

the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and to maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to deal with this threat.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-774. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Amendments to the HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014" (RIN0938-AR74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-775. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Extension of the Payment Adjustment for Low-volume Hospitals and the Medicare-dependent Hospital (MDH) Program Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) for Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2013" (RIN0938-AR12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-776. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014" (RIN0938-AR51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-777. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2012 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-778. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) requirements of the Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-779. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Health Insurance Market Rules; Rate Review" (RIN0938-AR40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-780. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Health Insurance Market Rules; Rate Review" (RIN0938-AR40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-781. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Standards Related to Essential Health Benefits, Actuarial Value, and Accreditation" (RIN0938-AR03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-782. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-783. 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 "Additional Safeguards for Children in Clinical Investigations of Food and Drug Administration-Regulated Products" ((RIN0910-AG71) (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0009)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filings Required of Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Other Related Entities" (RIN1210-AB51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-785. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ex Parte Cease and Desist and Summary Seizure Orders—Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements" (RIN1210-AB48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-786. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Learning from Iraq"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-787. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of Data Mining Activities by the Department of State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-788. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-789. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Standards of Identity for Distilled Spirits" (RIN1513-AB33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-790. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of

Justice's Office of Justice Programs Annual Report to Congress for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-791. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Amendment 17 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BC28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-792. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC493) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-793. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC465) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-794. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC466) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-795. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Increase" (RIN0648-XC474) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 146. A bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 374. A bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale.

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. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 523. A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 524. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 525. A bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 526. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COWAN):

S. 527. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 528. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 529. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement date of the period of service at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for eligibility for hospital care and medical services in connection with exposure to contaminated water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 530. A bill to make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 531. A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 532. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 533. A bill to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WICKER,

Mr. CARPER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 534. A bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 535. A bill to require a study and report by the Small Business Administration regarding the costs to small business concerns of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 536. A bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 537. A bill to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 538. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authorities and responsibilities of convening authorities in taking actions on the findings and sentences of courts-martial; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 539. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 540. A bill to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 541. A bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 75. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 54

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors of S. 54, a bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 183

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program.

S. 185

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level.

S. 193

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.