

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 397. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 434. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

H.R. 759. An act to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes.

H.R. 776. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

H.R. 1058. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1307. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1365. An act to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

H.R. 1984. An act to amend chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to annually submit to Congress a report on all disaster-related assistance provided by the Federal Government.

H.R. 2035. An act to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to life-span respite care.

H.R. 2507. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain program under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3239. An act to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3245. An act to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3299. An act to permit legally married same-sex couples to amend their filing status for income tax returns outside the statute of limitations, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3375. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3409. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 434. An act to amend the National Trails System act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1307. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2258. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

#### 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-2111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Oxazolidine, 3,3'-Methylenebis[5-methyl-," (FRL No. 9995-09-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2112. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Nadja Y. West, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2113. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2114. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN1557-AE47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2115. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rule: Simplifications to the Capital Rule Pursuant to the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996" (RIN1557-AE10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2116. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Removal of Obsolete Infectious Waste Incinerator Regulations" (FRL No. 9997-29-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2117. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to Nonattainment Permitting Regulations" (FRL No. 9996-96-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2118. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District; Correction" (FRL No. 9997-33-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2119. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Income Inclusion When Lessee Treated as Having Acquired Investment Credit Property" (RIN1545-BM74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations on the Requirement to Notify the IRS of Intent to Operate as a Section 501(c)(4) Organization" (RIN1545-BN25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2121. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Creditable Foreign Taxes" (RIN1545-BM56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indexing adjustments for certain provisions under Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code" (Rev. Proc. 2019-29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Consent to Change Methods of Accounting to Comply with Section 846" (Rev. Proc. 2019-30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Additional Preventive Care Benefits Permitted to be Provided by a High Deductible Health Plan Under Section 223" (Notice 2019-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2125. A communication from the Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of State 2019 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflationary Adjustment" (RIN1400-AE75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2126. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2018 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2127. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program Modification" (RIN1615-AC07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON JULY 24, 2019

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 542. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions (Rept. No. 116-65).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3305. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the "Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building".

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 918. A bill to prohibit the President or a Federal agency from constructing, operating, or offering wholesale or retail services on broadband networks without authoriza-

tion from Congress, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-66).

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## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, 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 Cote d'Ivoire.

Nominee: Richard K. Bell.

Post: Cote d'Ivoire.

(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: Possibly \$100, unknown, Obama or Democratic Party.
2. Spouse: \$50, 3/24/17, Democratic National Committee, \$50, 8/22/18, Beto O'Rourke.
3. Children and Spouses: Annis Catherine Bell, none; William Derek Bell, none.
4. Parents: William Delbert Bell, none; Catherine Marie Winfrey Bell, none.
5. Grandparents: NIA (all four deceased >20 years).

6. Brothers and Spouses: Mark Allan Bell, none; Paul Duane Bell, unknown\*; Maryann Gallivan Bell (Paul's wife), unknown\*.

\*Unable to confirm contributions: he told me no details are available and she told me all handled by him. I searched FEC website on his name, state and employment but could not ascertain which results applied to him, if any.

Sisters and Spouses: NIA.

Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Pamela Bates.

Post: U.S. Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Ian Christensen, a minor, none.
4. Parents: Deceased.
5. Grandparents: Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Col. George J. David, USMC, none; Medha P. David, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

Jonathan R. Cohen, 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 Arab Republic of Egypt.

Nominee: Jonathan R. Cohen.

Post: Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Nominated: April 11, 2019.

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1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Lidija Cohen: None.
3. Children: Alexandra R. Cohen, None; Gabriella Cohen, None.
4. Parents: Harry B. Cohen—deceased; Adrienne M. Cohen—deceased.
5. Grandparents: Saul Cohen—deceased; Bessie Cohen—deceased; Richard I. Mann—deceased; Sylvia Mann—deceased.

6. Brother: Sascha B. Cohen: \$10, 07-08-15, Bernie Sanders; \$10, 10-13-15, Bernie Sanders; \$18, 11-05-15, Bernie Sanders; \$10, 12-28-15, Bernie Sanders; \$36, 02-29-16, Bernie Sanders; \$10, 07-25-16, Elizabeth Warren; \$10, 07-25-16, Hillary Clinton; \$5, 11-23-16; Jill Stein recount; \$5, 11-26-16, Foster Campbell; \$25, 01-12-17, National Democratic Redistricting PAC; \$18, 01-31-17, Elizabeth Warren; \$1, 05-04-17, IL-06 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, OH-14 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, OH-10 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, MN-03 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, NE-01 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, CA-49 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, MI-03 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, FL-25 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, CA-25 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$1, 05-04-17, KS-03 2018 Democratic Nominee Fund; \$15, 05-31-17, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$10, 06-02-17, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$27, 09-20-17, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$3.34, 10-25-17, Sherrod Brown; \$3.33, 10-25-17, Tammy Baldwin; \$3.33, 10-25-17, Elizabeth Warren; \$27, 10-29-17, Friends of the Earth Action; \$10, 09-16-18, Giffords PAC-IE; \$5, 09-16-18, Sean Casten; \$10, 09-17-18, Sean Casten; \$9, 09-16-18, Mike Levin; \$10, 09-16-18, Beto O'Rourke; \$8, 09-17-18, Katie Porter; \$5, 09-16-18, Harley Rouda; \$2, 09-17-18, Adam Schiff; \$10, 09-16-18, Jon Tester; \$5, 09-16-18, Elizabeth Warren; \$10, 02-13-19, Kamala Harris; \$10, 03-1-19, Ditch Fund; \$18, 03-17-19, Vote Vets PAC; \$10, 03-17-19, Pete Buttigieg; \$5, 03-31-19, Kamala Harris; \$5, 03-31-19, Pete Buttigieg; \$3, 03-31-19, Jay Inslee.

7. Sisters: None.

Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Africa.

Nominee: Lana Jennifer Marks.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to South Africa.

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2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Martin Marks: \$2,700, 2015, Hillary for America; Tiffany Isaacs: \$35, 2018, RNC.