

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2422. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2432. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5918. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5919. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Further Guidance on the Implementation of FATCA and Related Withholding Provisions" (Notice 2014-33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5920. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "HHS Secretary's Efforts to Improve Children's Health Care Quality in Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5921. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Interim Report to Congress on the Community First Choice (CFC) Option"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5922. 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-5923. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5924. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial and Industrial Electric Motors" (RIN1904-AC28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5925. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5926. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preheat and Interpass Temperature Control for the Welding of Low-Alloy Steel for Use in Fuel Reprocessing Plans and in Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants" (Regulatory Guide 3.29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5927. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Acquisition of Supplies and Services" (Management Directive 11.1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5928. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intermediary Relending Program" (RIN0570-AA86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5929. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5930. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for 2014 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" ((RIN0581-AD35) (Docket No. AMS-CN-13-0085)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5931. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Advantame" (Docket No. FDA-2009-F-0303) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5932. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Vet-

erans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayment for Medications in 2014" (RIN2900-AO91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5933. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accelerated Cost Recovery System" (Rev. Rul. 2014-17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5934. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 2014-16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5935. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the "2014 Report to Congress on Vulnerability Assessments for Fiscal Year 2013" (OSS-2014-0741); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5936. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan, Conformity Budgets, Emissions Inventories; State of New York" (FRL No. 9911-56-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5937. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions for Permitting of Particulate Matter with Diameters Less Than or Equal to 2.5 Micrometers (PM2.5)" (FRL No. 9909-35-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5939. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-039); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5940. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5941. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Afghanistan for the period of June 1, 2014 through September 20, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.