

the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6615. 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 for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D3" ((21 CFR Part 172) (Docket No. FDA-2017-F-3717)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6616. 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 "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; D and C Black No. 4; Confirmation of Effective Date" ((21 CFR Part 74) (Docket No. FDA-2017-C-0935)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6617. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Worth, Asset Transfers, and Income Exclusions for Needs-Based Benefits" (RIN2900-AO73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6618. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Subcontracting Policies and Procedures; Government Property" (RIN2900-AQ05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6619. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Call Completion" ((FCC 18-120) (WC Docket No. 13-29)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6620. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries" (16 CFR Part 23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6621. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" ((RIN3084-AA98) (16 CFR Part 310)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6622. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act" ((RIN3084-AB47) (16 CFR Part 303)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6623. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" ((RIN3084-AB15) (16 CFR Part 305)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Francisco Luis Palmieri, of Connecticut, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Honduras.

Nominee: Francisco L. Palmieri.  
Post: Republic of Honduras.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$100.00, January, 2016, Glen Ivey for U.S. Congress.
2. Spouse: \$375.00, 10/29/16, Hillary Victory Fund; \$1,000.00, 8/4/16, Hillary Victory Fund; \$10.00, 6/3/15, Hillary Victory Fund; \$10.00, 5/3/15, Hillary Victory Fund; \$250.00, 4/12/15, Hillary Victory Fund.
3. Children and Spouses: None.
4. Parents: None.
5. Grandparents: N/A.
6. Brothers and Spouses: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

Ron Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Jeff Merkley, of Oregon, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

\*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. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3501. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health

Administration facility and providing individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3502. A bill to authorize an emerging technology policy lab within the General Services Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 3503. A bill to make housing more affordable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3504. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 3505. A bill to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3506. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen school security; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 3507. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations providing that a presumption of service connection is warranted for a disease with a positive association with exposure to a herbicide agent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 3508. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARASSO):

S. 3509. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; considered and passed.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3510. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for the treatment of core seasonal industries affected by antidumping or countervailing duty investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 3511. A bill to broaden unmanned aircraft systems safety awareness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 3512. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize grants from the small airport fund for the construction or improvement of a nonapproach control tower; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 3514. A bill to establish a deadline for the establishment of a process to allow applicants to petition the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit or restrict the operation of an unmanned aircraft in close proximity to a fixed site facility; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 3515. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to encourage the use of zero-emission vehicles and technology at public-use airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3515. A bill to provide mandatory funding to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 3516. A bill to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 3517. A bill to limit the use of funds for kinetic military operations in or against Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 653. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2018, as the "National Day on Writing"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JONES, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. Res. 654. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 655. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 783

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

S. 2208

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 2317

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2317, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for additional flexibility with respect to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2572

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2572, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 2763

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2763, a bill to provide grants to State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies to purchase chemical screening devices and train personnel to use chemical screening devices in order to enhance law enforcement efficiency and protect law enforcement officers.

S. 2852

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2852, a bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act.

S. 2971

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 2971, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit animal fighting in the United States territories.

S. 3052

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3052, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on heavy trucks and trailers, and for other purposes.

S. 3063

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from North Da-

kota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 3063, a bill to delay the reimposition of the annual fee on health insurance providers until after 2020.

S. 3164

At the request of Mr. JONES, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3164, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institutions.

S. 3172

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3172, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3172, supra.

S. 3257

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3257, a bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for serious violations of international law regarding the protection of civilians during armed conflict, and for other purposes.

S. 3321

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3321, a bill to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden and to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson in recognition of their contributions to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race.

S. 3459

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the credit for expenditures to provide access to disabled individuals, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 64

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 64, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Returns by Exempt Organizations and Returns by Certain Non-Exempt Organizations".