

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Media Space, Inc. v. Commissioner" (AOD 2012-08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2405. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—August 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2406. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2407. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Timeline and Other Guidance Regarding the Implementation of FATCA" (Notice 2013-43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2408. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Eligibility for Temporary Housing for Individuals Displaced by Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes in Oklahoma" (Notice 2013-47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2409. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Static Mortality Tables for the Years 2014 and 2015" (Notice 2013-49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2410. A joint communication from the Secretary of Labor, Chair of the Board and the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2012 actuarial evaluation of the expected operations and status of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation funds; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2411. 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 "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Ammonium Formate" (Docket No. FDA-2008-F-0151) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2412. 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 "Animal Feeds Contaminated With Salmonella Microorganisms" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0253) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2413. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation

Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's fiscal year 2011 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs annual report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2414. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health, United States, 2012"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2415. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2416. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2417. A communication from the Director of the Diversity and Inclusion Division, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2418. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2419. A communication from the Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2420. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2421. A communication from the Chairman and Members of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semi-annual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2422. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2423. A communication from the Director, National Security Agency, transmitting a report relative to classified information sharing and safeguarding efforts on computer networks; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-44. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to pass the Marketplace Fairness Act; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5

Whereas, In the case of National Bellas Hess, Inc. v. Department of Revenue, 386 U.S. 753 (1967), the United States Supreme Court held, in relevant part, that Congress alone has the power to regulate and control the taxation of commerce which is conducted between a business that is located within one state, and a customer who is located in another state and who communicates with and purchases from the business using only remote means; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court established in Quill Corp. v. North Dakota, 504 U.S. 298 (1992), that a state government cannot, of its own accord, require out-of-state retailers to collect sales tax on sales within the state; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court also announced in Quill that Congress could exercise its authority under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution to decide whether, when and to what extent the states may require collection of sales tax on remote sales; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada and municipalities within this State receive significant operating revenue from sales taxes collected by brick-and-mortar businesses and online vendors with a nexus to the State and from use taxes on purchases made online through vendors without a brick-and-mortar location in the State; and

Whereas, Remittance of use taxes not collected by a vendor from online purchases puts an undue burden and widely unknown obligation on consumers; and

Whereas, The unequal taxation schemes as between online and traditional retailers create a disadvantage for Nevada-based retailers, who are rooted and invested in the Nevada community and employ residents of this State; and

Whereas, The tax collection loophole for online retailers deprives local governments of revenue that could be used to fund necessities such as schools, police and fire departments, and other important infrastructure; and

Whereas, The Marketplace Fairness Act, S. 336, 113th Cong. (2013), and H.R. 684, 113th Cong. (2013), proposes to provide states with the authority to require out-of-state retailers, such as online and catalog retailers, to collect and remit sales tax on purchases shipped into the state; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada has enacted the Simplified Sales and Use Tax Administration Act, chapter 360B of NRS, which is in compliance with the Marketplace Fairness Act, S. 336, 113th Cong. §2 (2013) and H.R. 684, 113th Cong. §2 (2013); Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge Congress to pass the Marketplace Fairness Act without delay; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Executive Director of the Department of Taxation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-45. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada expressing support for wild horses and burros in Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, Wild horses and burros are an integral part of the ecosystem and rangelands of the United States and the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, Wild horses and burros helped to build this nation and are living symbols of freedom and our American Western heritage, as represented by the depiction of wild horses on the Nevada State quarter; and

Whereas, Wild horses and burros are natural resources and cultural assets, and have the potential to promote tourism and job creation in this State; and

Whereas, Building eco-sanctuaries that enable the public to view and photograph wild horses and burros may provide a much needed boost to the Nevada economy; and

Whereas, Wild horses and burros depend on the understanding, cooperation and fairness of all interested parties: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the Nevada Legislature:

1. Supports the preservation and protection of our iconic wild horses and burros in the State of Nevada as living symbols of freedom, the pioneer spirit of the West and America's heritage, as well as valuable natural resources and cultural assets;

2. Supports the development of wild horse and burro related ecotourism in the State of Nevada;

3. Encourages the State Department of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with local wild horse and burro advocacy groups pursuant to NRS 569.031 concerning wild horses and burros living on private lands that are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Agriculture; and

