

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

Coast Guard nomination of Kimberly J. Avsec, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Anthony K. Palmer and ending with Patrick J. St. John, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Bennie N. Johnson and ending with Faith C. Opatrny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 5, 2008.

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique.

Nominee: William Raymond Steiger.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, \$500.00, 04/22/2004, Friends of Brett Davis, (Candidate for State Assembly in Wisconsin); \$1500.00, 10/22/2004, Republican National Committee; \$1500.00, 04/20/2006, Republican National Committee.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: William Alexander Curwen, None.

4. Parents: William Albert Steiger, (Deceased in 1978); Janet Dempsey Steiger, (Deceased in 2004), \$250.00, 01/24/2003, Republican National Committee; \$275.00, 12/15/2003, Republican National Committee; \$1000.00, 02/12/2004, Bush-Cheney '04.

5. Grandparents: Carl Albert Steiger, (Deceased in 1985); Ruth Storms Steiger, (Deceased in 1990); Kathleen Wright Dempsey, (Deceased in 1989); Ray C. Dempsey, (Deceased in 1962).

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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Foreign Service nominations beginning with Allan P. Mustard and ending with Kevin N. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2008.

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Neil Romano, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

\*Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012.

\*Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012.

\*Javid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2007.

\*Jamsheed K. Choksy, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Dawn Ho Delbanco, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Gary D. Glenn, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*David Hertz, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Marvin Bailey Scott, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2010.

\*Carol M. Swain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*William J. Hagenah, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*Mark Y. Herring, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*Julia W. Bland, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*Sally Epstein Shaywitz, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Frank Philip Handy, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Jonathan Baron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Javid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2013.

\*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.

(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. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2754. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of refined coal; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2755. A bill to provide funding for summer youth jobs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2756. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2757. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain benefits applicable to the Gulf Opportunity Zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2758. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2759. A bill to provide for Kindergarten Plus programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2760. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2761. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary windfall profit tax on crude oil and transfer the proceeds of the tax to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 2762. A bill to prioritize the provision of assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria to in-need countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2763. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of existing education tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2764. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 2765. A bill to strengthen and permanently preserve social security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2766. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2767. A bill to provide for judicial discretion regarding suspensions of student eligibility under section 484(r) of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2768. A bill to provide a temporary increase in the maximum loan guaranty amount for certain housing loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2769. A bill to authorize appropriate use of information in the Firearms Trace Database, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2770. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to strengthen the food safety inspection system by imposing stricter penalties for the slaughter of nonambulatory livestock; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2771. A bill to require the president to call a White House Conference on Children and Youth in 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2772. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the investigation of suicides committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2773. A bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2774. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2775. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act to treat certain domestically controlled foreign persons performing services under contract with the United States Government as American employers for purposes of certain employment taxes and benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOND, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2776. A bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain goods from designated Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2777. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, in recognition of his courageous and unwavering commitment to democracy, human rights, and peaceful change in Cuba; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2778. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to expand certain bonus and special pay authorities for members of the Armed Forces in order to enhance the recruitment and retention of psychologists, social workers, mental health nurses, and

other mental health professionals in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2779. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2780. A bill to require an electronic database of information on the incidence of suicide among members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 2781. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the per resident payment floor for direct graduate medical education payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2782. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary windfall profit on crude oil and transfer the proceeds of the tax to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. McCAIN):

S. 2783. A bill to allow for additional flights beyond the perimeter restriction applicable to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2784. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the food labeling requirements of the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 to enable customers to make informed choices about the nutritional content of standard menu items in large chain restaurants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2785. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Security Act to preserve access to physicians' services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2786. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to health care under the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REID, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S.J. Res. 30. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to optional State plan case management services under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 481. A resolution designating April 2008 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 482. A resolution designating July 26, 2008, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 483. A resolution recognizing the first weekend of May 2008 as "Ten Commandments Weekend"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 484. A resolution designating March 25, 2008, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. McCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 485. A resolution relative to the death of Howard Metzenbaum, former United States Senator for the State of Ohio; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 486. A resolution to congratulate the X PRIZE Foundation for their efforts to inspire a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles that could help break the addiction of the United States to oil and stem the effects of climate change through the