

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6316. An act to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6330. An act to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6347. An act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6348. An act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6367. An act to amend the Small Business Act to specify what credit is given for certain subcontractors and to provide a dispute process for non-payment to subcontractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6368. An act to encourage R&D small business set-asides, to encourage SBIR and STTR participants to serve as mentors under the Small Business Administration's mentor-protégé program, to promote the use of interagency contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6369. An act to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate the inclusion of option years in the award price for sole source contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6382. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report certain information to the Congress and to the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6398. An act to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6511. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to lease underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6580. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for naturalization processes for the immediate relatives of first responders who die as a result of their employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6599. An act to modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6620. An act to require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6687. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working

dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6735. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a vulnerability disclosure policy for Department of Homeland Security internet websites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6740. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish Border Tunnel Task Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6742. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that appropriate officers and agents of U.S. Customs and Border Protection are equipped with secure radios or other two-way communication devices, supported by system interoperability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6847. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand and strengthen Federal sex offenses, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2278. An act to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 6287. An act to provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6603. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Repeal of DFARS Case 'Infinite Quantities-No Fixed Charges'" (RIN0750-AJ96) (DFARS Case 2018-D034) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6604. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to take additional steps with respect to the national

emergencies declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014 and authorizing the implementation of certain sanctions set forth in the Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6605. 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 Florence" (Rel. No. 33-10556) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6606. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding so designated by the Congress in the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the enclosed list of accounts; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-6607. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Integrated Light-Emitting Diode Lamps" ((RIN1904-AD74) (Docket No. EERE-2016-BT-TP-0037)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6608. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustments to the Price-Anderson Act Financial Protection Regulations" ((RIN3150-AK01) (NRC-2017-0030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6609. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 Initial Report to Congress-June 2018"; to the Committees on Finance; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6610. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor"; to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and the Judiciary.

EC-6611. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the danger pay allowance for Managua and Pyongyang; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6612. A joint communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents and Toxins for Calendar Year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6613. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2017 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6614. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to

the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6615. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D3" ((21 CFR Part 172) (Docket No. FDA-2017-F-3717)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6616. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; D and C Black No. 4; Confirmation of Effective Date" ((21 CFR Part 74) (Docket No. FDA-2017-C-0935)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6617. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Worth, Asset Transfers, and Income Exclusions for Needs-Based Benefits" (RIN2900-AO73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6618. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Subcontracting Policies and Procedures; Government Property" (RIN2900-AQ05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6619. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Call Completion" ((FCC 18-120) (WC Docket No. 13-29)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6620. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries" (16 CFR Part 23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6621. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" ((RIN3084-AA98) (16 CFR Part 310)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6622. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act" ((RIN3084-AB47) (16 CFR Part 303)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6623. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" ((RIN3084-AB15) (16 CFR Part 305)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORCKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Francisco Luis Palmieri, of Connecticut, 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 Honduras.

Nominee: Francisco L. Palmieri.

Post: Republic of Honduras.

(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: \$100.00, January, 2016, Glen Ivey for U.S. Congress.
2. Spouse: \$375.00, 10/29/16, Hillary Victory Fund; \$1,000.00, 8/4/16, Hillary Victory Fund; \$10.00, 6/3/15, Hillary Victory Fund; \$10.00, 5/3/15, Hillary Victory Fund; \$250.00, 4/12/15, Hillary Victory Fund.
3. Children and Spouses: None.
4. Parents: None.
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and Spouses: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

Ron Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Jeff Merkley, of Oregon, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

\*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 Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3501. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health

Administration facility and providing individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3502. A bill to authorize an emerging technology policy lab within the General Services Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 3503. A bill to make housing more affordable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3504. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 3505. A bill to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3506. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen school security; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 3507. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations providing that a presumption of service connection is warranted for a disease with a positive association with exposure to a herbicide agent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 3508. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARASSO):

S. 3509. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; considered and passed.

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

S. 3510. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for the treatment of core seasonal industries affected by antidumping or countervailing duty investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 3511. A bill to broaden unmanned aircraft systems safety awareness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 3512. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize grants from the small airport fund for the construction or improvement of a nonapproach control tower; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.