

gained eight A-10 aircraft and a number of full-time and part-time employment positions; and

Whereas, as part of a wide-ranging plan to reduce its total aircraft inventory, the Obama administration intends to propose in the 2013 budget request, the elimination of twenty-four A-10 aircraft that comprise the Air Force Reserve's 917th Fighter Group at Barksdale Air Force Base; and

Whereas, the Air Force plans to rebalance its overall ratio of regular, reserve, and Air National Guard forces at about sixty installations in thirty-three states and retire two hundred twenty-seven aircraft to support a new defense strategy known as the "Air Force Strategy and Structure Overview"; and

Whereas, for nearly eighty years the 917th Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base and the Shreveport-Bossier community have enjoyed a strong partnership, which provides jobs to the community and programs for the local children, and the elimination of the A-10 aircraft will have an adverse effect on not only the economy but the community as well. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize congress to take such actions as are necessary to oppose the elimination of A-10 aircraft assigned to the 917th Fighter Group, based at Barksdale Air Force Base; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-127. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to immediately enact the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, Many families are searching for a way to plan for the future of a child with developmental disabilities, which are costly to society and to families; and

Whereas, The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2011 (ABLE Act), proposed in H.R. 3423 and S. 1872 and currently debated by Congress, would create disability savings accounts for individuals with developmental or other disabilities and their families, as a way to save for future needs with funds that could accrue interest tax free; and

Whereas, The ABLE Act would give individuals with developmental or other disabilities and their families an option for saving for their future financial needs in a way that supports their unique situation and makes it more feasible to live full and productive lives in their communities; and

Whereas, While many families are currently able to save for the educational needs of children through "529" college tuition plans, these plans do not fit the needs of children with developmental or other disabilities; and

Whereas, Many families recognize that loved ones with developmental or other disabilities may live for many decades beyond the ability of the parents or other family members to provide financial assistance and support; and

Whereas, Many families also want to ensure the financial security of family members who have the level of disability required for Medicaid eligibility, but for now, are managing to function without the use of those benefits and state resources; and

Whereas, The ABLE Act would create a savings fund for those with developmental or other disabilities that could be drawn upon for a variety of essential expenses, including

medical and dental care, education and employment training and support, assistive technology, housing and transportation, personal support services, and other expenses for life necessities; and

Whereas, Savings accounts opened under the ABLE Act would provide substantial flexibility to meet the specific needs of the individual, with a broad array of allowable expenses and no age limitations so that these funds can be used whenever they are needed; and

Whereas, The flexibility in expenses would also allow families to save with confidence even though they cannot always predict how independent their child will become: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to immediately enact the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2011 (ABLE Act); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the President pro Tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-128. A resolution adopted by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, Odessa, Texas, in support of retaining top foreign students earning degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) from American Universities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Sean Sullivan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2015.

Air Force nomination of Colonel Edward E. Metzgar, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Russ A. Walz, to be Brigadier General.

\*Air Force nomination of Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Timothy M. Ray, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Paul J. Selva, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Howard D. Stendahl, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Lawrence W. Brock, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Reynold N. Hoover, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. James O. Barclay III, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Frank J. Grass, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Joyce L. Stevens, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Allen G. Myers, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Captain John D. Alexander and ending with Captain Ricky L. Williamson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 8, 2012.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. John M. Richardson, to be Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. David A. Dunaway, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. John F. Kelly, to be General.

Mr. LEVIN. 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 Jolene A. Ainsworth and ending with David C. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Uchenna L. Umeh and ending with Daniel X. Choi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 25, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Catherine M. Fahling and ending with Le T. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 25, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Sean J. Hislop and ending with Lucas P. Neff, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 17, 2012.

Army nomination of Karen A. Baldi, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Christopher W. Soika, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Luis A. Riveraberrios, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Kimon A. Nicolaides, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Penny P. Kalua and ending with Joseph A. Trinidad, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 25, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Chad S. Abbey and ending with Jared K. Zotz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 17, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey E. Aycock and ending with Eric W. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 17, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Brent A. Beckley and ending with Stephen J. Ward, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 17, 2012.

Army nomination of Brian J. Eastridge, to be Colonel.

Navy nominations beginning with Joel A. Ahlgrim and ending with Mark L. Woodbridge, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with John E. Bissell and ending with Stephen S. Yune, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Robert L. Anderson II and ending with Carol B. Zwiebach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Marc S. Brewen and ending with Dustin E. Wallace,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Lucelina B. Badura and ending with William A. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Jason W. Adams and ending with Shawn M. Triggs, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with David L. Cline and ending with David S. Yang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Emily Z. Allen and ending with Jonathan P. Witham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 11, 2012.

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

\*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 Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3430. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3431. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3432. A bill to prevent identity theft and tax fraud; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3433. A bill to require a radio spectrum inventory of bands managed by the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 3434. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3435. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the "Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3436. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve the quality of infant and toddler care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3437. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide assistance to States to carry out initiatives to promote the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel and public and private investment in natural gas vehicles and transportation infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WEBB, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 3438. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2012-2017 and conduct additional oil and gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development in the United States for a more secure energy future, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3439. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install Wi-Fi hotspots and wireless neutral host systems in all Federal buildings in order to improve in-building wireless communications coverage and commercial network capacity by offloading wireless traffic onto wireline broadband networks; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3440. A bill to extend estate and gift tax rules for 1 year; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3441. A bill to provide for the transfer of excess Department of Defense aircraft to the Forest Service for wildfire suppression activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 3442. A bill to provide tax incentives for small businesses, improve programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 3443. A bill to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Con. Res. 54. A concurrent resolution stating that it is the policy of the United States to oppose the sale, shipment, performance of maintenance, refurbishment, modification, repair, and upgrade of any military equipment from or by the Russian Federation to or for the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 202

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 752

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 847, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to provide for the exchange of land located in the Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

S. 1258

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1258, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to