4. Encourages a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and fairness among wild horse and burro advocacy groups, private land owners and the State Department of Agriculture; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the Governor and the Director of the State Department of Agriculture; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-46. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to amend the Clean Air Act and to fully consider the impact of the new regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the Clean Air Act is a federal law designed to minimize air pollution nationwide; and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enforce regulations intended to protect the public from air pollutants believed to be hazardous to public health; and

Whereas, in 1970, Congress amended the Clean Air Act by mandating comprehensive state and federal regulations for both stationary and non-stationary sources of pollution; and

Whereas, the 1970 amendments dramatically expanded the EPA's regulatory authority; and

Whereas, additional amendments adopted in 1990 expanded the Clean Air Act by allowing the EPA to address acid rain, ozone depletion, gasoline formulation and evaporative emissions; and

Whereas, in April 2009, the EPA issued an endangerment finding, declaring that current and future greenhouse gas emissions pose a serious threat to public health and safety, allowing the agency to regulate carbon dioxide emissions; and

Whereas, as written, the Clean Air Act gives states, not the federal government, the primary role in establishing and carrying out plans to comply with EPA regulations; and

Whereas, as written, the Clean Air Act requires the EPA to consider the economic impact of its proposed regulations; and

Whereas, in spite of these provisions, recent actions by the EPA reflect a disturbing and legally questionable shift away from state and towards federal primacy; and

Whereas, these actions include the EPA's recent rejection of Arizona's State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze, which may cost Arizona consumers as much as one billion dollars for new technology that will make an imperceptible improvement in air quality compared to the state's plan; and

Whereas, while Americans support efforts to improve air quality, such efforts should be carefully balanced to ensure that the cost of new regulations on the economy do not exceed potential benefits; and Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress amend the Clean Air Act to further clarify that the states, not the EPA, have the primary role in developing plans for regulating air pollutants and fully consider the impact of new regulations on the state and national economy before approval or implementation of new regulations.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-47. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon urging Congress to increase investment in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas generations of Oregonians have enjoyed access to safe, reliable and accessible public water, but a lack of investment in critical water systems that are relied upon to bring clean, accessible water to communities and the aging of public water infrastructure pose significant threats to the quality, safety, reliability and accessibility of public water; and

Whereas water is widely viewed in Oregon as a public trust to be managed for the common good of the public at large; and

Whereas approximately 80 percent of Oregon residents get their drinking water from public water systems; and

Whereas the federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 created the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the pur-

pose of assisting states with funding to ensure safe public drinking water; and

Whereas in 2010 the Department of Human Services determined that \$44 million would be needed in order to fund projects for protecting existing sources of public drinking water in Oregon; and

Whereas in 2010 the final amount of funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund available for use on Oregon priority projects was \$9,752,311, representing less than 25 percent of the amount needed; and

Whereas according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, approximately 45 percent of the investment needs in Oregon for public water infrastructure are in communities with a population of less than 10,000; and

Whereas the Title VI provisions of the federal Clean Water Act created the Clean Water State Revolving Fund in 1987 for the purpose of assisting states with funding to ensure clean water resources and wastewater systems and treatment facilities for the public; and

Whereas in 2011 the Department of Environmental Quality determined that \$380,821,000 will be needed in order to fully fund projects for maintaining clean water resource programs and wastewater systems and treatment facilities to protect the public and Oregon water resources; and

Whereas in 2011 the funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund predicted to be available for use on Oregon priority projects was \$23,017,000, representing six percent of the amount needed; and

Whereas 50 percent of Oregon priority projects for funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund would serve communities with a population of less than 5,000; and

Whereas the current levels of funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund are not sufficient to ensure that Oregon's public drinking water and wastewater systems and treatment facilities are maintained and protected to benefit the health and safety of Oregon residents and benefit Oregon water resources;

Whereas investing in Oregon's public drinking water and wastewater systems and treatment facilities will create and support family wage jobs for Oregon workers; and

Whereas according to the National Utility Contractors Association, for every \$1 billion that is invested nationally in water infrastructure, almost 27,000 jobs are created; and

Whereas it is critical for Oregon students to have access to safe and clean drinking water; and

Whereas there is currently no dedicated federal funding available for updating and repairing drinking water systems in public schools; and

Whereas protecting the public drinking water and wastewater systems and treatment facilities in the nation's communities is of crucial importance and requires an ongoing federal funding commitment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon urges the Congress of the United States of America to increase investment in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to upgrade and repair the nation's aging public drinking water systems in order to ensure that all citizens have access to safe, clean and affordable drinking water.

