EC-3420. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of a treaty and background documents of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015–0117–2015–0133), to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3421. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report of the President’s Office of Combustion Products for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3422. A communication from the Principal Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administrative Wage Garnishment Procedures” (RIN1296-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3423. A communication from the Acting Director, Merit System Accountability and Compliance Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Solicitation of Federal Civilian and Uniformed Service Personnel for Service in Volunteer Organizations” (RIN3206-AM68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3424. A communication from the Acting Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Enrollment Options Following the Term of a Health Plan or a Plan Option” (RIN2026-AN07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3425. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Table of Excluded Nonnarcootic Products; Vicks VapoInhaler” (RIN1117-ZA30) (Docket No. DEA-409) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3426. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Table of Excluded Nonnarcootic Products; Vicks VapoInhaler” (RIN1117-ZA30) (Docket No. DEA-409) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3427. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Dusky Sea Snake and Three Foreign Corals Under the Endangered Species Act” (RIN0648-XD370) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3428. 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 “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fishery Management Council Freedom of Information Act Requests Regulations; Technical Amendments to Regulations” (RIN0648-BE37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3429. 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 “International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Authorization of Vessel Monitoring System Exemptions and Modifications to Regulations” (RIN0648-BE27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3430. 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 “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone; 2015–2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 24; Correction” (RIN0648-BE27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3431. 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 “International Fisheries: Establishment of Tuna Vessel Monitoring System in the Eastern Pacific Ocean” (RIN0648-BE54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3432. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quotas” (RIN0648-BE37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3433. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; State Waters Exemption” (RIN0648-BF20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3434. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, 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; Snapper-Groupers Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 2” (RIN0648-BE76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3435. A communication from the Acting 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; Exchange of Platfish in the Berufia Management Area” (RIN0648-XE223) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3436. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measures and Closing Date” (RIN0648-XE182) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3437. A communication from the Acting 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 Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-XE183) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM–102. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States to take action to halt the illegal dumping of foreign steel into the U.S. market; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, Steel is the backbone of the modern economy and it contributes to every level of daily life. It supports our bridges, takes our buildings to new heights, and can be found in the everyday appliances in our homes; Steel is the backbone of the manufacturing sector, particularly our automotive industry, relies extensively on the metal, as does the energy sector’s domestic oil and gas extraction efforts. In fact, in 2014, Michigan and Minnesota shipped 93 percent of usable iron ore products in the United States; and manufacturing has been significantly undermined by low-price steel imports from foreign nations. Companies in places like China, South Korea, India, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, and Indonesia are selling their products in the United States at predatory prices. Some estimates state that certain Chinese steel firms sell products in the United States at 75 percent of the domestic cost of production. A South Korean firm recently retailed its products even lower at 48 percent of the domestic cost of production. This unfair trade puts American mills, and the mines that feed them, at risk; and

Whereas, The economic consequences of steel dumping have begun and will have a lasting detrimental impact on the Michigan economy and the entire nation. Across the Midwest, thousands of steelworkers have already been laid off in recent years, and as mills continue to operate well below their operational capacity, more steelworkers and miners are at risk. As the percentage of foreign steel used in the United States increases, the impacts on American manufacturing will only increase. This could lead to significant losses in jobs and capital expenditures; to our economy and national defense; and

Whereas, The dumping of foreign steel into the United States is a violation of international trade agreements and must be halted. Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 states that products...
from another country shall not be intro-
duced into the commerce of another country
at a value less than the product’s normal
price in the destination country. The Depart-
ment has already used the procedures outlined
in this article to investigate and take anti-
dumping measures against nations in the past.
However, this process is slow. So, while nations are being intensively investigated, and punished, American work-
ers are being laid off. Action must be taken
to more aggressively identify those violating international trade agreements and punish them accordingly. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives,
That the President and Governor of the State of California take action to halt the illegal dumping of foreign steel into the U.S. market; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-103. A joint resolution adopted by the
Legislature of the State of California urging
the President of the United States and the
United States Congress to enact S. 664, the Foster Care Tax Credit Act, which would provide tax relief to short-term foster par-
tents by helping to cover the actual costs of caring for a foster child; to the Committee
on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 17

