

Whereas, Families in these areas, including Ohio, struggled to make their monthly mortgage payments and to get out from under deeply underwater mortgages; and

Whereas, In 2008, Save the Dream Ohio was created as a multi-agency foreclosure prevention outreach initiative involving partners from state government, nonprofit housing counseling agencies, and legal aid organizations to address this crisis; and

Whereas, In 2010, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency received \$570.4 million from the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund to administer Ohio's foreclosure prevention program through Save the Dream Ohio; and

Whereas, Save the Dream Ohio has worked with 32 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development-approved nonprofit counseling agencies and over 350 mortgage servicers nationwide to provide assistance to over 24,000 homeowners at risk of foreclosure; and

Whereas, An additional \$60 million was designated for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to stabilize property values and prevent future foreclosures by removing and greening vacant and blighted properties; and

Whereas, Save the Dream Ohio had to stop accepting applications in August 2014, and payments on behalf of homeowners are expected to end in late 2016; United States Department of the Treasury guidelines specify that funds must be dispersed by December 31, 2017; and

Whereas, The Ohio Housing Finance Agency continues to administer the Save the Dream Ohio hotline to connect homeowners with HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and other resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio request the Congress of the United States to renew funding for Save the Dream Ohio through the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund, to continue to provide assistance to homeowners in the state of Ohio at risk of foreclosure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 515. A bill to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 310. A resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2184. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-167).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Kurt B. Hinrichs, to be Rear Admiral.

*Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Andrew S. McKinley, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Captain Matthew T. Bell and ending with Captain Anthony J. Vogt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2015.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Ladonn A. Allen and ending with Jeffrey V. Yarosh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Sharif A. Abdrabbo and ending with Wilbur A. Velarde, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

*Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

*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. CORNYN:
S. 2296. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):
S. 2297. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2298. A bill to specify the state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2299. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve enforcement of the trade laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON:
S. 2300. A bill to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2301. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen requirements related to nutrient information on food labels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ:
S. 2302. A bill to temporarily restrict the admission to the United States of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territory; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN:
S. 2303. A bill to exempt the Department of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2304. A bill to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian 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. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KING, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. SCOTT):