

EC-1661. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerances; Implementing Registration Review Decisions for Certain Pesticides; Aluminum tris (O-ethylphosphonate), Carbon disulfide, et al." (FRL No. 10840-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1662. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benzpyrimoxan; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11057-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1663. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the MQ-4C Triton program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1664. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subordinated Debt" (RIN3133-AF08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1665. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chartering and Field of Membership" (RIN3133-AF06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1666. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Regulatory Relief in Response to COVID-19-Prompt Corrective Action" (RIN3133-AF19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1667. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Regulatory Relief in Response to COVID-19-Prompt Corrective Action" (RIN3133-AF19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1668. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Guidance on Credit Risk Review Systems" ((RIN3064-ZA09) (RIN3133-AF05)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1669. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Guidance on Credit Risk Review Systems" ((RIN3064-ZA09) (RIN3133-AF05)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1670. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3133-AF34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1671. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3133-AF40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1672. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees Paid by Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AF24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1673. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments" (RIN3133-AF22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1674. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Role of Supervisory Guidance" (RIN3133-AF28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1675. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AF13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1676. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN3133-AF17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1677. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Joint Ownership of Share Accounts" (RIN3133-AF11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1678. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN3133-AE98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1679. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2022 Fair Lending Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1680. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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-33. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii urging the President of the United States to publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 200

Whereas, in 1972, the ninety-second Congress of the United States, at its second session, in both houses, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America:

"JOINT RESOLUTION RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED (TWO-THIRDS OF EACH HOUSE CONCURRING THEREIN), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

"ARTICLE

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.""; and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States sets forth a two-step amending procedure; and

Whereas, the first step of the Article V amending procedure is proposal of an amendment either by two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress or by a convention called by application of two-thirds of the states; and

Whereas, the second and final step of the Article V amending procedure is ratification of an amendment by three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not limit the time for states to ratify an amendment; and

Whereas, to have full force and effect, any substantive change to the Constitution of the United States, such as a time limit on ratification, must be within the text of an amendment, where it can also be approved by states as part of each of the two steps of the Article V amending procedure—a proposal step and a ratification step; and

Whereas, in the proposal step for the Equal Rights Amendment, the time limit on state ratification was only in the preamble section of the resolution by Congress and not within the text of the amendment presented to the states for state approval; and

Whereas, in the ratification step, the states ratified only the text of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

Whereas, a time limit was only approved by Congress in 1972, but not subsequently approved by the states and is thus without force or effect; and

Whereas, in comparison, when in 1978 two-thirds of both houses of Congress passed the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, a timeline was included within the text of the amendment offered to states for ratification; and

Whereas, the time limit for the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment ended before completion of the second and final step of ratification of the amendment by three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, because the time limit was within the text of the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, that time limit had full force and effect and the amendment expired in 1985; and

Whereas, in comparison, the text of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Amendments both include a timeline within the text of each amendment, and such timelines were ratified by three-fourths of the states within the agreed timeline; and

Whereas, in 1789, by two-thirds vote of each house of the first United States Congress, the so-called Madison Amendment relating to compensation of members of Congress completed the proposal step of Article V; and

Whereas, approximately two hundred three years later the Madison Amendment completed the ratification step of Article V through ratification by three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, in 1992, having met the strict two-step requirements of Article V, the Madison Amendment was published by the Archivist of the United States during President George H.W. Bush's administration as the Twenty-seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, following publication of the Madison Amendment, Congress affirmed the Madison Amendment as the Twenty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, as of January 27, 2020, three-fourths of the states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment; and

Whereas, unlike the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, the Equal Rights Amendment does not have a time limit in its text where it would be of full force and effect; and

Whereas, in contrast to the Madison Amendment, which took two hundred three years to ratify, the Equal Rights Amendment took a mere forty-eight years to ratify; and

Whereas, the text of Article V of the Constitution of the United States gives the states the power of ratification, not rescission; and

Whereas, Samuel Johnson's dictionary of 1755 defines "ratify" as "to confirm; to settle"; and

Whereas, Bouvier's Law Dictionary of 1856, considered to be the first American legal dictionary, states that a ratification once done "cannot be revoked or recalled"; and

Whereas, James Madison wrote in a July 20, 1788, letter to Alexander Hamilton that ratification is "in toto and for ever"; and

Whereas, the various attempts throughout history to rescind the ratifications of the Constitution of the United States or its amendments, including the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments, have never been honored; and

Whereas, the Equal Rights Amendment now meets the strict requirements of Article V of the Constitution of the United States and should be added as the Twenty-eighth Amendment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the administration of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to publish without delay the Equal Rights

Amendment as the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That this body urges the Congress of the United States to pass a joint resolution affirming the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That this body calls on other states to join this action by passing the same or similar resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Archivist of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 2103. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-59).

By Mr. REED, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2302. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-60).

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2309. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-61).

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2321. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-62).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mark W. Libby, of Massachusetts, 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 Azerbaijan.

Nominee: Mark William Libby.
Post: U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. 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: None.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraor-

dinary and Plenipotentiary and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Nominee: Dorothy Shea.
Post: U.S. Mission to the United States.
(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. 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: N/A, None, N/S.

Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, 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 Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Nominee: Richard M. Mills, Jr.
Post: Ambassador to Nigeria.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. 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:
Self: \$400.00, 03/18, David Bequette for U.S. Congress Committee; \$500.00, 05/20, Danielle Garbe for State Senate Committee (Washington State); \$400.00, 07/20, Danielle Garbe for State Senate Committee (Washington State).

Spouse: Leigh Carter: \$1,000.00, 12/17, David Bequette for U.S. Congress Committee; \$400.00, 03/18, David Bequette for U.S. Congress Committee.

Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, 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 Djibouti.

Nominee: Cynthia Kierscht.
Post: Djibouti.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Self: None.

Vernelle Trim FitzPatrick, of Virginia, 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 Gabonese Republic.

Nominee: Vernelle Trim FitzPatrick.
Post: Gabonese Republic.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. 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:
Nominee—None.
Nominee's Spouse—None.

Joel Ehrendreich, 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 Palau.