

Country (Armenia) and Other Trade Agreements Updates” ((RIN9000-AM16) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5167. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2010-009, Government Property” ((RIN9000-AL95) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5168. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2011-004, Socioeconomic Program Parity” ((RIN9000-AL88) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5169. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-002, Trade Agreements Thresholds” ((RIN9000-AM17) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5170. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2007-012, Requirements for Acquisitions Pursuant to Multiple-Award Contracts” ((RIN9000-AL93) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5171. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-56, Technical Amendments” (FAC 2005-56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5172. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-56, Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005-56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5173. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2010-015, Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program” ((RIN9000-AL97) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5174. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2008-030, Proper Use and Management of Cost-Reimbursement Contracts” ((RIN9000-AL78) (FAC 2005-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5175. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-56, Introduction” (FAC 2005-56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5176. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office’s annual report on the category rating system; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5177. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program” (RIN3245-AG34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5178. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Due Date of Initial Application Requirements for State Home Construction Grants” (RIN2900-AN77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

(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. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2145. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL of

Colorado, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2146. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to create a market-oriented standard for clean electric energy generation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2147. A bill to provide for research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic Ocean and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2148. A bill to amend the Toxic Substance Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2149. A bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2150. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources under the supplemental security income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COATS, Mr. BURR, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 2151. A bill to improve information security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 385. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COONS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COATS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Ms.