

# WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I honor the recipients of the West Virginia School of Excellence award for the 2008–2009 academic school year. This is a prestigious award given to schools for providing rigorous curricula, innovative programs, and exhibiting an overall high standard of learning. Those receiving the award this year were Ben Franklin Career and Technical Center in Kanawha County; Poca Middle School in Putnam County; Eagle School Intermediate in Berkeley County; Davis Creek, Village of Barboursville, and Martha Elementary Schools all of Cabell County; Cottageville Elementary in Jackson County; and Stratton Elementary in Raleigh County. They are all incredibly impressive schools that are challenging their students. I would like to take a little time to highlight how each school is preparing their pupils for future success.

Ben Franklin Career and Technical Center, located in Dunbar, centers its curriculum on the principle of preparing all students for the 21st century by training them to operate efficiently in a complex economy. It offers career preparation programs, short-term skill courses, and customized training for local businesses.

Poca Middle School is based on the principles of allowing students to “master basic academic skills and to explore and identify their own interests and talents.” It is a school that prides itself on offering students various opportunities to explore the arts and to actively pursue their interest by attending a wide range of classes and school events. It has allowed students to experience a more personal learning environment by implementing an online math program. The school’s use of online learning is just the beginning of the many expanded learning programs that West Virginia schools will be implementing in the near future.

Eagle School Intermediate, located in Martinsburg, is dedicated to “providing educational opportunities for all students to reach their highest academic potential.” Eagle School Intermediate was one of the first schools in West Virginia to allow parents to track their student’s progress via online grade checking. This is just another example of how West Virginia is expanding its boundaries towards providing the most in-depth academic technology to its students and their parents.

Davis Creek Elementary School, located in Barboursville, is an extraordinary representation of the Mountain State’s flourishing primary education programs. For the 2006–2007 school year, the Cabell County public school was declared a National Blue Ribbon School. Davis Creek served 169 students in grades K–5 and has also been named a West Virginia Exemplary School.

Village of Barboursville Elementary School, located in Barboursville as well, is an institution that is focused on cohesive learning among students and faculty. It boasts a strikingly high

parental approval rating. The school focuses its curriculum on providing students with the opportunity not only to learn inside the classroom, but also to develop proper social skills that can be taken and used to develop a stronger bond with the community.

Martha Elementary School, also located in Barboursville, is an institution founded on cooperation between parents and students to create an environment conducive to learning. This 300-student rural school focuses on endowing students with the opportunity to follow their dreams. The dedicated faculty uses innovative programs to assist students on an individual basis, allowing for a more personalized educational experience. The school strives to create an atmosphere of support among family, the school, and the community.

Cottageville Elementary, located in Cottageville, is dedicated to providing “equity and excellence in education.” The school bases its curriculum on the belief that all students should be held to a high standard and endowed with the resources necessary to receive an excellent education. Teachers and faculty strive to provide their students with the skills necessary to excel academically by creating a support system that includes the school, family, and the community.

Stratton Elementary, located in Beckley, strives to afford all of its students the opportunity to learn at a pace that is the best match for each individual. Stratton offers many gifted programs and online learning portals that allow students to take more advanced courses and to have access to one-on-one help around the clock.

Once again, I congratulate these eight schools for receiving the West Virginia School of Excellence award, a distinction each school undoubtedly deserves. I commend them on their impressive achievements and applaud all of the administrators, teachers, and students for the wonderful example they set for all West Virginians.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks,

announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 407. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1777. An act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mrs. GILLIBRAND).