Whereas, Foster parents make a positive
and tremendous difference in the lives of so
many vulnerable children by opening their
hearts and homes, and yet California faces
constant challenges in recruiting and retain-
ing enough foster families to ensure each
child is placed in a family-like setting; and
Whereas, Foster care for a child in foster
home care can be more expensive than caring for one’s
own biological children. Children placed into
foster care often have experienced signifi-
cant emotional and physical trauma and
have higher incidences of medical and behav-
ioral health issues, resulting in additional
costs to foster parents. On average, current
foster care rates would have to increase al-
most 40 percent nationwide to provide for
basic care; and
Whereas, Foster parents do not always
begin full-time foster parenting imme-
diately. It is not uncommon for foster par-
tents to first provide short-term respite or emergen-
ty “grandparenting” before more full-time foster parenthood. Likewise, foster parents may intend to be full-time;
however, children placed with them may be
reunified with their biological families after
short lengths of time. Foster parents may
have multiple placements for three to four
months at a time. According to the Public
Policy Institute of California, in 2010, 31 percent of children left foster care
within three months; and
Whereas, The average cost of foster homes
has been widely reported. According to the Los
Angeles Times in 2015, “Demand for foster beds
exceeds supply by more than 30% na-
tionwide.” Many of the average cost to
foster parents for each child. In 2012, 54 percent
were adopted by former foster parents; and
Whereas, The Iranian nuclear agreement
legitimizes Iran’s nuclear program and does not
necessarily block a path to a nuclear weapon. The agreement leaves in place much of Iran’s nuclear infra-
structure, including 5,060 centrifuges. More-
over, Iran could use these centrifuges to refine and
process more uranium and uranium fuel. The
agreement is insufficient to ensure Iran does not
reduce the amount of nuclear material Iran may store
and allows for international inspections, these
provisions will not—yet indeed roles the geographic
coverage of inspections. The agreement is insuffi-
cient to ensure secret research is not conducted
and conducted and weapon and components
are not hidden; and
Whereas, Israel’s support of the Iranian
nuclear agreement is crucial to reaching long-
term peace. However, the agreement does
not have the support it needs to reach that
goal. Repeated Israeli public opinion polls
have shown a broad consensus, seemingly
traversing conventional political divides,
against the Iranian nuclear deal: Now, there-
fore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the
Congress of the United States to reject the
U.S.-led nuclear agreement with Iran and
re-establish the previous sanctions regime,
with the intent to realize that the inten-
tions of the United States Constitution which
would require both houses of Congress approve, by a
three-fifths vote of all members serving in each body, any declaration of war,
and suspension of the writ of habeas corpus,
by the President of the United States Senate;
and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be
transmitted to the President of the United
States House of Representatives, and the
members of the Michigan congressional
delegation.

POM-104. A resolution adopted by the
Sen-
ate of the State of Michigan urging the
United States Congress to reject the U.S.-
led nuclear agreement with Iran and
re-establish the previous sanctions regime,
with the intent that such declaration or sus-
pension of the writ of habeas corpus,
clear agreement is crucial to reaching long-
term peace. However, the agreement does
not have the support it needs to reach that
goal. Repeated Israeli public opinion polls
have shown a broad consensus, seemingly
traversing conventional political divides,
against the Iranian nuclear deal: Now, there-
fore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we to urge the
Congress of the United States to reject the
U.S.-led nuclear agreement with Iran and
re-establish the previous sanctions regime,
with the intent to realize that the inten-
tions of the United States Constitution which
would require both houses of Congress approve, by a
three-fifths vote of all members serving in each body, any declaration of war,
and suspension of the writ of habeas corpus,
by the President of the United States Senate;
and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be
transmitted to the President of the United
States House of Representatives, and the
members of the Michigan congressional
delegation.

POM-105. A petition by a citizen from the
State of Texas urging the United States Con-
gress to propose an amendment to the
United States Constitution which would require
both houses of Congress approve, by a
three-fifths vote of all members serving in each body, any declaration of war,
and suspension of the writ of habeas corpus,
by the President of the United States Senate;
and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be
transmitted to the President of the United
States House of Representatives, and the
members of the Michigan congressional
delegation.
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 Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. KLOBuchar):

S. 2226. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and to establish a pilot program to provide grants to State substance abuse agencies to promote innovative service delivery models for such women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2227. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to permit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to authorize Federal agencies to accept certain payments related to spectral reallocation and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STabenow, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2228. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit review of certain Medicare payment determinations for disproportionate share hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2229. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits relating to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2330. A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress on the designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. McCaIN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKKY, and Mrs. FRIENTSTEIN):

S. 2331. A bill to express the sense of Congress that the Government of the Maldives should immediately release former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison and release all other political prisoners in the country, as well as provide guarantees for freedom of expression and respect the human rights of all of the people of the Maldives; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. Risch, Mr. RUHO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2332. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. RUHO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 302. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 303. A resolution designating the week beginning November 8, 2015, as “National Tribal and Native American Business Week”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUHO, Mr. KENNOY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. SCHULTZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. UDAL, Ms. HIRTKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MUKORSKI, Mr. Tester, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 304. A resolution recognizing November 28, 2015, as “Small Business Saturday” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 121

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 264

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Ms. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and other payments received from the Government, to the Committee on Finance.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to permit automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to amend section 500A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of