; Benjamin Nicholas Blanchard \$1,000.00, 8/11/2017, Kay Granger Campaign Fund; Haleyann Denise Blanchard \$0, Keren Cesia Blanchard \$0, Jennifer Ruth Blanchard \$0, Gracie Mae Blanchard \$0, Lizbeth Lucero Blanchard \$0.

3. Parents: Peggy Cleveland Powell \$0, Dwight Merrill Cleveland—deceased, John Miller Powell (step) \$0.

4. Grandparents: Oscar Hale—deceased; Stella Hale—deceased; Richard Scales (step)—deceased; Ann Scales—deceased; Mr. Cleveland—deceased when father was a child, did not know him.

5. Brothers and Spouses: Mitchell Tyson Powell (step), Michelle Brenny Powell, \$6,000.00, 7/19/2017, Kay Granger Campaign Fund.

6. Sisters and Spouses: Yvonne Annette Schneckenberger, \$0, Donald Michael Schneckenberger, \$0, Cynthia Cleveland Burnside, \$0, Sheldon John Burnside, \$0.

Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Nominee: Daniel N. Rosenblum.

Post: Republic of Uzbekistan.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$0, N/A, N/A.  
2. Spouse: \$2,700, 2/21 & 3/14/2016, Hillary for America (Primary); \$1,750, 7/5 & 9/18/2016, Hillary Victory Fund (Primary); \$1,675, 7/5, 8/17 & 9/30/2016, Hillary for America (General); \$1,000, 9/18/2016, Hillary Victory Fund (General); \$250, 12/23/2017, Tammy Baldwin for Senate; \$250, 2/8/2018, Soderberg for Congress.  
3. Children: Jonah Rosenblum: \$0, N/A, N/A; Liana Rosenblum: \$0, N/A, N/A.

4. Parents: Louis Rosenblum: \$0, N/A, N/A.  
 5. Grandparents: Deceased.  
 6. Brothers and Spouses: None.  
 7. Sisters and Spouses: Janet Metz: \$0, N/A, N/A; Miriam Rosenblum: \$0, N/A, N/A; Sheldon Benjamin: \$0, N/A, N/A. Diane Rosenblum: \$10, 10/22/14, Alaskans for Begich: \$35, 10/22 & 29/14, Udall for Colorado: \$10, 10/22/14, Progressives United: \$10, 10/22/14, Braley for Iowa: \$500 (total), 7 periodic contribs. between 12/20/15 and 5/7/16, Bernie 2016: \$296 (total), 24 periodic contribs. between 12/29/15 and 5/26/18, Act Blue: \$50 (total), 9/28 & 9/30/16, Americans for Responsible Solutions PAC: \$165 (total), 5 periodic contribs. between 10/16/16 and 11/5/16, Deborah Ross for United States Senate: \$150 (total) 5 periodic contribs. between 10/17/16 and 11/5/16, Russ for Wisconsin: \$150 (total), 4 periodic contribs. between 11/15/16 and 12/3/16, Foster Campbell for United States Senate: \$15, 2/8/17, Elizabeth for MA, Inc.: \$40 (total), 4/13 & 14/17, Jon Osoff for Congress: \$50, 7/6/17, Friends of Bernie Sanders: \$25, 8/3/17, Amy McGrath for Congress. Henry Gordon: \$266, 23 periodic contribs. between 2/15/14 & 2/5/18, Act Blue: \$17.50, 7/4/14, 8/7/15 & 5/25/16, Progressive Change Campaign Committee: \$70, 4 periodic contribs. between 2/15/14 and 10/21/14, Committee to Elect Alan Grayson: \$1,007, 28 periodic contribs. between 4/30/15 & 5/25/16, Bernie 2016: \$55.19, 4 periodic contribs. between 1/21/16 & 10/21/16, Russ for Wisconsin: \$27.69, 1/21/16 & 10/21/16, Catherine Cortez Masto for Senate: \$47.50, 4 periodic contribs. between 4/13/16 & 10/21/16, Flores for Congress: \$35.19, 3 periodic contribs. between 4/13/16 & 10/21/16, Pramila for Congress: \$35.20, 3 periodic contribs. between 4/13/16 & 10/21/16, Zephyr Teachout for Congress: \$27.70, 10/21/16 & 10/23/16, Deborah Ross for Senate: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Clements for Congress: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Committee to Elect Chase Iron Eyes: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Nolan for Congress Volunteer Committee: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Berragan for Congress: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Maggie for NH: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Carroll for Colorado: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Nelson for Wisconsin: \$7.69, 10/21/16, Katie McGinty for Senate.