(2) The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to increase investment in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to upgrade and repair the nation's aging public water and

wastewater treatment systems in order to ensure the health and safety of the nation's urban and rural environments and water resources.

(3) The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to ensure that federal funding is available for public water systems in both large and small communities and ensure that dedicated funding is made available for updating and repairing drinking water systems in the nation's public schools.

(4) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

POM-48. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation reauthorizing the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, In 2006, Congress reauthorized the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 in its entirety, effective through the 2011 fiscal year; and

Whereas, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 has not been reauthorized since 2006, although it was updated in 2009 and funding for its programs has been authorized since that date on an annual basis; and

Whereas, The congressional appropriations staff continue to stress the tight spending caps on discretionary programs imposed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

Whereas, A substantial number of older Americans living in the State of California will be at risk if there are significant reductions in allocated funds for the programs funded by the act; and

Whereas, Further delay in the reauthorization of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 will erode the capacity of the act's various structures to deliver services to meet the needs of older Americans; and

Whereas, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should immediately be reauthorized to preserve the aging network's role in home- and community-based services, maintain the advocacy and consumer directed focus of the act, and give area agencies on aging increased flexibility in planning and delivering services to vulnerable older Americans; and

Whereas, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should be funded in the same manner in which the act has been funded for the past 48 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation that would reauthorize the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; 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 Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-49. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois relative to urging the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, and the United States Department of Education to consider communities in the State

of Illinois as Promise Neighborhoods; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 0154

Whereas, The Promise Neighborhoods program was founded in 2010 on the premise of significantly improving the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in distressed communities by providing access to great schools and strong systems of community support to aid in the transition from childhood to career; and

Whereas, The Promise Neighborhoods grant program consists of planning grants and implementation grants; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Education proposed to fund Promise Neighborhoods through the legislative authority of the Fund for the Improvement of Education Program in 2010; the level and allocation of planning and implementation funds are contingent upon each fiscal year's final budget; and

Whereas, The Promise Neighborhoods grant program is expected to continue in 2013 with another round of applications and award winners: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we urge the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, and the United States Department of Education to consider communities in this State, including communities in the City of Chicago, as Promise Neighborhoods and award grants as such; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, each member of the Illinois congressional delegation, the President of the United States, and the U.S. Secretary of Education.

POM-50. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to protest against the closure of the Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2007

To the Members of the United States Congress:

Your memorialist respectfully represents: Whereas, the Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center (Cherrybell) serves the entire southern portion of Arizona covering the counties of Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise. Currently, Southern Arizona is facing a potential economic downfall due to the initial decision made by the United States Postal Service Board of Governors to close Cherrybell; and

Whereas, more than 1.8 million people and 23,197 businesses use the Cherrybell postal services. According to United States Postal Service officials, over 3 million pieces of mail go through Cherrybell each day as it is the 15th largest facility serving the 33rd largest population area in our nation. Thus, the processing and sorting operations at Cherrybell that are being proposed to be moved to Phoenix affect approximately 280 jobs in Southern Arizona; and

Whereas, Southern Arizona, which includes both the Tohono O'odham nation and Pasqua Yaqui tribal lands, encompasses the California and Arizona border at Yuma south to Nogales, across to Douglas and Bisbee in Cochise County and the military installations located at Fort Huachuca and Davis Monthan, depends on the Cherrybell Post office; and

Whereas, Council Member Richard Fimbres went on record opposing the closure of Cherrybell Post Office and requested that

the Tucson City Council work directly with Tucson's congressional delegation and community members to frame a campaign to protect the vital jobs at Cherrybell; and

Whereas, Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez, objects to the closure of Cherrybell and firmly believes this change will clearly impact the activities of the state and county elections officials in Arizona and will cause a detrimental impact to voters. The information provided to the public by the United States Postal Services is based entirely on economic considerations with no apparent regard for the impact of the change on the fundamental right to vote of all citizens and, in particular, the significant additional detrimental impact to Native American voters in the region; and

