

Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential Furnace Fans" (RIN1904-AC21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4276. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Alternative Efficiency Determination Methods, Basic Model Definition, and Compliance for Commercial HVAC, Refrigeration, and WH Equipment" (RIN1904-AC46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4277. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN1904-AA43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4278. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4279. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4280. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4281. A communication from the Co-Chief Privacy Officers, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Privacy Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4282. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Penalty for Breaking Points" (RIN2900-AO51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4283. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care" (RIN2900-AO62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4284. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Duty Periods for Establishing Eligibility for Health Care"

(RIN2900-AO25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4285. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2014" (RIN2900-AO91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

\*William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

\*Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

\*John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, 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.

#### 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. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1916. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for a county to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1917. A bill to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; read the first time.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1918. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special change in status rule for employees who become eligible for TRICARE; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1919. A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1920. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the research and development credit to encourage innovation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1921. A bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1922. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1923. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1924. A bill to require a report on INF Treaty compliance information sharing; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KING, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1925. A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1926. A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; read the first time.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th