

H.R. 1162. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office (Rept. No. 113-128).

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

\*Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

\*Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

\*Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

\*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.

### 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. INHOFE:

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1834. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1835. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. COATS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1836. A bill to merge the Department of Labor, the Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration to establish a Department of Commerce and the Workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1837. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1838. A bill to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1839. A bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treat-

ment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1840. A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1841. A bill to mitigate the reduction in the readiness of our Armed Forces by reducing the defense sequestration cuts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 but implementing the cuts, in their entirety, over the duration of sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1842. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 1843. A bill to eliminate duplication and waste in Federal information technology acquisition and management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1844. A bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1845. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1846. A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1847. A bill to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies; considered and passed.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Hamp-

shire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 870

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to promote the education of pregnant and parenting students.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass