

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 \$8.6 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