

Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2009. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2010. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2011. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and a report entitled "Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2012. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Rate Setting for Community-Rated Plans" (RIN3206-AN00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2013. A communication from the Director, Recruitment and Hiring, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of National Security Positions in the Competitive Service, and Related Matters" (RIN3206-AM73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2014. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2015. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Herbicide Exposure and Presumption of Disability During Service For Reservists Presumed Exposed to Herbicide" (RIN2900-AP43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2016. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority: Office of Regulation Policy and Management (ORPM)" (RIN2900-AP47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2017. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2018. 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 "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BE83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2019. 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 of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Specifications" (RIN0648-BE87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2020. 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 of the Northeastern United States; Special Management Zones for Delaware Artificial Reefs" (RIN0648-BD42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2021. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD973) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2022. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2023. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules" (CS Docket No. 98-120, FCC 15-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2024. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XD901) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2025. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Effective Competition" (MB Docket No. 15-53, FCC 15-62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-44. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress to enact legislation allowing individual states to establish daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, When Congress enacted The Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. No. 93-182, 87 Stat. 707), it included in its findings and declarations of policy that "various studies of governmental and nongovernmental agencies indicate that year-round daylight saving time would produce an energy saving in electrical power consumption"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that "the use of year-round daylight saving time could have other beneficial effects on the public interest, including the reduction of crime, improved traffic safety, more daylight outdoor playtime for children and youth of our Nation, [and] greater utilization of parks and recreation areas"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that the use of year-round daylight saving time could result in "expanded economic opportunity through extension of daylight hours to peak shopping hours and through extension of domestic office hours to periods of greater overlap with the European Economic Community"; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly,* That the Nevada Legislature urges the members of Congress to enact appropriate legislation to give individual states the option of establishing daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 544. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (Rept. No. 114-69).

## 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. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1640. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration