

new workforce demands of the Industrial Revolution, but would also provide expanded access for all residents to a higher level of education. In 1911, my home State of Wisconsin became the first State to establish a system of support for technical, vocational and adult education.

What ensued in the following decades through the first World War and the Great Depression emphasized the importance of vocational skills training and propelled the growth of the technical system. By the time that World War II began, Wisconsin's Technical College System had garnered a national reputation for excellence, prompting the Federal Government to allocate over \$4.6 billion into the State to aid the war effort. By the 1960s, the success and value of the system had been firmly established and the State legislature mandated that vocational districts be established throughout Wisconsin by 1970.

What began with an idea more than a century ago, the Wisconsin Technical College System has continued to set the standard for our Nation. The system currently serves 400,000 students on 47 campuses every year, helping to shape the future of our State and prepare the workers for tomorrow. Even in these difficult economic times, access to high quality education for all people remains crucial in ensuring that not only Wisconsin but the Nation, moves forward. I am very proud to recognize the Wisconsin Technical College System on its centennial celebration and for all it has done for the State of Wisconsin and its citizens.●

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

At 2:03 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1249. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

H.R. 2279. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. YODER of Kansas and Ms. WOOLSEY of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 194 of title 14, United States Code, Mr. MICA, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors: Mr. FRANK GUINTA of New Hampshire, Mr. ANDY HARRIS of Maryland, and Mr. RICK LARSEN of Washington.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1276. A bill to repeal the authority to provide certain loans to the International Monetary Fund, the increase in the United States quota to the Fund, and certain other related authorities, to rescind related appropriated amounts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2021. An act to amend the Clean Air Act regarding air pollution from Outer Continental Shelf activities.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1249. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

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-2279. 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 "Cloquintocet-mexyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8877-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2280. 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 "Diethylene glycol mono butyl ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8876-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2281. 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 "Propylene Oxide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8877-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2282. 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 in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2283. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Nashville, TN" (MB Docket No. 11-29; RM-11622) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Brackettville, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 09-219) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" (Docket No. WV-117-FOR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2286. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Tumbling Creek Cavesnail" (RIN1018-AW90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2287. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and Delisting Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Listing Protections for the Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel in Compliance with a Court Order" (RIN1018-AX80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2288. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and Delisting Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Bull Trout in the Clackamas River Subbasin, Oregon" (RIN1018-AW60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2289. 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 Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama: Birmingham; Determination of Attaining Data for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standard" (FRL No. 9426-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2290. 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 Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana—Air Quality, Subchapter 7 and Other Subchapters" (FRL No. 9223-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2291. 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 "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9323-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2292. 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 "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for Alaska" (FRL No. 9317-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2293. 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 Implementation Plans; Illinois; Royal Fiberglass Pools, Inc. Adjusted Standard" (FRL No. 9319-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2294. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—July 2011" (Rev. Rul. 2011-14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2295. 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 "Extension of Time for Filing Returns" (RIN1545-BH88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2296. 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 "Optional Standard Mileage Rates" (Announcement No. 2011-40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2297. 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 "Guidance Under Section 956 for Determining the Basis of Property Acquired in Certain Nonrecognition Transactions" (RIN1545-BH56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2298. 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 "Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers: Rules Relating to Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Processes" (RIN1210-AB45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

EC-2299. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to support Proton Rocket Launch Vehicle integration and launch of the EchoStar 16 commercial satellite in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2300. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the Commonwealth of Australia for Enhanced Position Location Reporting System (EPLRS), EPLRS Extended Frequency (EPLRS-XF) and MicroLight Radio Equipment in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2301. A communication from the Acting 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 for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to support the design, manufacturing and delivery phases of the Azerspace/Africast-1a Commercial Communications Satellite Program for Azerbaijan in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2302. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to support the manufacture of SPY1-D/F Components for the United States Navy Fleet and the United States Navy Foreign Military Sales Program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2303. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan for the manufacture and assembly of parts and components for the Strapdown Inertial System and the HDC301 Computer; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2304. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a manufacturing license

agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Spain for the collaboration on new designs and other engineering efforts related to the design of sporting guns and rifles and associated components; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2305. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of military flex and rigid circuit assemblies for use in defense systems in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2306. A communication from the Chairman, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report for 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2307. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers: Rules Relating to Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Processes" (RIN0938-AQ66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2308. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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 Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 1279. A bill to prepare disconnected youth for a competitive future; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1280. A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1281. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1282. A bill to expand the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium to include the SUNY National Center for Security and Preparedness; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.