

## 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. 219. An act to correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska.

### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 7, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 534. An act to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, 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.

\*Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, 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 Republic of Rwanda.

Nominee: Peter Hendrick Vrooman.  
Post: Kigali, Rwanda.

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.

Contribution, Amount, Date, and Donee:  
1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Johnette Stubbs: none.

3. Children and Spouses: Zarah Vrooman Hendrick Vrooman: none.

4. Parents: Sally Eaton Vrooman: none; David H. Vrooman, Jr.: deceased.

5. Grandparents: Dorothy Vrooman; David H. Vrooman, Sr.; Frances B. Eaton; Donald Eaton: all deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: (Jill Locke, sister-in-law): \$100, 9/2/2014, Claire Snyder Hall; Eric D. Vrooman: none; Bruce M. Vrooman: none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: n/a.

\*Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

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

\*Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*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.

## 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-164. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska making application to the United States Congress to

call a convention of the states to propose a countermand amendment to the United States Constitution as provided under Article V; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to make the same application; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 49

Whereas, the state's sovereignty has been infringed on by the federal government, including by the federal government's recent denial of and refusal to work with state officials on the construction of a lifesaving road from King Cove to Cold Bay; and

Whereas, the state's right and duty to provide for the use, development, and conservation of natural resources for the maximum benefit of the people has been continually infringed on by various federal agencies; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has, at times, exceeded its delegated powers, the President of the United States has, at times, exceeded the constitutional authority of the office of the President of the United States, and the federal courts have, at times, exceeded their authority by issuing decisions on public policy matters reserved to the states in violation of the principles of federalism and separation of powers, all of which have adversely affected the state and its people; and

Whereas, under the authority of art. V, Constitution of the United States, the several states should apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to amend the United States Constitution and adopt a countermand amendment to authorize the states, upon a vote of three-fifths of the state legislatures, to nullify and repeal a federal statute, executive order, judicial decision, regulatory decision by a federal government agency, or government mandate imposed on the states by law that adversely affects the interests of the states, in order to properly exercise the states' constitutional authority to check federal power, preserve state sovereignty, and protect the rights of the states and the people; and

Whereas, the states have the authority to define and limit the agenda of a convention to a single-issue "countermand amendment convention" called for by the states as provided under art. V, Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the delegates sent by the states to a countermand amendment convention shall have the limited authority to deliberate on and decide whether the countermand amendment, as preapproved by state legislatures, should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to call a single-issue convention of the states, called a "countermand amendment convention," for the sole purpose of deciding whether the proposed countermand amendment should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to convene the countermand amendment convention within 60 days after the date it receives the 34th call for that convention from state legislatures; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a single-issue countermand amendment

convention of the states under art. V, Constitution of the United States.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.

POM-165. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Anasco, Puerto Rico opposing the Fair Tax Act of 2017 (H.R. 25); to the Committee on Finance.

POM-166. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to term limits for Federal judges; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1621. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of information about commercial mobile service and commercial mobile data service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-206).

## 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. CAPITO (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2387. A bill to provide better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and, ultimately, a cure; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2388. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with State, tribal, and local governments, the consideration of State, tribal, and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2389. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the impaneling of a new jury if a jury fails to recommend by unanimous vote a sentence for conviction of a crime punishable by death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2390. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to support

community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2391. A bill to prohibit the United States Government from using or contracting with an entity that uses certain telecommunications services or equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 2392. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate cybersecurity technologies that qualify for protection under systems of risk and litigation management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2393. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide Federal protection to the digital audio transmission of a sound recording fixed before February 15, 1972, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2394. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure that public institutions of higher education protect expressive activities in the outdoor areas on campus; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. REED):

S. 2395. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to authorize the provision of technical assistance under the Preserve America Program and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships with communities adjacent to units of the National Park System to leverage local cultural heritage tourism assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2396. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HASSAN:

S. 2397. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 2398. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that activities relating to the training and readiness of the reserve components of the Armed Forces during a lapse in appropriations shall constitute voluntary services that may be accepted by the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2399. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2400. A bill to eliminate or modify certain audit mandates of the Government Ac-

countability Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2401. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to reform the procedures provided under such Act for the initiation, investigation, and resolution of claims alleging that employing offices of the legislative branch have violated the rights and protections provided to their employees under such Act, including protections against sexual harassment, 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. THUNE (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 395. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. DAINES, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 396. A resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address sexual abuse within United States Olympic Gymnastics; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COONS, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 397. A resolution designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2018, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 398. A resolution supporting the observation of "National Girls & Women in Sports Day" on February 7, 2018, to raise awareness of and celebrate the achievements of girls and women in sports; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 399. A resolution congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles on their triumph in Super Bowl LII; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 294

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Alabama

(Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 732

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 732, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 819

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1027, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 1161

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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. 1352

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1352, a bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) 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. 1652

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1652, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes.

S. 1808

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut