

Whereas, ninety percent of domestic oil and natural gas wells are developed by small, independent businesses that would encounter a devastating impact from any change in policy to reduce incentives; and

Whereas, these tax increases also reduce our nation's energy security by discouraging new investment in domestic oil and natural gas production and refining capacity and pushing those investments abroad; and

Whereas, a reduction in incentives would reduce the amount of domestically produced natural gas and deprive the American people of a clean energy source. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to maintain the current incentives for the exploration and production of domestic oil and natural gas. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-48. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to appropriate funds specifically for the storm-proofing of interior pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Whereas, in 2006, the United States Congress, under the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Act, appropriated two hundred fifty million dollars for storm-proofing interior pump stations in the Greater New Orleans area in order to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; and

Whereas, four years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, only pump stations in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans have been storm-proofed pursuant to this appropriation; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the public that the pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines have not been storm-proofed because the Corps of Engineers underestimated the cost of the storm-proofing and, therefore, interpreted the "Greater New Orleans area" to include only the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans; and

Whereas, storm-proofing interior pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines is desperately needed in order to ensure the operability of the stations as well as to provide safe housing for personnel required to remain on duty to operate the pump stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to appropriate funds specifically for the storm-proofing of interior pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines. Be it further

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 669. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under

which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes (Rept. No. 111-27).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 153. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras.

S. Res. 182. A resolution recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on June 28, 2009, maintain and improve the transparency and fairness of democracy in Albania.

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Andrew J. Shapiro, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

*Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

*Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs.

*Ellen O. Tauscher, of California, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

*Kurt M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

*Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Nominee: Eric Paul Goosby.

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: Eric Goosby.

Spouse: Nancy Truelove.

US Congresswoman Barbara Lee, California: \$100 USD (2006) \$100 USD (2007) \$50 USD (2008) \$100 USD (2009)

Mayor Ron Dellums, Oakland, California: \$200 USD (2007)

Hillary R. Clinton Presidential Candidate: \$200 USD (2007-08) \$100 USD (2009—debt fund)

Barack Obama Presidential Candidate: \$300 USD (2008)

Woody Myers, MD Congressional Candidate, Indiana's 7th District: \$100 USD (2008)
US Congressman Jessie Jackson for Congress, Illinois: \$500 USD x 2 (est 2004-5)

2. Children: Eric N. Goosby; Zoe A. Goosby: no contributions.

3. Parents: Zuretti L. Goosby, Sr.: deceased 2000; no contributions.

Jackie I. Goosby—2005-2009 contributions: Jane Morrison for DCCC—\$100 USD (2005); Barack Obama—\$50 USD (2008); Eric Mar for San Francisco Supervisor—\$35 USD; Obama Victory Fund—\$250 USD (2008); San Francisco Democratic Party—\$100 USD (2006-07); Barbara Lee for Congress—\$100 USD (2007-08); John Burton Children Without Homes—\$50 USD (2005); Ursula Reed, San Leandro City Council—\$75 USD (2007); Washington DC, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memo-

rial; Project Foundation, Inc.—\$150 USD (2006-07); Friends of Barbara Boxer—\$200 USD (2008); Hillary R. Clinton Campaign—\$50 USD (2008); Nancy Pelosi—\$200 USD (2006-08); Maxwell for San Francisco Board of Supervisor—\$50 USD; Maxwell for San Francisco Board of Supervisors—\$50 USD; Jane Morrison for DCCC (SF City and County Community College Board—\$100 USD; Sue Bierman for DCCC (SF City and County Community College Board—\$100 USD; San Francisco Democratic Party—\$135 USD; Dianne Feinstein (Senator, California)—\$100 USD; John Burton (California State Senator) Children Without Homes Fund—\$50 USD; Kamala Harris for San Francisco District Attorney—\$100 USD; Tom Ammann—\$50 USD; Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman, San Francisco—\$300 USD; Hillary R. Clinton Debt Fund—\$50 USD; Obama Presidential Campaign—\$50 USD (2008); John Burton, Children Without Homes Fund—\$100 USD; Hillary R. Clinton Presidential Campaign—\$100 USD (2008).

Grandparents: maternal and paternal grandparents died: no contributions > 4 yrs. Paternal Grandfather: Felix Goosby, died 1966.

Paternal Grandmother: Eva Goosby, died 1978.

Maternal Grandmother: Nola Smith, died 1988 (est).

Maternal Grandfather: not known, died 1962 (est).

5. Brothers and Spouses: Kevin R. Goosby: No contributions > 4 yrs; Zuretti L. Goosby; Brenda Goosby (wife).

Obama Presidential Campaign < \$2Q0.00, estimate (2008); (they are on extended travel for the next 3 weeks and I am unable to confirm, but I do not think it is above \$200 USD going back to 2004)

6. Sisters: None

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Marvin F. Burgos and ending with Stephen Alan Cristina, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 20, 2009. (minus 1 nominee: Terence Jones)

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

*Jeffrey D. Zients, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

*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. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1267. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide grants to establish or expand quality programs providing home visitation for low-income pregnant women and low-income families with young children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1268. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the additional standard deduction for real property taxes for nonitemizers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1269. A bill to provide for enhanced foodborne illness surveillance and food safety capacity, to establish regional food safety centers of excellence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1270. A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1271. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to add certain segments to the Rogue River designation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1272. A bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1273. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of permanent national surveillance systems for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases and disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1274. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other information from public disclosure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1275. A bill to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1276. A bill to require investment advisers to private funds, including hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, and others to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. Res. 185. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Memory Screening Day, including the development of a national health policy on dementia screening and care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 186. A resolution condemning the murder of Army Private William Andrew "Andy" Long and the wounding of Army Private Quinton Ezeagwula, who were shot outside the Army-Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 1, 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals of Smart Irrigation Month, which recognizes the advances in irrigation technology and practices that help raise healthy plants and increase crop yields while using water resources more efficiently and encourages the adoption of smart irrigation practices throughout the United States to further improve water-use efficiency in agricultural, residential, and commercial activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Con. Res. 29. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 148

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 244

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 244, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations,

statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 497

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 497, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, and for other purposes.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 663, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 686

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to advise Congress and the Secretary of

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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