

they made corn and flour tortillas, tamales and posole.

The homemade traditional New Mexican dishes were an immediate hit. Then, the Baca brothers had an idea. They talked about it around the supper table with their mother and father. They talked about it day and night. It was the early 1950s and every household was getting a freezer. Commercial frozen vegetables were becoming the rage. The brothers asked themselves two questions: Why couldn't they take a piece of their heritage, New Mexico's fresh-roasted green chile, and preserve it? Why couldn't they start with an autumn tradition and use freezers to make it last until the following year's harvest?

Thus, the Baca brothers were the first to flame roast green chile and freeze it on a commercial scale. No equipment existed, so they had to build it. No process existed, so they had to invent it. And on May 18, 1951, Bueno Foods was born.

Bueno Foods has grown steadily from that small neighborhood grocery store into a producer of 150 unique New Mexican and Mexican food products, spreading "el sabor de Nuevo Mexico" across the State and the Nation. Now owned and operated by the second generation of the Baca family in the same South Valley neighborhood, Bueno Foods employs about 220 people year-round and up to 350 during peak chile-roasting season. The Baca family is also active in the New Mexico Chile Association, a nonprofit organization composed of growers and producers fighting to ensure the chile industry remains and prospers in New Mexico.

The Baca family has always believed in giving back to its community. To help mark the 60th anniversary celebration, Bueno Foods is focusing on four elements that are important to the family and their company: improving the environment by planting 60 cottonwood trees to replace those destroyed in last year's bosque fire in Barelás; preserving their culture by giving away special Autumn Roast Chile grown in Hatch, NM; supporting literacy and education by providing 600 copies of the children's book "Tia Tamales" to low-income schools in New Mexico; and contributing to 60 community charities that focus on the basic needs of education, hunger, and stronger communities.

It is an honor to congratulate Jackie, Gene, Catherine, and Ana Baca and the Baca family on their 60 years of success with Bueno Foods, to thank them for all their good work in the South Valley and throughout New Mexico, and to remember those far-sighted brothers who started it all with a good idea and a chile roaster.●

REMEMBERING ABRAHAM BREEHEY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with deep sadness that I pay tribute to Abraham "Abe" Breehey, and I ask my

colleagues to join me today in honoring his memory. Abe, who was a champion of the rights of America's working men and women, passed away suddenly last month from complications related to a brain tumor. He was just 34 years old.

Abe was a well-respected friend and colleague to many in the Senate. As director of Legislative Affairs and special assistant to the international president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, he tirelessly represented workers across the country. He also served as chairman of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department's Legislative Task Force.

Abe worked closely with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which I chair, in our efforts to promote clean energy jobs. He represented labor interests with passion and intellect and was a powerful advocate for the role of workers in moving the U.S. toward a clean energy future.

He was, in the words of International Brotherhood of Boilermakers President Newton B. Jones, the union's "point man on Capitol Hill," who advanced many critical causes on behalf of working men and women "with boundless enthusiasm and determination."

Abe's work was not limited to the U.S. Congress. He also worked internationally on efforts to control global warming, representing the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers in international negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Abe received his bachelor's degree from Sienna College in Loudonville, NY, and his master's degree in public policy from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University of Albany. He was also a graduate of the Trade Union Program at Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the Boilermakers, he served as legislative assistant for Representative DOGGETT.

As anyone who worked with him can tell you, Abe was an extraordinary person. Always full of cheer, he possessed a gift for finding common ground on tough issues, and he was taken from this world far too early.

On Thursday, April 14, Abe passed away, leaving a loving wife, Sonya, and beloved daughter, Abigail. He is also survived by his parents Ray and Carol Breehey, sister Rachel Breehey Mollen, three nieces, and a nephew. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loving family and many friends.

The U.S. Congress and workers across the country have lost a tireless advocate, trusted colleague and friend, and Abe will be greatly missed. Although his life was short, Abe unquestionably left his mark and he made a difference in the lives of working people everywhere. He will serve as an inspiration for all of us going forward, and we will build on his important work to honor his legacy. I know I

speak for all of my colleagues in the Senate in mourning the loss of Abe Breehey and paying tribute to the life of this vibrant and successful young man.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1213. An act to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1213. An act to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges.

