

Additionally, to build a bond with the local community, Chapel Hill Floral offers a series of timely and entertaining classes on how to design beautiful floral arrangements. Most recently, in preparation for Valentine's Day, Chapel Hill offered the "Prelude to a Kiss" class, where students turned a half-dozen red roses into a beautiful display with several accoutrements, such as babies' breath and Calyx leaves. Other classes in the near future include the hopeful and aptly named "Tropical Getaway" and "Spring in a Basket." Additionally, for anyone who places an order prior to Valentine's Day, their name will be automatically placed in a drawing for an overnight weekend stay at the Lucerne Inn, one of Maine's most quaint and historic hotels. The package includes dinner for two, Sunday brunch, and a dozen beautiful red roses, making it the perfect romantic getaway!

Finally, Chapel Hill's superb work has been recognized by Market Surveys of America as the "Best Flower Shop" in the Greater Bangor area 3 years in a row, from 2007 to 2009. Additionally, Mark Pellon, who is one of Chapel Hill's Maine master floral designers was named the Maine State Florists' and Growers' Association's Designer of the Year for 2008, a distinct and well-deserved honor.

Clearly, Chapel Hill Floral has made a lasting impression on its customers in the Bangor area, and the company's unique marketing efforts are truly noteworthy. My sincerest thanks to owners Barbara and Rick Frye and everyone at Chapel Hill Floral for all of their excellent work, and my best wishes for a pleasant Valentine's season and a successful year. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4061. An act to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4532. An act to provide for permanent extension of the attorney fee withholding procedures under title II of the Social Security Act to title XVI of such act, and to provide for permanent extension of such procedures under titles II and XVI of such Act to qualified non-attorney representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 235. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

The message further announced that the House passed the act (S. 2950) to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks, without amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4061. An act to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical stand-

ards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. SCHUMER:

S. 3006. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow multi-employer plans to amortize losses from certain fraudulent investment schemes over a 40-year period; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 411. A resolution recognizing the importance and sustainability of the United States hardwoods industry and urging that United States hardwoods and the products derived from United States hardwoods be given full consideration in any program to promote construction of environmentally preferable commercial, public, or private buildings; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. Res. 412. A resolution designating September 2010 as "National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 413. A resolution relative to the death of Representative John P. Murtha, of Pennsylvania; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. Res. 414. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabili-

tation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 148

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act.

S. 210

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care—related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer—provided dependent care assistance.

S. 332

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1400

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit schools that participate in the Federal school meal programs from serving foods that contain trans fats derived from partially hydrogenated oils.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to require foreign manufacturers of products imported into the United States

to establish registered agents in the United States who are authorized to accept service of process against such manufacturers, and for other purposes.

S. 2749

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2749, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to nutritious meals for young children in child care.

S. 2781

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2781, a bill to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability.

S. 2816

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2816, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs and to allow the adoption credit to be claimed in the year expenses are incurred, regardless of when the adoption becomes final.

S. 2900

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2900, a bill to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems.

S. 2904

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2904, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities.

S. 2919

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2919, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 2977

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as co-

sponsors of S. 2977, a bill to prohibit the use of Department of Justice funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

S. 2982

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2982, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 2993

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2993, a bill to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 solar roofs and additional solar water heating systems with a cumulative capacity of 10,000,000 gallons by 2019.

S. 3000

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3000, a bill to extend the increase in the FMAP provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for an additional 6 months.

S. RES. 396

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 396, a resolution to enable each newly constituted Senate to carry out its responsibility to determine the Rules of its Proceedings at the beginning of each Congress.

S. RES. 400

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 400, a resolution urging the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address instability in Yemen.

S. RES. 404

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 404, a resolution supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 409

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 409, a resolution calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed "Anti-Homosexuality Bill", and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 411—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES HARDWOODS INDUSTRY AND URGING THAT UNITED STATES HARDWOODS AND THE PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM UNITED STATES HARDWOODS BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION IN ANY PROGRAM TO PROMOTE CONSTRUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, OR PRIVATE BUILDINGS

Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

S. RES. 411

Whereas hardwood trees grown in the United States are an abundant, sustainable, and legal resource, as documented annually by the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program of the Forest Service;

Whereas, despite development pressure and cropland needs, Department of Agriculture data show that the inventory of United States hardwood has more than doubled over the past 50 years;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture reports that annual United States hardwood growth exceeds hardwood removals by a significant margin of 1.9 to 1, and net annual growth has exceeded removals continuously since 1952;

Whereas the World Bank ranks the United States in the top 10 percent of all countries for government effectiveness, regulatory quality, and rule of law with respect to hardwood resources;

Whereas United States hardwoods have been awarded the highest conservation crop rating available under the Department of Agriculture Environmental Benefits Index;

Whereas United States hardwoods are net absorbers of carbon and are widely recognized to be critical to reducing the United States carbon footprint;

Whereas United States hardwoods are a valuable raw material that, when used properly, provide an incentive for landowners to