Whereas, 600 people attended the public hearing, which was scheduled three days after Christmas, and 6,000 people wrote letters and signed online petitions urging the United States Postal Service Board of Governors not to close Cherrybell.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States protest the proposed closing of Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-51. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide rights to victims of crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 2002

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents: Whereas, criminal defendants are afforded numerous federal rights and procedural protections; and

Whereas, victims of crime are not afforded any federal constitutional rights or protections; and

Whereas, the people of this state believe in the individual rights and liberties of all persons and have amended the Constitution of Arizona to provide crime victims with rights, and yet it is clear that without federal constitutional rights, crime victims' rights are less meaningful and enforceable.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States propose to the people an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides rights to crime victims and that embodies the following principles:

(a) The right to be informed of and not excluded from any public proceedings relating to the crime.

(b) The right to be heard regarding any release from custody.

(c) The right to consideration for the safety and privacy of the victim, the victim's interest in avoiding unreasonable delay and the victim's interest in restitution.

(d) The right to be heard regarding any negotiated plea or sentence.

(e) The right to receive notice of release or escape.

2. That any amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish rights for crime victims grant standing to victims of crime to assert all rights established by the Constitution.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial

to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-52. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, The United States is predominantly a nation of immigrants that draws strength from the diversity of its residents; and

Whereas, Hardworking persons who aspire to become citizens of the United States have contributed to the prosperity of the State of Nevada in extraordinary ways through the years; and

Whereas, The operation of a strong and vibrant democracy is likely to be impeded unless all men and women, regardless of their race, creed, color, ethnicity or birthplace, are able to participate meaningfully in the political process with full rights and the equal protection attendant thereto; and

Whereas, We believe in the human dignity of all residents of the United States, regardless of their immigration status, and recognize the importance of the many contributions that immigrants have made to the social and economic fabric of Nevada; and

Whereas, A comprehensive approach to fixing our broken immigration system would strengthen the economy of our State and our nation, and would free aspiring citizens to make even greater contributions to our communities, our State and our nation; and

Whereas, We support immigration reform that keeps families together, upholds our values as a nation, promotes economic growth and provides long-term solutions to the current problems resulting from our immigration system; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a significant reduction in the often unreasonable wait times and arbitrary rules that keep families separated from their loved ones; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a realistic pathway to citizenship for all hardworking and tax-paying aspiring citizens who live in this country and meet reasonable requirements; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a mechanism for aspiring citizens who have grown up in this country to become citizens and be better able to fully contribute to our joint future; and

Whereas, The reform of our nation's immigration system must occur in a thoughtful manner which builds the strength and unity of working people, and guarantees the same rights, obligations and basic fairness for all workers, no matter their country of birth or origin; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a new temporary worker program that provides for strict compliance with the labor standards and wage and hour requirements of the United States, portability of work visas so that workers may change jobs and the ability of workers to petition for permanent residency; and

Whereas, The enforcement provisions which accompany comprehensive immigration reform must restore respect for the law by promoting strict adherence to our nation's values, including due process, civil and human rights, accountability and proportionality; and

Whereas, The focus of law enforcement, both within and at the borders of the United States, should be to prevent criminals, and those persons attempting to enter the coun-

try for the purpose of doing harm to this nation, from entering or remaining in the United States; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a funding stream to address the entire spectrum of fiscal impacts that will be experienced by state governments as a result of programs for guest workers, earned legalization and increases in the number of immigrants; and

Whereas, Our federal elected officials must create an immigration process that strengthens our nation's economy and allows aspiring citizens to continue making contributions to our communities, our State and our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform as outlined in this resolution which addresses: (1) earned legal residency accompanied by a clear path to citizenship; (2) the future immigration of families and workers; (3) improved immigration enforcement and border security that is consistent with our nation's values; and (4) a funding stream to address the entire fiscal impacts on state governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-53. A joint memorial adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 13-003

Whereas, Unlike most nations, America has a long and rich heritage of generous immigration laws; and

Whereas, Many employers are faced with an insufficient number of visas for workers to support the needs of the United States economy, with arbitrary visa caps creating backlogs, frequent exploitation by employers through wage and workplace violations, and inadequate government infrastructure to efficiently administer our numerous guest worker programs; and

