

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2454. A communication from the Program Manager, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Reference Biological Standards and Biological Preparations" (RIN0920-AA53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2455. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Disability in Rural Areas" (CFDA No. 84.133B-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2456. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Services Block Grant (CCSBG) Program Report for Fiscal Year 2009"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2457. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority's (Trading As Events DC) Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2458. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians' comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2459. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, 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 July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2460. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-107, "Extension of Time to Dispose of Justice Park Property Temporary Approval Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2461. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-108, "Foster Youth Transit Subsidy Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2462. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-110, "Better Prices, Better Quality, Better Choices for Health Coverage Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2463. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 20-109, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2464. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-111, "YMCA Community Investment Initiative Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1371. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-80).

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

S. 1372. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-81).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

\*Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

\*F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2020.

\*Joseph W. Nega, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*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. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1362. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1363. A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules

that are estimated to cost more than \$1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1364. A bill to promote neutrality, impartiality, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1365. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for fair application of the exceptions process for drugs in tiers in formularies in prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1366. A bill to modify the appointment of Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1367. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1368. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1369. A bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1370. A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 1371. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1372. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1373. A bill to increase access to refinancing for homeowners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1374. A bill to allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1375. A bill to require a portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage