

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9972-34-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3849. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Volatile Organic Compounds Definition; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9972-33-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3850. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of his intent to end the suspension of Argentina's designation as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3851. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to United States Citizens Detained by Iran; to the Committees on Finance; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Foreign Relations.

EC-3852. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2018" ((RIN0938-AS72) (CMS-8067-N)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3853. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2018 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts" ((RIN0938-AT05) (CMS-8065-N)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3854. 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 "Revenue Procedure 2018-3" (Rev. Proc. 2018-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3855. 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 Standard Mileage Rates" (Notice 2018-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3856. 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 "Loss Safe Harbor and Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Cost-Index" (Rev. Proc. 2018-8 and Rev. Proc. 2018-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3857. 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 5.56mm upper receiver assemblies, barrel assemblies, and accessories to the United Arab Emirates in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3858. 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 rifles and accessories to Bahrain in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3859. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, nine (9) reports relative to vacancies in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3860. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) management report for the fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3861. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3862. A communication from the Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2016 inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3863. 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 Secretary of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3864. A communication from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (United States v. Slatten); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3865. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2276. A bill to require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2277. A bill to require the delisting of Mexican gray wolves under the Endangered

Species Act of 1973 on a determination that the subspecies has been sufficiently recovered in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2278. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2279. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program to repair, improve, rehabilitate, or replace bridges to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridge crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2280. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure the Secretary of Veterans Affairs permits the display of Battlefield Crosses in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2281. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the individual tax rates in effect for taxable years 2018 through 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 367. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its violence against demonstrators and calling for peaceful resolution to the concerns of the citizens of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 368. A resolution supporting the right of all Iranian citizens to have their voices heard; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 338

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking, and for other purposes.

S. 1357

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1357, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic family care services in Medicaid.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1674, a bill to