

American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of The American Legion as of December 31, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2278. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reimbursement Offsets for Medical Care or Services" (RIN2900-AN55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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-47. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Rhode Island urging the members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation to join as cosponsors of the Main Street Fairness Act and the President of the United States to sign into law the Main Street Fairness Act, upon its passage from Congress; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11R280(11-S0976)

Whereas, the 1967 *Bellas Hess* and the 1992 *Quill* U.S. Supreme Court decisions denied states the authority to require collection of sales and use taxes by out-of-state sellers that have no physical presence in the taxing state; and

Whereas, the combined weight of the inability to collect sales and use taxes on remote sales through traditional carriers and the tax erosion due to electronic commerce threatens the future viability of the sales tax as a stable revenue source for state and local governments; and

Whereas, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, states lost an estimated \$3.6 billion in 2010, and total revenue loss is projected to balloon to \$37 billion from 2009 to 2012; and

Whereas, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Rhode Island will lose an estimated \$70.4 million in Fiscal Year 2012 because of this inability to require remote sellers to collect our state's sales and use taxes; and

Whereas, Rhode Island is one of twenty-four states complying with the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; and

Whereas, The Main Street Fairness Act has been introduced in the 112th Congress to grant those states that comply with the agreement the authority to require all sellers, regardless of nexus, to collect those states' sales and use taxes: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations calls upon the members of our Congressional Delegation to join as cosponsors of the Main Street Fairness Act to support its swift adoption by the Congress of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That this Senate urges President Barack Obama to sign the Main Street Fairness Act into law, upon its passage by the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1145. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

Nominee: Gary F. Locke.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to China.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self and 2. Spouse Mona Lee Locke: \$250.00, 7/23/2008, Darcy Burner for Congress; \$2,000.00, 10/8/2008, Obama Victory Fund.

3. Children and Spouses: \$0. Emily Nicole Locke: \$0. Dylan James Locke: \$0. Madeline Lee Locke: \$0.

4. Parents: Julie Locke: \$0. Jimmy Locke—deceased: \$0.

5. Grandparents: Deceased: \$0. Deceased: \$0.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Jeff Locke & Doris Locke: \$0.

Sisters and Spouses: Marian Locke Monwai & Pete Monwai: \$0. Rita Locke Yoshihara & Joe Yoshihara: \$0. Jannie Locke Chow & Ed Chow: \$0.

*Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Nominee: Ryan Clark Crocker.

Post: Afghanistan.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A—no children.

4. Parents: None living.

5. Grandparents: None living.

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A—no brothers.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A—no sisters.

*William J. Burns, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service with the Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Major General Marilyn A. Quagliotti, USAF (Ret.), of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Alfred Cooper Lomax, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

David L. McNulty, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of New York for the term of four 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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. JOHN-SON of South Dakota, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1262. A bill to improve Indian education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 1263. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1264. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1265. A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1266. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for the restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1267. A bill to strengthen United States trade laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1268. A bill to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by providing for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational service by employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1269. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational secondary

schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1270. A bill to prohibit the export from the United States of certain electronic waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1271. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1968 to provide a temporary credit for hiring previously unemployed workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1272. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a polytrauma rehabilitation center or polytrauma network site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1273. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act with regard to certain exemptions under that Act for direct care workers and to improve the systems for the collection and reporting of data relating to the direct care workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1274. A bill to provide for a biennial appropriations process with the exception of defense spending and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1275. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to remove social security account numbers from Medicare identification cards and communications provided to Medicare beneficiaries in order to protect Medicare beneficiaries from identity theft; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1276. A bill to repeal the authority to provide certain loans to the International Monetary Fund, the increase in the United States quota to the Fund, and certain other related authorities, to rescind related appropriated amounts, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1277. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1278. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on indoor tanning services; to the Committee on Finance.

tional Music Education Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 215. A resolution designating the month of June 2011 as "National Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 216. A resolution encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Con. Res. 24. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of Shenandoah National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 136

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 136, a bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 412

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 414

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the qualifying advanced energy project credit.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to complete payments under such title to local educational agencies eligible for such payments within 3 fiscal years.

S. 606

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the priority review voucher incentive program relating to tropical and rare pediatric diseases.

S. 643

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 643, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to direct Medicaid EHR incentive payments to federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to require the conveyance of the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS.

S. 752

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 798, a bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes.

S. 834

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 834, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, supra.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. Res. 214. A resolution designating the week of June 24 through 28, 2011, as "Na-