Karen L. Williams, of Missouri, 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 Republic of Suriname.

Nominee: Karen Lynn Williams.

Post: Suriname

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Homer Donald Williams, None; Norma Frances Williams, None.
5. Paternal Grandparents: Homer Allen Williams—Deceased; Dorothy Baldwin Williams—Deceased. Maternal grandparents (UK citizens): Sidney Edward Crane—Deceased; Elizabeth Frances Crane—Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Donald Paul Williams, None; Stephen Lee Williams, None; Jeannie Williams (spouse), None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

Kevin K. Sullivan, of Ohio, 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 Republic of Nicaragua.

Nominee: Kevin King Sullivan.

Post: Managua.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: Kevin K. Sullivan: None.
2. Spouse: Mariangeles Quinto: None; Daughter: Sophie E. Sullivan: None.
3. Parents: Daniel K. Sullivan—Deceased; Marlene F. Sullivan—Deceased.
4. Grandparents: Raymond Sullivan—Deceased; Lilian Sullivan—Deceased; Thomas J. Frain—Deceased; Lucille Frain—Deceased.
5. Brothers and Spouses: Patrick K. Sullivan, None.
6. Sisters and Spouses: Kathryn K. Sullivan, None.

Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Nominee: Kip Tom.

Post: UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture—Rome.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self: \$150,000, Apr-2016, Kip Tom for Congress; \$1,000, Dec-2017, Steve Braun for Congress; \$1,000, Jun-2016, Roger Marshall for Congress; \$1,300, Jun-2016, Growth Energy PAC; \$5,400, Mar-2015, Todd Young for Senate; \$5,400, Jun-2016, Todd Young for Senate; \$1,000, Apr-2014, Todd Rokita for Congress; \$1,876, Aug-2014, Jackie Walorski for Congress; \$1,500, Sep-2016, Todd Young Victory Fund; \$1,500, Oct-2015, Ind. Republican Fund; \$1,000, Oct-2017, Kyle Dukes for Sheriff.

Spouse: None.

Children and Spouses: Kyle and Angie Tom: \$5,400, Sep-2015, Kip Tom For Congress; Mark and Kandi Dunwiddie: \$5,400, Sep-2015, Kip Tom For Congress; Greg and Kassi Rowland: \$5,400, Sep-2015, Kip Tom For Congress; Kris Tom: \$2,700, Sep-2015, Kip Tom For Congress; Jon and Katie Fussell: \$5,400, Sep-2015, Kip Tom for Congress.

Parents: Everett and Marie Tom: \$5,400, Sep-2015, Kip Tom For Congress.

Grandparents: Everett and Violet Tom—deceased; Ellis and Francis Eby—deceased.

Brothers and Spouses: Kevin Tom—deceased.

Sisters and Spouses: Melinda and Russell Woda: \$5,400, Nov-2015, Kip Tom for Congress; Melodie and Scott Thompson: \$1,000, Oct-2015, Kip Tom for Congress; Melissa and Ray Gerber: none.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Nominee: Donald Yukio Yamamoto.

Post: Somalia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: Nothing to report.
2. Spouse: Nothing to report.
3. Children and Spouses: Michael H. Yamamoto, nothing to report; Laura S. Yamamoto, nothing to report.

4. Parents: None.

5. Grandparents: None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Nominee: Earl Robert Miller.

Post: U.S. Embassy, Gaborone, Botswana.

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1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and spouses: Andrew Robert Miller: none; Alexander James Miller: none; Kendra Elaine Dexter: none.
4. Parents: Robert James Miller—deceased; Wanda Morgan Miller: none.
5. Grandparents: Earl Miller—deceased; Elsie Miller—deceased; Walter Lee Morgan—deceased; Mertie Alberta Morgan—deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses: David Gene Keltner, none.
7. Sisters and spouses: Kara Maria Miller, none; Dena Diane Garrison, none; Donald Garrison (spouse), none; Aimery Liseli Trynt, none; Tara Tene Gilles, none; Patrick Gilles (spouse), none.

Mark Rosen, of Connecticut, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

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

\*Harold B. Parker, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

\*Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

\*Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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

\*Tamara Bonzanto, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection).

\*James Paul Gfrerer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

\*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 Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LANKFORD, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3455. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to ensure that ZTE Corporation