

EC-2746. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Revisions to Requirements for Discharge Planning for Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies, and Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care" (RIN0938-AS59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2747. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Dialysis Facilities; Hospital and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care" (RIN0938-AT23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2748. A communication from the Division Director for Policy, Legislation, and Regulation, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program; Establishing Appropriate Occupations for Drug Testing of Unemployment Compensation Applicants Under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012" (RIN1205-AB81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2749. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report on Other U.S. Contributions to the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2750. 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 2019-0078 - 2019-0093); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2751. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2752. A communication from the Rule-making Coordinator, Office for Management, Policy, Budget, and Performance, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining the Registration Process for Private Voluntary Organizations" (RIN0412-AA91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2753. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Regarding National HIV

Testing Goals"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2754. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Pediatric Research in Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2755. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Informational Draft: Requirements for State and Local Report Cards" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2756. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Ambient Aerosol CNC Quantitative Fit Testing Protocols: Respiratory Protection Standard" (RIN1218-AC94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2757. A communication from the Deputy 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 "Occupational Exposure to Beryllium and Beryllium Compounds in Construction and Shipyard Sectors" (RIN1218-AD21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2758. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2759. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "ANC 8C Misappropriated Funds"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2760. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2761. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2762. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employee's Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AN87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30,

2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2763. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division for 2018, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2764. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating Unnecessary Regulations" (RIN0651-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2765. A communication from the Division Director for Policy, Legislation, and Regulation, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernizing Recruitment Requirements for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the United States" (RIN1205-AB90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2766. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds; Correction" (RIN1615-AA22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2159. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation" (Rept. No. 116-130).

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. BURR (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. JONES, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2602. A bill to exclude vehicles to be used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2603. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end the immigrant visa backlog, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2604. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to work with vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, and other interested parties to advance the technology developed by the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety Research Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2605. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to award grants to States that have enacted and are enforcing certain laws with respect to stretch limousines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2606. A bill to establish safety standards for certain limousines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2607. A bill to prescribe zoning authority with respect to commercial unmanned aircraft systems and to preserve State, local, and Tribal authorities and private property with respect to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HASSAN:

S. 2608. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize competency-based education demonstration projects; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2609. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make breakfasts and lunches free for all children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2610. A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2611. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the definition of commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2612. A bill for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, and Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2613. A bill to provide a path to end homelessness in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2614. A bill to prohibit certain noncompetitive agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2615. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2616. A bill to provide civil and criminal jurisdiction over Alaska Natives and non-Alaska Natives for certain Indian tribes in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SASSE:

S.J. Res. 58. A joint resolution expressing support for freedom of conscience; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LANKFORD, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 358. A resolution designating the week beginning October 20, 2019, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT)):

S. Res. 359. A resolution authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event for the Drug Enforcement Administration; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 175

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 175, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program.

S. 477

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 477, a bill to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a Climate Change Education Program, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 655, a bill to impose additional restrictions on tobacco flavors for use in e-cigarettes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, and for other purposes.

S. 753

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore incentives for investments in qualified improvement property.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet specified eligibility requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to protect the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.