Whereas, Colorado's identity is defined by its promise of equal opportunity, esteem for diversity and commitment to innovation; and

Whereas, Coloradans have prospered because of the contributions of hardworking immigrants who aspire to citizenship; and

Whereas, We believe in the human dignity of all Colorado residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of immigrants' many contributions to the social and economic fabric of the state of Colorado; and

Whereas, Becoming a citizen of the United States means taking a solemn oath to uphold our nation's Constitution and to forsake allegiance to other nations; and

Whereas, Citizenship is the legal embodiment and symbol of full membership and participation in society that should be encouraged for all who can meet the lawful standards for citizenship; and

Whereas, Keeping families together not only is the correct and moral thing to do but is also good for the economy because families provide a base of support that increases worker productivity and spurs entrepreneurship; and

Whereas, It is universally recognized that adequate border security is a fundamental prerequisite for successful and lasting immigration reform; and

Whereas, America's current immigration system is widely recognized as dysfunctional because it harms our economy and does not reflect Colorado's values; and

Whereas, A well-designed and efficiently enforced immigration system is a federal responsibility, and a comprehensive approach to solve our broken immigration system would strengthen Colorado's and the nation's economy and would free aspiring citizens to make an even greater contribution to our communities; and

Whereas, The federal government's inability to enact immigration reform has created severe economic, cultural, and political strains in communities across Colorado and has led to a patchwork of state laws that inadequately address immigration-related problems; and

Whereas, Immigration reform must occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner that builds the strength and unity of working people, keeps families together wherever possible, and guarantees the same rights, obligations, and basic fairness for all lawful workers, no matter where they come from; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a fair, equitable, and realistic mechanism for aspiring citizens who have grown up in this country to become citizens and be able to fully contribute to our joint future; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must update the legal immigration system so that the future flow of legal guest workers more realistically matches our nation's labor needs and is structured to protect the employment, wages, and working conditions of U.S. and lawful immigrant workers; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must strengthen the small business workforce and customer base, reward initiative with the American promise of opportunity, promote productivity, reduce red tape, and strengthen the American economy; and

Whereas, Any new guest worker visa program must provide for strict compliance with United States labor standards and wage and hour standards, portability of visas so that workers can change jobs under prescribed circumstances, and the ability for workers to petition for permanent residency; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform must aim to reduce the unreasonable wait times and overly complex rules that keep families unreasonably separated from their loved ones; and

Whereas, Colorado citizens support a comprehensive immigration reform that keeps families together wherever possible, upholds our values as a state and nation, promotes small business and economic growth, and provides long-term, practicable and enforceable solutions to our broken immigration system: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we urge the 113th Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform as outlined in this Joint Memorial; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Memorial shall be delivered to the U.S. Speaker of the House, President of the U.S. Senate, members of Colorado's Congressional delegation, members of Colorado's General Assembly, and the Governor of Colorado.

POM-54. A joint resolution adopted by the City of Sumter, Sumter County Council, and

Sumter School District of the State of South Carolina supporting the preservation of tax-exempt municipal bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-55. A resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Mentor Exempted Village School District of the State of Ohio urging Congress and the Administration to mitigate across-the-board cuts to education that are scheduled to occur March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-56. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly of San Juan, Puerto Rico expressing the San Juan Municipal Legislature's deepest rejection of the application of the death penalty by the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-57. A resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico expressing support for the Uniting American Families Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-58. A resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina supporting the Uniting American Families Act and the inclusion of LGBT families in comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 960. A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-79).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 156. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation.

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. 375. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2016.

*Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

By Mr. SCHUMER from the Committee on Rules and Administration.

*Davita Vance-Cooks, of Virginia, to be Public Printer.

*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.

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. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1349. A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1350. A bill to exclude from gross income compensation provided for victims of the March 29, 2013, pipeline oil spill in Mayflower, Arkansas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. KAINÉ, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1351. A bill to provide for fiscal gap and generational accounting analysis in the legislative process, the President's budget, and annual long-term fiscal outlook reports; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1352. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1353. A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1354. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the range of conduct punished as sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1355. A bill to provide regulatory parity among alternative fuel vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1356. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1357. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1358. A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1359. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish national

standards for discharges from cruise vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1360. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1361. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from