

pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Report to Congress on Contract Funding of Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Awards"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7822. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Report to Congress on Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7823. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Report to Congress on Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7824. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Report to Congress on Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7825. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Administration on Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2016; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7826. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7827. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7828. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Department of Transportation, received in the office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7829. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services" (FCC 16-148) (WC Docket No. 16-106) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7830. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" (FCC 16-143) (WC Docket No. 16-90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### 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-256. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana re-

questing the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution concerning imposition of fiscal restraints on the federal government, limitations of the powers and jurisdiction of federal powers, and the limitation of the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Section 1. The legislature of the State of Indiana hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints of the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

Section 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.

Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several States have made applications on the same subject.

POM-257. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3084. A bill to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States (Rept. No. 114-389).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2201. A bill to promote international trade, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Robert N. Polumbo, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jerry D. Harris, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. James M. Holmes, to be General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. William K. Lescher, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Capt. Kelly A. Aeschbach, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Joel E. DeGroot and ending with Col. David D. Zwart, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. David P. Baczewski and ending with Brig. Gen. Roger E. Williams, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Jesse T. Simmons, Jr., to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. David M. McMinn and ending with Brig. Gen. Ronald E. Paul, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Col. William E. Dickens, Jr., to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Brian K. Borgen and ending with Col. Constance M. Von Hoffman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Randolph J. Staudenraus, to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Craig L. LaFave and ending with Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Wade, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Col. Stephen C. Melton, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Gary J. Volesky, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. James H. Dickinson, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Hamilton, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Benjamin F. Adams III and ending with Brig. Gen. Michael R. Zerbonia, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Col. Mark A. Piferski, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Ellis F. Hopkins III, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Michael A. Abell and ending with Col. Louis W. Wilham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Mary M. Jackson, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. MCCAIN. 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 Daniel J. Bessmer and ending with Christie Barton Walton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 16, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kip T. Averett and ending with Daniel S. Walker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Shawn M. Garcia and ending with Morgan H. Laird, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Daniel C. Abell and ending with Peter Zwart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nomination of Gary A. Fairchild, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Megan M. Luka, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brandon D. Clint and ending with Edmund J. Rutherford, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Isamettin A. Aral and ending with Leslie Ann Zyzda-Martin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Brian C. Garver, to be Major.

Army nomination of Clifford D. Johnston, to be Major.

Army nomination of Reinaldo Gonzalez II, to be Major.

Army nomination of Graham F. Inman, to be Major.

Army nomination of Eileen K. Jenkins, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Jeffrey M. Farris, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Matthew T. Bell, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Melissa B. Reister, to be Major.

Army nomination of Charles M. Causey, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Stephen A. Labate and ending with Raymond J. Orr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Roxanne E. Wallace, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Eric A. Mitchell, to be Major.

Army nomination of Jonathan J. Vannatta, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Dennis D. Calloway, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Kenneth L. Alford and ending with Bruce T. Sidebotham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Henry Spring, Jr., to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Craig A. Yunker, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Cornelius J. Pope, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Anthony K. McConnell, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jennifer L. Cummings, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Donald J. Erpenbach and ending with Timothy A. Fanter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Carl I. Shaia, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Lisa M. Barden, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Roger D. Lyles, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Clara A. Bieganek, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Isaiah M. Garfias, to be Major.

Army nomination of Louis E. Herrera, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Schnicka L. Singleton, to be Major.

Army nomination of John R. Burchfield, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Elizabeth S. Eatonferenzi, to be Major.

Army nomination of Richard D. Mina, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Temidayo L. Anderson and ending with D0127914, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Richard A. Gautier, Jr., to be Major.

Army nomination of Joseph A. Papenfus, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Stuart G. Baker and ending with Walter D. Venneman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of David S. Yuen, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Donta A. White, to be Major.

Army nomination of Tony A. Hampton, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Charles C. Anderson and ending with James D. Willson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of David A. Yasenchock, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Aaron C. Ramiro, to be Major.

Army nomination of Richard M. Strong, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Brendon S. Baker, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Lanny J. Acosta, Jr. and ending with Lance B. Turlington, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Army nomination of Andrew J. Wade, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Christopher S. Besser, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Chad C. Black, to be Major.

Army nomination of Thomas D. Starkey, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Joshua D. Fitzgarrald, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Anthony C. Lyons, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nomination of Suzanne L. Hopkins, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Jafar A. Ali and ending with Anthony K. Wolverton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Navy nomination of Meryl A. Severson III, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Ashley R. Bjorklund, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Adeleke O. Mowobi, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Mary K. Arbutnot and ending with John K. Werner, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2016.

Navy nomination of Stephen W. Hedrick, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Vincent M. J. Ambrosino, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Neal P. Ridge, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Abdeslam Bousalham, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Scott M. Morey, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Christian R. Foschi, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

\*Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

\*Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

\*Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

\*Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

\*Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

\*Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

\*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. VITTER (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 7. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the removal of the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare program with respect to speech generating devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 8. A bill to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 9. A bill to provide for the regulation of over-the-counter hearing aids; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 10. A bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of anti-Semitism for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities; considered and passed.

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

S. 3489. A bill to prohibit a court from awarding damages based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or actual or perceived sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3490. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may require that the United States Postal Service obtain a signature