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1344. A bill to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

## ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 25, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 407. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

## 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–2091. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Triallate; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8421–2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2092. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2-Butenedioic acid (2Z)-, monobutyl ester, Polymer with methoxyethene, sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 8418–7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2093. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oxirane, 2-methyl-, Polymer with Oxirane; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 8420–9) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2094. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Starch, oxidized, polymers with Bu acrylate, tert-Bu acrylate and styrene; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8418-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2095. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, butyl ester, polymer with ethyl 2-propenoate and N-(hydroxymethyl)-2-propanamide; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8418-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2096. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetochlorp Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8417-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2097. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Requirements for Antimicrobial Pesticides; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8418-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2098. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8417-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2099. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program Requirements" ((RIN2060-AO80)(FRL No. 8420-9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2100. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of Essential Use Allowances for Calendar Year 2009" ((RIN2060-AO77)(FRL No. 8420-9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2101. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion" (FRL No. 8903-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June

22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2102. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations, Phase II" (FRL No. 8921-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2103. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Michigan; Redesignation of the Detroit-Ann Arbor Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8921-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2104. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Minor Correction to Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfections Byproducts Rule and Change in References to Analytical Methods" ((RIN2040-AF00)(FRL No. 8920-8)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2105. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Aerosol Coatings" (FRL No. 8920-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2106. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Source Category List for Standards Under Section 112 (k) of the Clean Air Act; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Aluminum, Copper, and Other Nonferrous Foundries" (FRL No. 8920-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2107. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 8417-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2108. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with Russia, Sweden, Hong Kong and Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2109. 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 2009-0076 - 2009-0081); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2110. A communication from the Acting Director of Standards, Regulations, and

Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mine Rescue Teams" (RIN1219-AB66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2111. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-104, "WMATA Compact Consistency Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2112. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7A for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2008, as of March 31, 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2113. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of the Office of Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "False Statements Regarding Security Background Checks" (RIN1652-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2114. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts-III"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2115. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; AVI July Fireworks Display; Laughlin, Nevada" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2008-1261)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2116. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Rockets Over the River; Bullhead City, Arizona" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0070)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2117. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River Mile 265.2 to 266.2 and from Kanawha River Mile 0.0 to 0.5, Point Pleasant, West Virginia" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0191)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2118. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River, Mile 460.0 to 475.5, Cincinnati, Ohio" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0310)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2119. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sea World Summer Nights Fireworks; Mission Bay, San Diego, California" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0268)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2120. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Marinette Marine Vessel Launch, Marinette, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0462)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2121. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizations and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA23)(Docket No. USG-2009-0416)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2122. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions; Enterprise Unit Revisions" (RIN0563-AC23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2123. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to including as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2010, including one relative to the one-year extension of authority to provide additional support for counter-drug activities of certain foreign governments, and one relative to the establishment of a defense coalition support fund to maintain inventory of critical items for coalition partners, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2124. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to including as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2010, relative to the authority to order Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Air Force Reserve to active duty to provide assistance in response to a major disaster or emergency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2125. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to including as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2010, including one relative to the Air Force Academy Athletic Association, and one relative to the responsibility for preparation of Biennial Global Positioning System Report, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2126. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2127. A communication from the First Vice President and Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report and report on the system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2128. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Required Fees for Mining Claims or Sites" (RIN1004-AE09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2129. 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 "Tribal Economic Development Bonds" (Notice 2009-51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2130. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from Santa Susana Field Laboratory-Area IV, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2131. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from Standard Oil Development Company, Linden, New Jersey, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2132. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to including as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2010, including one relative to the authority to transfer defense articles no longer needed in Iraq and to provide defense services to the Security Forces of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan; one relative to building the capacity of Coalition partners; and one relative to building the capacity of NATO and Partner Special Operations Forces, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2133. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the termination of Danger Pay for U.S. Government personnel serving in Banja Luka and Other, Bosnia-Herzegovina based on improved conditions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2134. A communication from the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting, its request for participation in a study on parliamentary oversight; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2135. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Upper Mississippi River Valley Viticultural Area (2007R-055P)" (RIN1513-AB40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2136. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Statutory Amendments Requiring the Qualifications of Manufacturers and Importers of Processed Tobacco and Other Amendments Related to Permit Requirements and the Expanded Definition on Roll-Your-Own Tobacco (T.D. TTB-78)" (RIN1513-AB72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2847. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-34).

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1107. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Raphael William Bostic, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

B. Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

John P. Kacavas, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

(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. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1348. A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1349. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the deduction for use of a portion of a residence as a home office by providing an optional standard home office deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1350. A bill to encourage increased production of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas vehicles and to provide tax incentives for natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas vehicle infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER):