

H.R. 2433. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take actions necessary to ensure that certain individuals may update the burn pit registry with a registered individual's cause of death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4233. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to veterans and members of the Armed Forces using certain educational assistance benefits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4591. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs, performance metrics, and outcomes of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4626. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an independent assessment of health care delivery systems and management processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs be conducted once every 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5516. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5603. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish protections for a member of the Armed Forces who leaves a course of education, paid for with certain educational assistance, to perform certain service; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator TED CRUZ, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023, vice William Shaw McDermott, term expired.

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-2607. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part II" (RIN1545-BQ05) (TD 9955) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2608. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Section 501(c)(3) Status of Limited Liability Companies" (Notice 2021-56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2609. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Inter-

nal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2021-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2610. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of COBRA election and premium payment deadlines under section 7508A(b)" (Notice 2021-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2611. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2020-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2612. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2613. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Chronic Care Management Services: Barriers and Opportunities"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2614. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the danger pay allowance for Tanzania and Nicaragua; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2615. 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 the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2021-0139 - 2021-0141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2616. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2019"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2617. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2618. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Progress Report to Congress on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2619. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled

"National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for the Year 2020"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2620. A communication from the Chairman, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2021 Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2621. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Aging and Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2622. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2020 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2623. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Lead Acetate" (Docket No. FDA-2017-C-1951) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2624. A communication from the Compliance Specialist, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tip Regulations Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); Partial Withdrawal" (RIN1235-AA21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2625. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Population Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services" (RIN0937-AA11) received during in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2342. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

*Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination 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 Monique M. Roebuck and ending with Russell D. Mayer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2021.

By Mr. WYDEN for the Committee on Finance.

*Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

*Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador.

*Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

*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. MARSHALL (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3216. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a publicly available database of bid solicitations for infant formula under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3217. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for purposes of determining if financial guaranty insurance companies are qualifying insurance corporations under the passive foreign investment company rules; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3218. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for a Parents' Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. Kaine, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3219. A bill to prevent discrimination and harassment in employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3220. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to restrict the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling performances; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 3221. A bill to reduce improper payments and eliminate waste in Federal programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3222. A bill to establish protections for passengers in air transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. Kaine, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3223. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, medication related to contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 3224. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to owners of cargo vessels being rerouted from the western seaboard of the United States through the Panama Canal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3225. A bill to prohibit any Federal agency from requiring that staff in health care facilities be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of the facility participating in the Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 3226. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to permit video or telephone certifications under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3227. A bill to require U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to facilitate naturalization services for noncitizen veterans who have been removed from the United States or are inadmissible; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. 3228. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the knowledge and skills of principals and school leaders re-

garding early childhood education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3229. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 3230. A bill to require the establishment of a working group to evaluate the food safety threat posed by beef imported from Brazil, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LEE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. COTTON, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SASSE, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S.J. Res. 30. A joint resolution designating a "Slavery Remembrance Day" on August 20th, to serve as a reminder of the evils of slavery; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 453. A resolution designating November 17, 2021, as "National Butter Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. Res. 454. A resolution expressing support for the designation of November 21, 2021, as "National Warrior Call Day" and recognizing the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROSEN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. Res. 455. A resolution designating November 2021 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month"; considered and agreed to.