

S. 2132. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government, Department of the Interior, environment, and Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, 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-3066. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3067. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Contractors, Prohibitions Against Pay Secrecy Policies and Actions; Final Rule" (RIN1250-AA06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3068. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Fiscal Years 2011-2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3069. 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 "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals" ((RIN0910-AG10) (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0922)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3070. 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 "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0920) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3071. A communication from the Acting Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Overtime Pay for Border Patrol Agents" (RIN3206-AN19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3072. A communication from the Acting Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Managing Senior Executive Performance" (RIN3206-AM48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3073. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Self Plus One Enrollment Type" (RIN3206-AN08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3074. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions; Implementation of Statutory Gift Acceptance Authority; Freedom of Information Act" (RIN3209-AA40; RIN3209-AA41; RIN3209-AA39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3075. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)"; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3076. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program" (RIN3245-AG72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment to the Northern Red Hake Inseason Possession Limit" (RIN0648-XE094) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3078. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment to the Northern Red Hake Inseason Possession Limit" (RIN0648-XE120) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3079. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusky Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE169) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3080. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE144) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3081. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Depart-

ment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XE143) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3082. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2015 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XD558) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3083. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 53 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2015" (RIN0648-XE015) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3084. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE140) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. SASSE (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2128. A bill to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to submit to Congress a report on Inspector General mandates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2129. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Energy and Water Development, and Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2130. A bill making appropriations for Department of Defense, energy and water development, Department of Homeland Security, military construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 2131. A bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies and Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2132. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government, Department of the Interior, environment, and Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. TILLS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. BALDWIN)):

S. 2133. A bill to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2134. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2135. A bill to address the liability of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the Animas and San Juan Rivers spill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 277. A resolution recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Principals Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 21. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 228

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 228, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 429

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S.

429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1319

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1319, a bill to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve the treatment of substance use disorders.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.