

report of a rule entitled "Demurrage Liability" (RIN2140-AB07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5673. A communication from the Attorney, General Affairs Division, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Substances and Articles; Administration and Enforcement Regulations: Revisions to Animal Testing Regulations" (Docket No. CPSC-2012-0036) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

(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. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2305. A bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2306. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2307. A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2308. A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as "Harry S. Truman Union Station"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2309. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsiacin spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2310. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2311. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2312. A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 32, United States Code, to eliminate inequities in the treatment of National Guard technicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2313. A bill to prohibit Congressional recesses until Congress adopts a concurrent resolution on the budget that results in a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 2024 and to control Congressional travel budgets; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2314. A bill to delegate to the Secretary of State the authority to approve or deny certain permits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2315. A bill to expand the Global Entry Program and strengthen the Model Ports of Entry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 440. A resolution recognizing the contributions of teachers to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 441. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2014, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits

provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, supra.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1649, a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr.

CORNYN) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1905

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to provide funding to the National Institute of Mental Health to support suicide prevention and brain research, including funding for the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative.

S. 2043

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2043, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of non-prescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2276

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2276, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 421

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 421, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3008

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3008 intended to be proposed to S. 2262, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3014

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3014 intended to be proposed to S. 2262, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3041

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3041 intended to be proposed to S. 2262, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2307. A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to join with my colleagues, Senators BOXER, KIRK, MENENDEZ, and SHAHEEN, in introducing the International Violence Against Women Act of 2014. This bill makes ending violence against women and girls a top diplomatic priority. It would permanently authorize the State Department's Office of Global Women's Issues and the position of the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.

It requires the administration to develop and implement an annual strategy to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls for each of the next 5 years. This legislation will ensure that the efforts begun under President George W. Bush and continued by President Barack Obama to combat gender-based violence will be a priority for future administrations as well.

We have witnessed great strides in women's equality in our own country and in much of the developed world over the past century. Across vast swaths of the globe, however, violence against women and forced marriages are everyday occurrences. One out of three women worldwide will be physically, sexually or otherwise abused during her lifetime, with rates reaching 70 percent in some countries.

This violence ranges from domestic violence to rape and acid burnings, to dowry deaths and so-called honor killings. Such violence is often exacerbated in humanitarian emergencies and conflict settings. Violence against women and girls is a human rights issue, a public health epidemic, and a barrier to solving global challenges such as extreme poverty, HIV/AIDS, and conflict.

The world has just seen an appalling example of women and girls being treated as property and bargaining chips in Nigeria, where the terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped nearly 300 school girls and is threatening to sell them into sexual slavery and into forced marriages. Tragically, there are reports that some have already been sold into child marriages. Boko Haram's leaders said the girls should get married and never be educated. He has said: