

to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; State Plan Home and Community-Based Services, 5-Year Period Waivers, Provider Payment Reassignment, and Home and Community-Based Setting Requirements for Community First Choice and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers” (RIN0938-AO53; RIN0938-AP61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4329. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological Material from China” (RIN1515-AD99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4330. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People’s Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4331. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People’s Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4332. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4333. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Citizen Petition Submission; Technical Amendment” (Docket No. FDA-2013-S-0610) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4334. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Rocky Flats Plant in Golden, Colorado, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4335. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Sandia National Laboratories-Livermore in Livermore, California, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4336. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4337. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on the Geographic Variation in the Cost of Living: Implications for the Poverty Guidelines and Program Eligibility”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4338. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal

Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission’s competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4339. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4340. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “VA Compensation Service and Pension and Fiduciary Service Nomenclature Changes” (RIN2900-AO64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4341. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guaranty: Minimum Property and Construction Requirements” (RIN2900-AO67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4342. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Court’s annual report for the year ended September 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-187. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina repealing Joint Resolution 775 from 1976 and rescinding all previous calls for a constitutional convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. 3400

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, acting with the best of intentions, at various times and during various sessions, has previously made applications to Congress to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and

Whereas, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for such a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than two hundred years and has been found to be a sound document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

Whereas, there is no need for, rather, there is great danger in, a new constitution or in opening the Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this nation and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its meaning and interpretation. Now, therefore, be it

Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Repeal

SECTION 1. Joint Resolution 775 of 1976 is repealed.

Disavowed

SECTION 2. The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina disavows any other calls or applications for a constitutional convention made to Congress prior to the effective date of this act, by any means expressed, including, but not limited to, S. 1024 of 1978.

Copies forwarded

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State is directed to forward copies of this act bearing the Great Seal of the State to the following persons: The President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Time effective

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled “Review of the Terrorist Attacks on U.S. Facilities in Benghazi, Libya, September 11–12, 2012” (Rept. No. 113-134). Additional views filed.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1901. A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

*Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2021.

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

*Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

*Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

*Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

*Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights).