

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3318. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Darryl L. Roberson, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3319. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restrictions on Qualified Financial Contracts of Certain FDIC-Supervised Institutions; Revisions to the Definition of Qualifying Master Netting Agreement and Related Definitions" (RIN3064-AE46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3320. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3321. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures to Adjust Customs COBRA User Fees to Reflect Inflation" (RIN1515-AE25) (CBP Dec. 17-16)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3322. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2018 Limitations Adjusted As Provided in Section 415(d), etc." (Notice 2017-64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3323. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Republic of Korea to support the manufacture, integration, installation, and testing of the Electro-Optical Tracking System II in the amount of \$3,200,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3324. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan to support the integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, and repair of the KC-767 tanker in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-069); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3325. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export

Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada for the manufacture of F404 and F414 aircraft engine components in Canada to supply General Electric Aviation's production lines in the United States in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-061); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3326. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms and accessories abroad controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List of M60 and M2HB machine guns, MK19 grenade machine guns, and associated components to Tunisia in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-038); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3327. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan to support the manufacture, integration, installation, and assembly of the Japanese Patriot PAC-3 missile program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3328. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-130, "Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3329. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-152, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 Authorization Temporary Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3330. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-153, "Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3331. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-169, "DC HealthCare Alliance Recertification Simplification Amendment Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3332. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan for the manufacture of PAC-3 Missile Segment Command and Launch System for the Japanese PATRIOT Growth Program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-059); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3333. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Elizabeth City, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0384)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3334. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Redmond, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0390)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3335. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Battle Creek, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0232)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3336. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Battle Creek, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0232)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3337. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Evansville, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9540)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3338. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sunriver, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0617)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3339. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Canadian, TX; and Wheeler, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0458)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3340. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Medford, WI and Waupaca, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0388)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3341. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hebron, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0175)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3342. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

EC-3367. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (57); Amdt. No. 3765" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3368. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (23); Amdt. No. 3766" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3369. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stage 5 Airplane Noise Standards" ((RIN2120-AK52) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3782)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3370. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0798)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3371. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electronic Stability Control Systems for Heavy Vehicles" (RIN2127-AL78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3372. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2017; 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-132. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to an amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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 with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 279. A resolution reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Cambodia.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2020.

*Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2019.

*David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

*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. MORAN:

S. 2049. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to increase support for conservation practices under the emergency conservation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2050. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to provide to producers partial payments under the livestock indemnity program for livestock sold for salvage; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2051. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize the physician self-referral prohibitions to promote care coordination in the merit-based incentive payment system and to facilitate physician practice participation in alternative payment models under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2052. A bill to provide for temporary funding for health insurance cost-sharing reduction payments and provide targeted tax relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2053. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to increase the maximum amount of assistance authorized under supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2054. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide advance payments under the Emergency Conservation Program for the repair or replacement of fencing; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2055. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to better address substance use

and substance use disorders among young people; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2056. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a traffic barrier installation grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 2057. A bill to prevent conflicts of interest that stem from the revolving door that raises concerns about the independence of pharmaceutical regulators; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2058. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the thresholds by which medical facility projects and medical facility leases of the Department of Veterans Affairs are considered major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases, respectively, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 319. A resolution supporting the goals, activities, and ideals of Prematurity Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 320. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence, provide safety for victims of domestic violence and their families, and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 66

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 66, 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 either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to