

to rural and agricultural challenges for more than 100 years. Since 1991, our foundation has been a leader forming and assisting cooperatives of all types. Our Cooperative Development Center, created in 1996, has used funding from Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) awarded each year by USDA-Rural Development to support our cooperative development work in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. In the Center's 15 years we have helped design, develop, incorporate and manage more than a hundred cooperatives, many of them, like Mountain States, still thriving. We continue to seek out and assist individuals and groups with ideas that may become the next successful cooperative venture.

As you can see, cooperatives have had a significant role in shaping the Wyoming agricultural landscape. We celebrate that role each year in October. RMFU and our Co-op Center will ensure that the role of co-ops will be important for years to come, and we will strive to enhance that role wherever possible.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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.)

#### 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-3639. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to House Report 111-491, page 317, to accompany H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 relative to spectrum sharing issues for parts of the spectrum under control of the Department of Defense (DoD) related to micro-stimulators; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3640. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the termination of the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Ground Mobile Radio (GMR) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3641. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recovery of Delinquent Debts—Treasury Offset Program Enhancements" (RIN0960-AH19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3642. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amend-

ments to Procedures for Certain Determinations and Decisions" (RIN0960-AG72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3643. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States—Oman Free Trade Agreement" ((RIN1515-AD68)(CBP Dec. 11-19)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3644. 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 "Postponement of Certain Hybrid Plan Regulations; Special Timing Rule for Section 204(h) Notice" (Notice No. 2011-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3645. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures" (RIN1990-AA34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3646. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a report entitled "Draft Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2012-2016"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3647. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3322-EM in the State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3648. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.221) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3649. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Testing of Certain High Production Volume Chemicals; Third Group of Chemicals" (FRL No. 8885-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3650. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule—Compliance Date Amendment for Farms" (FRL No. 9681-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3651. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Alternative Test Method for Olefins in

Gasoline" (FRL No. 9482-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3652. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Division of Safety Systems Interim Staff Guidance DSS-ISG-2010-01" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3653. 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; California; 2008 San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 Plan and 2007 State Strategy" (FRL No. 9482-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3654. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the periods June 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3655. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from the Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3656. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from the Y-12 facility in Oak Ridge Tennessee, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3657. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from W. R. Grace and Company in Curtis Bay, Maryland, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3658. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's annual report on the performance evaluation of FDA-approved mammography quality standards accreditation bodies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3659. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program" (RIN1894-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3660. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-170 "Returning Citizens and Ex-Offender Services Reform Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3661. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-171 "Interstate Compact for Juveniles Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3662. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-172 "Community Council for

the Homeless at Friendship Place Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3663. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-173 "Accountant Mobility Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3664. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-174 "Howard Theatre Redevelopment Project Great Streets Initiative Tax Increment Financing Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3665. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-175 "Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3666. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-177 "Health Professional Recruitment Program Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3667. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-176 "KIPP DC—Shaw Campus Property Tax Exemption Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3668. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-178 "Public Space Permit Fee Waiver Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3669. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-179 "Pedestrian Safety Reinforcement Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3670. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-180 "Disposed Real Property Procurement Clarification Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3671. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-181 "United House of Prayer for All People Real Property Tax Exemption Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3672. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-182 "DOC Inmate Processing and Release Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3673. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-183 "Revised Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Support Technical Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3674. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-184 "Carver 2000 Low-Income and Senior Housing Project Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3675. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-185 "Workforce Intermediary Task Force Establishment Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3676. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-186 "Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3677. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-187 "Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Designation Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3678. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-188 "Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Nutrition Establishment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3679. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-189 "Creditor Calling Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3680. A communication from the Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, report entitled "2010 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3681. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Surety Guarantees, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Bond Guarantee Program; Timber Sales" (RIN3245-AG14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3682. A communication from the Deputy 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 "Sharing Information Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense" (RIN2900-AN95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2012" (Rept. No. 112-89).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 473, a bill to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-90).

#### 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. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1741. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment tax credit for community wind projects having generation capacity of not more than 20 megawatts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1742. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit fraudulently representing a product to be maple syrup; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 1743. A bill to consolidate certain Federal job training programs into a State-administered, market-delivered block grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1744. A bill to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1745. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 1746. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1747. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to modify provisions relating to the exemption for computer systems analysts, computer programmers, software engineers, or other similarly skilled workers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1748. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional disclosures and protections for students and cosigners with respect to student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1749. A bill to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1750. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights, to establish State Home Care Ombudsman Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ENZI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):