Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM–318. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mental illness is defined as “health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) that cause significant distress and/or impaired function.” The National Institute of Mental Health states, “While mental disorders are common in the United States, the burden of illness is particularly concentrated among those who experience disability due to serious mental illness (SMI)”;

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM–319. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RESOLVED, That we support our nation’s efforts to build new, dignified communities in Nigeria, and encourage the Nigerian government in the safe return of the abducted women and girls in Nigeria, to prevent further attacks, and to promote the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria; be it further

Resolved, That we support our nation’s efforts to build new, dignified communities in Nigeria, and encourage the Nigerian government in the safe return of the abducted women and girls in Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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WHEREAS, Boko Haram is an acknowledged militant, terrorist organization. Since 2011, it has claimed responsibility for a series of bombings, killing nearly 4,000 innocent people in Nigeria. It has targeted schools, mosques, churches, villages, agricultural centers, and government facilities in its escalating armed campaign to create an Islamic state in northern Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, Boko Haram abducted 276 girls from the Government Girls Secondary School in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. While at least 33 girls immediately escaped, the remaining girls remain missing. Boko Haram has a history of kidnapping girls in the past for use as cooks and sex slaves, and there are reports that the abducted girls have been sold as brides to Islamic militants for the equivalent of $12 each; and

WHEREAS, In support of the Nigerian government, the United States dispatched drones over Nigeria to search for the abducted girls and deployed 80 soldiers to guard the drone base in nearby Chad. Other nations have also pledged support to help safely bring back the abducted girls. Despite these cooperative efforts, the abducted girls remain missing. On June 9, Boko Haram abducted at least 29 additional women and girls from a village just miles from the earlier incident; and

WHEREAS, Boko Haram’s increasingly bold attacks underscore an initiative to recover the abducted women and girls and prevent future attacks. This extremist group represents a growing threat to peace and security in this region and to the United States’ interests in this region. There are legitimate fears that Boko Haram may be emboldened to carry out attacks against Western targets, such as the U.S. Embassy and hotels frequented by Westerners. Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Boko Haram faces significant attacks on civilian targets in Nigeria and call for the immediate, safe return of the women and girls abducted by them; and be it further

Resolved, That we express strong support for the people of Nigeria, especially the parents and families of the abducted women and girls, and the Nigerian government’s efforts to strengthen efforts that protect children seeking to obtain an education and to hold those who conduct violent acts against them accountable; and be it further

Resolved, That we support efforts of the United States assistance to the Nigerian government in the search for the abducted women and girls, the U.S. Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to continue supporting initiatives that promote the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria; and be it further

Resolved, That we support our nation’s efforts to build new, dignified communities in Nigeria, and encourage the Nigerian government in the safe return of the abducted women and girls in Nigeria, to prevent further attacks, and to promote the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Resolved, That we support our nation’s efforts to build new, dignified communities in Nigeria, and encourage the Nigerian government in the safe return of the abducted women and girls in Nigeria, to prevent further attacks, and to promote the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, for the Committee on Armed Services.


Air Force nomination of Col. Lee E. Payne, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Ricky N. Rupp, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Walter J. Lindeley, to be Brigadier General.


Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Mark A. Brown, to be Major General.


Marine Corps nomination of Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., to be General.


*Army nomination of Adm. William E. Gortney, to be Admiral.


Army nomination of Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General.


Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Frederick B. Hodges, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the Federal Register 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 John T. Aalborg, Jr. and ending with Michael A. Eroistik, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 7, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Roy G. Allen III and ending with John W. Warnock, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 7, 2014.

Air Force nomination of Mark D. Levin, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Craig H. Rhyne and ending with David E.
Vizurraga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Steven E. Koehl and ending with Christopher Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2014.

Army nominations beginning with Curtis L. Abendroth and ending with Michael J. Wise, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2014.

Army nomination of Brian C. Copeland, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Paul E. Linzey and ending with Gary L. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2014.

Army nomination beginning with Joel R. Burke and ending with Michael J. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2014.

Army nomination of Norman A. Hetzler, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Steven F. Flynn and ending with Daniel H. Aldana, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2014.

Army nomination of Jason S. Hetsel, to be Major.

Army nomination of Felipe O. Blanding, Sr., to be Major.

Army nomination of Douglas T. Mo, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ruben J. Vazquez, to be Major.

Army nomination of Jody M. Powers, to be Commander.

Army nomination of James R. Powers, Jr., to be Lieutenant Commander.

Army nomination of Christopher D. Snyder, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Army nomination of Richard Jimenez, Jr., to be Lieutenant Commander.

Army nominations beginning with Jaime A. Quejada and ending with Stephen S. Donohoe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2014.

Army nomination of Timika B. Lindsay, to be Captain.

Army nomination of Christopher A. Middeton, to be Captain.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph S. Gondusky and ending with Hasan A. Hobbs, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2014.

Army nomination of Richard A. Portillo, to be Commander.

Army nomination of Henry S. Thrift III, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Army nomination of Leah M. Tunnell, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Army nomination of Travelyan M. Walker, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Nomination was recommended with re-commendation 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, or as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LANDRIEU, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2634. A bill to provide tax relief for major disaster areas declared in 2012, 2013, and 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2635. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. COBURN):

S. 2636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions of real property for conservation purposes by Native Corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2637. A bill to modify the small business intermediary lending program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 2638. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 2639. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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

S. 2640. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2641. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide that residential mortgage loans held in portfolio qualify and qualified mortgages for purposes of the presumption of the ability to repay requirements under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. WARNEN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2642. A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation, and to ensure that employers consider these requests; and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain growing low-wage occupations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. FISHER):

S. 2643. A bill to require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2636. A resolution congratulating the Newport Jazz Festival on its 60th anniversary, considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. KUBO):

S. Res. 111. A resolution establishing best business practices to fully utilize the potential of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 114. At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 288. At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 240. At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for nonregular service.

S. 315. At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 454. At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, a bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 553. At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 641. At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. King) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic...