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TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND DEUTSCHER

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I honor the military service of Raymond Deutscher.

Raymond enlisted in the Army in his home State of North Dakota in the spring of 1942. He was a born leader who became a combat infantry squadron leader. And he led his troops to the beaches of Normandy, June of 1944.

When Raymond and his troops arrived, he said the water and sand was already stained with blood. In Normandy, on June 11, 1944, Raymond was shot and severely wounded by German forces. His recovery took 7 months at a hospital in England and further hospital stays at home.

Through the long trauma and his long recovery from enemy fire, Raymond Deutscher never received the medals he earned as a hero of World War II.

His military records were destroyed by a 1973 fire in St. Louis. And he passed away on January 10, 2001.

His family reached out to me and started asking questions about Raymond's service and the due recognition he never received.

Last month I had the honor of presenting to his family Raymond Deutscher's Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge First Award with Rifle Bar, World War Two Victory Medal, and Honorable Service Lapel Button

These eight medals may be small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service. These medals are presented on behalf of a grateful nation.●

HONORING PETER SCHNEIDER

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I honor CPL Peter Schneider and his service to the U.S. Army during World War II.

At the age of 17, Corporal Schneider's parents passed away and he was left to raise two younger siblings. Although he didn't have to go to war, he believed it was his calling. And his older brother agreed to take care of the children.

On July 3, 1944, Corporal Schneider was severely wounded by German troops in Livry, France. His wounds were so severe he spent 4 years recovering in a hospital. The attack left Mr. Schneider 100 percent disabled. But that didn't stop him from working the rest of his life after the war.

Corporal Schneider received a Purple Heart for his sacrifice. His daughter

Marlene keeps the medal in her home as a memorial. But after some research, Marlene discovered her father never received all the recognition he earned for his service in World War II.

A full year before he was wounded, Corporal Schneider served in the 41st Armored Infantry Division under General Patton. And in July of 1943, he was part of the first wave of Allied Forces—the tip of the spear—to storm Sicily and liberate Palermo.

After reaching out to me, we discovered that for his heroism in that significant part of the war, Corporal Schneider earned two more important medals.

Last month I had the honor of presenting to his family CPL Peter Schneider's Bronze Star and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

These may be small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service.

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Peter Schneider passed away in 1999 having never seen these medals. But they will be part of his family's history forever.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 5, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2715. An act to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2553. 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.

Under the authority of the order of August 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on August 5, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CARDIN).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 19, 2011, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that pursuant to section 401(b)(4)(B)(iii) of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Mr. HENSARLING of Texas, Co-Chair, Mr. UPTON of Michigan, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 401(b)(4)(B)(iv) of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Minority Leader appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Mr. CLYBURN of South Carolina, Mr. BECERRA of California, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN of Maryland.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 66. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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-2825. 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 rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2826. 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-2827. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011 annual report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2828. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish by Vessels Subject to Amendment 80 Sideboard Limits in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA556) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2829. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2012; Changes in Size and Square Footage of Inpatient Rehabilitation Units and Inpatient Psychiatric Units” (RIN0938-AQ28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2830. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2012” (RIN0938-AQ31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2831. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for Fiscal Year 2012” (RIN0938-AQ29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2832. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System. . . .” (RIN0938-AQ24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2833. 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 Mexico for the delivery, operation, and maintenance of one Sikorsky S-70i helicopter in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2834. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Relating to Coverage of Preventive Services Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” (RIN0938-AQ07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2835. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-98 “Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Support Act of 2011”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2836. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2837. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2838. 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 Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2839. 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 India; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2840. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Financial Stability Oversight Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Authority to Designate Financial Market Utilities as Systemically Important” (RIN4030-AA01) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2841. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of Office of Management and Budget Guidance on Drug-Free Workplace Requirements” (RIN2501-AD54) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2842. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Certain Orderly Liquidation Authority Provisions under Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” (12 CFR Part 380) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2843. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interest on Deposits; Deposit Insurance Coverage” (RIN3064-AD78) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2844. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “16 Part 640 and Part 698: Fair Credit Reporting Risk-Based Pricing Regulations” (RIN3084-AA94) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2845. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mortgage Acts and Practices—Advertising Rule” (RIN3084-AB18) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2846. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Office of Thrift Supervision Integration Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” (RIN1557-AD47) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2847. 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 recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2848. 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 recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2849. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility” ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2850. A communication from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indian Trust Management Reform—Implementation of Statutory Changes” (RIN1076-AF07) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2010; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2851. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Release of Information from Department of Veterans Affairs Records” (RIN2900-AN72) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2852. 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 “Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8874-9) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2853. 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 “Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8882-7) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2854. 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 “Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8884-4) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2855. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Process for Review of Swaps for Mandatory Clearing” (17

CFR Parts 39 and 140) (RIN3038-AD00)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2856. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removing Any Reference to or Reliance on Credit Ratings in Commission Regulations; Proposing Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings" ((17 CFR Parts 1 and 4)(RIN3038-AD11)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2857. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provisions Common to Registered Entities" ((17 CFR Part 40)(RIN3038-AD07)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2858. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending June 30, 2011 (DCN OSS 2011-1397); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2859. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's 2011 report to Congress entitled "The Worldwide Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons and Ballistic and Cruise Missile Threat" (DCN OSS 2011-1288); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2860. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2861. A communication from the Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the feasibility of establishing a full-service exchange store in the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2862. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense's purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2863. A communication from the Co-Chairs of the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Commission's final report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2864. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Federally Funded Research and Development Centers Estimated FY 2011 Staff-years of Technical Effort (STEs) and Estimated Funding"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2865. 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 rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2866. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Nonavailability Exception for Procurement of Hand or Measuring Tools" ((RIN0750-AH17)(DFARS Case 2011-D025)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2867. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contractors Performing Private Security Functions" ((RIN0750-AH28)(DFARS Case 2011-D023)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2868. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities" (Docket No. RM10-23-000) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2869. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management's Annual Financial Report for the years ending September 30, 2009 and 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2870. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2871. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2872. 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 "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Dryers and Room Air Conditioners" (RIN1904-AA89) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2873. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Segregation of Lands—Renewable Energy" (RIN1004-AE19) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2874. 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 "Energy Efficiency Design Standards for New Federal Commercial and Multi-Family High-Rise Residential Buildings and New Federal Low-Rise Residential Buildings" (RIN1904-AC41) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2875. 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 "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps" (RIN1904-AC06) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2876. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Policy and Programs, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance: Wildlife Restoration, Sport Fish Restoration, Hunter Education and Safety" (RIN1018-AW65) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2877. 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 "Qualification of Connection Assemblies for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.156, Revision 1) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2878. 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; Determination of Endangered Status for *Ipomopsis polyantha* (Pagosa Skyrocket) and Threatened Status for *Penstemon debilis* (Parachute Beardtongue) and *Phacelia submutica* (DeBeque Phacelia)" (RIN1018-AV83) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2879. A communication from the Acting 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; Endangered Status for the Cumberland Darter, Rush Darter, Yellowcheek Darter, Chucky Madtom, and Laurel Dace" (RIN1018-AV85) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2880. A communication from the Acting 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; Emergency Listing of the Miami Blue Butterfly as Endangered, and Emergency Listing of the Cassius Blue, Ceraunus Blue, and Nickerbean Blue Butterflies as Threatened Due to Similarity of Appearance to the Miami Blue Butterfly" (RIN1018-AX83) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2881. A communication from the Senior Management Analyst 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; 44 Marine and Anadromous Taxa: Adding 10 Taxa, Delisting 1 Taxon, Reclassifying 1 Taxon, and Updating 32 Taxa on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AW09) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2882. 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, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9447-4) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2883. 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; New York Reasonable Further Progress Plans, Emissions Inventories, Contingency Measures and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9453-2) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2884. 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 "Cobalt Lithium Manganese Nickel Oxide; Significant New Use Rule" (FRL No. 8878-2) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2885. 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 "TSCA Inventory Update Reporting Modifications; Chemical Data Reporting" (FRL No. 8872-9) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2886. 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 Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9447-6) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2887. 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 Implementation Plans; Delaware; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9447-7) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2888. 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 Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Attainment Demonstration for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard, and Approval of Related Revisions" (FRL No. 9276-8) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate

on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2889. 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 "Limited Federal Implementation Plan; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; California; North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9448-5) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2890. 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 "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Adjustments to the Allowance System for Controlling HCFC Production, Import, and Export" (FRL No. 9448-4) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2891. 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 "Change of Address for Region 1; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9449-3) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2892. 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 "Protocol Gas Verification Program and Minimum Competency Requirements for Air Emission Testing; Corrections" (FRL No. 9450-7) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2893. 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 North Carolina: Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review Rules" (FRL No. 9449-8) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2894. 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; Minnesota; Rules Update" (FRL No. 9450-1) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2895. 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; New Mexico; Federal Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport of Pollution Affecting Visibility and Best Available Retrofit Technology Determination" (FRL No. 9451-1) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2896. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nu-

clear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for the Assessment of Beyond-Design-Basis Aircraft Impacts" (Regulatory Guide 1.217) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2897. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the National Competitive Bidding Program for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2898. A communication from the Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation relative to implementing an intellectual property enforcement strategy; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2899. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Distilled Spirits Plant Regulations" (RIN1513-AA23) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2900. 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 "2011 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2011-58) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2901. 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 "2011 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2011-57) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2902. 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 Issuers Coverage of Preventive Services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" ((RIN1545-BJ60)(TD 9541)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2903. 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 "Method for Making Election to Apply Carryover Basis Treatment under Section 1022 to the Estates of Decedents Who Died in 2010 and Rules Applicable to Inter Vivos and Testamentary Generation-Skipping Transfers in 2010" (Notice 2011-66) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2904. 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 "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2011-67) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2905. 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 "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit or Abatement; Determination of Correct Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2011-41) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2906. 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 "Use of Actuarial Tables in Valuing Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, and Remainder or Reversionary Interests" ((RIN1545-BH67)(TD9540)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2907. 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 "State and Local Bonds: Volume Cap and Timing of Issuing Bonds" (Notice 2011-63) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2908. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a "Classified Supplement" to the fifth "Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment" (DCN OSS No. 2011-1279); to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2909. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancies within the Office received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2910. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Psychiatric Evaluation and Treatment" (RIN1120-AB20) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2911. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Antelope Valley of the California High Desert Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB55) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 2011, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 30, 2011:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1510. An original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-47).

S. 201. A bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-48).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 270. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon (Rept. No. 112-49).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 271. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-50).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 278. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-51).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 292. A bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (Rept. No. 112-52).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 333. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch (Rept. No. 112-53).

S. 334. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (Rept. No. 112-54).

S. 382. A bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-55).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 519. A bill to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-58).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 535. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-59).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 683. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah (Rept. No. 112-60).

S. 684. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah (Rept. No. 112-61).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 808. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District (Rept. No. 112-62).

S. 897. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and

acid mine remediation programs (Rept. No. 112-63).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 916. A bill to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-64).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 997. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District (Rept. No. 112-65).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1067. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-66).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 954. A bill to promote the strengthening of the Haitian private sector (Rept. No. 112-67).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 404. A bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior (Rept. No. 112-56).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 512. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-57).

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The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 572. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-68).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 714. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-69).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 734. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy (Rept. No. 112-70).

S. 1000. A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-71).

S. 1001. A bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-72).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE—TREATIES

The following executive reports of committee were submitted on August