

EC-1443. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John W. Morgan III, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1444. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1445. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on Fiscal Year 2014 Staff Years of Technical Effort and Estimated Funding for Department of Defense Federally Funded Research and Development Centers"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1446. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for 2012"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1447. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wall Thinning Due to Erosion Mechanisms" (LR-15G-2012-01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1448. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Content Specification and Shielding Evaluations for Type B Transportation Packages" (RIS 2013-04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1449. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1450. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9834-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1451. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Alaska; Mendenhall Valley Nonattainment Area PM10 Limited Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL No. 9794-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1452. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Control Techniques Guidelines and Reasonably Available Control Technology" (FRL No. 9810-8) received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1453. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Approval of Section 110(a) (1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Parish of Pointe Coupee" (FRL No. 9809-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9810-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1455. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2013; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-1456. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-058, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1457. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2013-0652); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1458. 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 2013-0065-2013-0073); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1459. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment for Home Health Services and Hospice Care to Non-VA Providers" (RIN2900-AN98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1460. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas" (RIN2900-A001) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 267. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 678. A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 306. A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

S. 545. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 761. A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

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. BENNET:

S. 930. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in cases of overpayments of educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, to deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 931. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 932. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 933. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 934. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 935. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have