

“Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Available for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts” (RIN0648-XE241) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4198. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks in the Gulf of Mexico Region” (RIN0648-XE334) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4199. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments” (RIN0648-BF44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4200. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2015-2016 Accountability Measure and Closure for King Mackerel in Western Zone of the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-XE290) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4201. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace, Neah Bay, WA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3321)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4202. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Low Power Television Digital Rules” ((MB Docket No. 03-185, GN Docket No. 12-268, and ET Docket No. 14-175) (FCC 15-175)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4203. A communication from the Broadband Division Chief, Wireless Telecommunication Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions” ((GN Docket No. 12-268) (FCC 15-140)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4204. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-0029); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4205. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a

Middle East country (OSS-2016-0028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4206. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-0052); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with George L. Roberts and ending with Stephen A. Ritchie, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Anthony J. Rock, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. James H. Dienst, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. John J. Degoes and ending with Col. Mark A. Koeniger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. James R. Barkley and ending with Brig. Gen. Edward P. Yarish, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Col. Paige P. Hunter, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Thomas J. Owens II, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Robert G. Michnowicz, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Jeffrey C. Coggin, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Kevin C. Wulfhorst, to be Brigadier General.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Peter L. Reynolds and ending with Christopher P. Calder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nomination of Jeremy W. Cannon, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Ted W. Lieu, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jodene M. Alexander and ending with Deborah J. Robinson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with John Louis Arendale II and ending with Minh-Tri Ba Trinh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bonnie Joy Bosler and ending with Liane L. Weinberger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Arden B. Andersen and ending with Mark A. Zelkovic, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nomination of Todd Andrew Luce, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lebane S. Hall and ending with David F. Pendleton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with William Charles Dunlap and ending with Robert K. Mcghee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Dawn D. Bellack and ending with Andrew J. Turner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Katherine E. Aasen and ending with Christopher M. Zidek, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bryan M. Barroqueiro and ending with Joseph Mannino, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Air Force nomination of Bryan M. Davis, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Todd E. Combs, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brett C. Anderson and ending with Shahid A. Zaidi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Stephen C. Arnason and ending with John R. Yancey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Eric E. Abbott and ending with Philip A. Wixom, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jane A. Alston and ending with Timothy J. Zielicke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Army nominations beginning with David H. Aamidor and ending with D012522, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Yonatan S. Abebie and ending with D012158, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Army nomination of Peter J. Koch, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Derek P. Jones and ending with William J. Rice, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Michael S. Abbott and ending with D011609, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Army nomination of Denny L. Winningham, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of John C. Baskerville, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Mark L. Coble, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Craig A. Holan and ending with Eric E. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Army nomination of Steven R. Berger, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Richard M. Hawkins, to be Major.

Army nomination of Martin S. Kendrick, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with William T. Hennessy and ending with James R. Lenard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2015.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jeremy D. Adams and ending with Angela S. Zunic, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Navy nominations beginning with James E. O'Neil III and ending with Keith M. Roxo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

Navy nominations beginning with Denise M. Veyvoda and ending with Robert G. West, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2016.

Navy nomination of James A. Trotter, to be Lieutenant Commander.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### 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. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2459. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2460. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require reports to Congress on matters of the military departments and Defense Agencies in support of the biennial strategic workforce plans of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2461. A bill to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2462. A bill to amend section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude Federal student aid from taxable gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2463. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a percentage of student loan forgiveness for public service employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2464. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. Res. 348. A resolution supporting efforts to place a woman on the currency of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 524

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to establish an insurance policy advisory committee on international capital standards, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to improve the safety of hazardous materials rail transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1783

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1783, a bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify a provision relating to the designation of a northern transportation route in Washington County, Utah.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 2051

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.

2051, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to award grants to expand programs in maritime and energy workforce technical training, and for other purposes.

S. 2144

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2144, a bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2386

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2386, a bill to authorize the establishment of the Stonewall National Historic Site in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 2418

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2418, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, *supra*.

S. 2437

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2437, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of persons who served as Women's Air Forces Service Pilots in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 340

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 340, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS or Da'esh) is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and calling