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-1401. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopicolide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8859-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1402. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Requirements for Antimicrobial Pesticides; Notification to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services" (FRL No. 8861-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1403. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled “Triflusaluron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8871-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1404. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pyrasulfotole; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8869-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1405. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mefenpyr-diethyl; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8870-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1406. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Metiram; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8869-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1407. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Aluminum tris(0-ethylphosphonate), Butylate, Chlorethoxyfos, Clethodim, et al.; Tolerance Actions” (FRL No. 8869-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1408. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Carbon Dioxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8873-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1409. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8873-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1410. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Metarhizium anisopliae strain F52; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8872-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1411. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Citrus Canker, Citrus Greening, and Asian Citrus Psyllid; Interstate Movement of Regulated Nursery Stock” ((RIN0579-AD29)(Docket No. APHIS-2010-0048)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2011; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1412. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Indiana, Maine, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin” (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0075) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1413. A communication from the Health Physicist, Army Safety Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Radiation Sources on Army Land” (RIN0702-AA58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1414. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1415. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Commercial Items” ((RIN0750-AG23)(DFARS Case 2008-D011)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1416. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Peter H. Daly, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1417. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David J. Dorsett, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1418. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Brigadier General Larry D. Wyche, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of brigadier general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1419. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Rules of the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals” (48 CFR Chapter 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1420. A communication from the 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-1421. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Anthony L. Winns, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the re-

tired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1422. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost and the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the restructured National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System exceeding the Acquisition Program Baseline values; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1423. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost and the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the C-27J program exceeding the Acquisition Program Baseline values; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1424. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the realistic survivability testing of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1425. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, ninety-five (95) Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2010 (DCN OSS 2011-0710); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1426. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-011, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1427. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-014, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1428. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-130, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1429. A communication from the Chief Counsel, United States Mint, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Assessment of Civil Penalties for Misuse of Words, Letters, Symbols, and Emblems of the United States Mint” (RIN1506-AA58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1430. A communication from the Chief Counsel, United States Mint, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibition on the Exportation, Melting, or Treatment of 5-Cent and One-Cent Coins” (31 CFR Part 82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1431. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Credit Unions, Technical Corrections" (RIN3133-AD58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1432. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z—Truth in Lending" ((RIN7100-AD55)(12 CFR 226)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1433. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1434. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1435. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1436. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1437. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1438. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1439. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1440. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1441. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1442. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, and expanded in Executive Order 13551 of August 20, 2010, with respect to the current existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1443. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1444. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expanding the scope of the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1445. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1446. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to South Africa; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1447. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1448. A communication from the First Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2010 Management Report and statement on the system of internal control; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1449. A communication from the Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Nat-

ural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wetland Conservation" (RIN0578-AA58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1450. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Enforcement Policy for Minimum Days Off Requirements" (SRM-SECY-11-0003 and SRM-SECY-11-0028) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1451. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifying the Process for Making Emergency Plan Changes" (NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2005-02, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1452. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Format and Content for Emergency Plans for Fuel Cycle and Materials Facilities" (Regulatory Guide 3.67, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1453. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Safeguard Information" (Regulatory Guide 5.79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1454. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Relevant to Ensuring That Occupational Radiation Exposures at Medical Institutions Will Be As Low As Is Reasonably Achievable" (Regulatory Guide 8.18, Revision 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1455. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Great Lakes Ecosystem; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1456. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9286-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1457. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Adoption of the Revised Lead Standards and Related Reference Conditions and Update of Appendices" (FRL No. 9298-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1458. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule—Amendments for Milk and Milk Products Containers" (FRL No. 9297-37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1459. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Florida; Jefferson County, Kentucky; Forsyth, Mecklenburg, and Buncombe Counties, North Carolina; and South Carolina" (FRL No. 9298-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1460. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9298-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1461. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifications to Indian Tribes' Clean Air Act Regulatory Requirements; Direct Final Amendments" (FRL No. 9300-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1462. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Removal of Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs for Clark and Floyd Counties" (FRL No. 9299-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1463. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Reconsideration of Inclusion of Fugitive Emissions; Interim Rule; Stay and Revisions" (FRL No. 9299-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1464. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determinations Concerning Need for Error Correction, Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval, and Federal Implementation Plan Regarding Texas's Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program" (FRL No. 9299-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office

of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1465. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL No. 9294-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1466. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases: Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems" (FRL No. 9299-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1467. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (NSCAPCD) and Mendocino County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9292-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1468. 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 "User Fees Relating to Enrolled Agents and Enrolled Retirement Plan Agents" (RIN1545-BJ65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1469. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating the Decision Review Board" (RIN0960-AG80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1470. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Afghanistan and Pakistan (DCN OSS-2011-0611); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1471. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an Accountability Review Board report relative to an incident in Pakistan on February 3, 2010 (DCN OSS 2011-0708); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1472. A communication from the Acting 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 December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

*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.

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. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEE, and Mr. KYL):

S. 877. A bill to prevent taxpayer-funded elective abortions by applying the longstanding policy of the Hyde amendment to the new health care law; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 878. A bill to amend section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 to revise the requirements for areas to be considered as rural areas for purposes of such Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 879. A bill to promote human rights and democracy in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 880. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 881. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 882. A bill to prevent misuse, overutilization, and trafficking of prescription drugs by limiting access to such drugs for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries who have been identified as high-risk prescription drug users; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 883. A bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHANNES, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 884. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a variable