#### SECURITY STATE BANK

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of Security State Bank. I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate this extraordinary milestone.

For over a century, Security State Bank has provided its customers with the highest quality banking services. Since 1911, this locally owned institution has grown substantially and continues to promote economic growth throughout northern Wisconsin. Furthermore, Security State Bank has demonstrated an incredible commitment to customer service, as well as to the communities and employees it serves. Under the leadership of the bank's chairman and president, Mr. Willard Ogren, Security State Bank has prospered, further cementing its reputation as a fine lending institution but, more importantly, as a community leader dedicated to promoting financial stability and improvement.

I have both personal and professional admiration for independent banks that are focused on strengthening communities in both the best and worst economic times. For more than 100 years, Security State Bank has embodied the importance of building strong local connections.

It is for this commitment to providing every customer with the highest quality banking services and for their crucial role in community improvement that I am proud to recognize this occasion and 100 years of service that Security State Bank has provided to the people of the State of Wisconsin.

# CENTENNIAL OF MADISON COLLEGE

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Madison College on their centennial celebration marking 100 years of providing high quality education to students in my State.

Wisconsin was the first State to establish schools for technical and vocational education. Madison College, founded in 1912 as the Madison Continuation School, was opened to provide vocational education to students who dropped out of school. School administrators also targeted adult workers to help them maintain and flourish in their current jobs and also work toward obtaining new ones by providing the classes to help them do so. Throughout the years, Madison College tailored its educational role by responding to the Great Depression with increased craft specialty offerings, such as millinery and woodworking, and later in the post-World War II era, with the help of Federal funding, by honing workers' skills necessary for wartime jobs.

The focus and plan to ensure that every person gets a high-quality education remain true today at this fine institution. Currently, Madison College operates 12 locations in Madison and 4

regional campuses throughout a 12-county district in order to offer a wide variety of educational opportunities to the greatest number of students possible. Today, Madison College continues to add new programs, such as biotechnology and renewable energy, to keep up with the trends of the 21st century and continue to live up to their mission.

For a century of service I commend Madison College and recognize the faculty, students, alumni, and communities they call home. In these tough economic times, access to high-quality education and workforce development are critically important to our State and country finding our way to better financial times. Madison College has stood the test of time as well as economic cycles. I am honored to recognize Madison College on its centennial celebration and for all it has done for the State of Wisconsin and its citizens.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2633. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

At 2:22 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. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2633. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2832. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1549. A bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

# 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-3168. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intergovernmental Review" (7 CFR Parts 1778, 1942, 1944, 1948, 1951, 1980, 3560, 3565, 3570, 4274) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

EC-3169. 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 "Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter" ((RIN0579-AC49) (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0168)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3170. 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 "Atrazine, Chloroneb, Chlorpyrifos, Clofencet, Endosulfan, et al; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8883-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3171. 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 "Sulfur Dioxide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8887-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3172. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passive Radio Frequency Identification" ((RIN0750-AH05) (DFARS Case 2010–D014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3173. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Discussions Prior to Contract

Award" ((RIN0750-AG82) (DFARS Case 2010-D013)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3174. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Line Item Structure" ((RIN0750-AH02) (DFARS Case 2010-D017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3175. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Material Inspection and Receiving Report" (DFARS Case 2009-D023) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3176. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction and Architect-Engineer Services Performance Evaluation" ((RIN0750-AG91) (DFARS Case 2010-D024)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3177. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of a Contracting Officer's Representative" ((RIN0750-AH35) (DFARS Case 2011-D037)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3178. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Positive Law Codification of Title 41 U.S.C." ((RIN0750-AG38) (DFARS Case 2011-D036)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3179. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award Fee Reduction or Denial for Health or Safety Issues" ((RIN0750-AH37) (DFARS Case 2011-D033)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services

EC-3180. 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 in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3181. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) General and Special Risk Insurance (GI/SRI) Fund and the FHA's Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3182. 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; Ohio and West Virginia; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine

Particle Standard for Four Nonattainment Areas' (FRL No. 9463-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3183. 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; Removal of Echinacea tennesseensis (Tennessee Purple Coneflower) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants" (RIN1018–AW26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3184. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—Subpart B, Federal Subsistence Board" (RIN1018-AX52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3185. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Foreign Species 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; Listing Six Foreign Birds as Endangered Throughout Their Range" (RIN1018-AW39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3186. A communication from the Wild-life Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2011–12 Early Season" (RIN1018-AX34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3187. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-AX34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3188. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AX34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3189. 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; Ohio and West Virginia; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standard for Four Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9463-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3190. 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; Texas; Revisions to Permits by Rule and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL No. 9463–6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3191. 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 "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 52" (FRL No. 9464-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3192. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Water, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3193. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Change of Name and Function; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

EC-3194. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2008 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3195. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General's budget request for the fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3196. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's budget request for the fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3197. A communication from the 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 to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Canada for development, testing, and manufacture of the Improved Drive System transmission system and parts thereof, for the AH-64D Apache helicopter Block III upgrade for enduse by the U.S. Army in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3198. A communication from the 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 manufacture of significant military equipment abroad involving the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Mexico for the pre-cast and postcast finishing operations of military aircraft, tank, and naval engine components to

include engine hot-section blades for end use by United States military engine manufacturers in the amount of \$29,500,000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3199. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Monmouth, New Jersey, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AM49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3200. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay for Sunday Work" (RIN3206-AM08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3201. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personnel Records" (RIN3206-AM05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3202. A communication from the Director, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AM29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3203. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmiting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

EC-3204. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Side Impact Protection" (RIN2127-AK82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3205. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use" (RIN2127-AK41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3206. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: Occupant Crash Protection" (RIN2127-AK25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3207. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment"

(RIN2127-AL00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3208. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Minor Editorial Corrections and Clarifications" (RIN2137–AE77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3209. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification; Importation of Vehicles and Equipment Subject to Federal Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards; Registered Importers of Vehicles Not Originally Manufactured to Conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards" (RIN2127-AK32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3210. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Inseason Action To Close the Commercial Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Shark Research Fishery" (RIN0648-XA580) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3211. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Northern Area Trophy Fishery" (RIN0648-XA550) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3212. 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; Northern Rockfish for Catcher/Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648–XA594) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3213. 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 for Catcher/Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA588) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3214. 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; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA589) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3215. 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; Pacific Ocean Perch for Catcher/ Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648–XA587) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3216. 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; Pacific Cod for American Fisheries Act Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648–XA616) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3217. 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; Pacific Ocean Perch for Catcher Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Trawl Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA612) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3218. 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; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA547) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-61. A resolution adopted by the Commission of Wayne County of the State of Michigan relative to support of an integrated network of high-speed trains and expanded Amtrak service as a key to economic development, job creation and fuel consumption reduction; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-62. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California urging Congress to enact federal legislation to modernize the federal Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 by strengthening chemical management through specified policy reforms; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, children and pregnant women are uniquely vulnerable to the health threats of toxic chemicals, and early life chemical exposures have been linked to chronic disease later in life; and

Whereas, a growing body of peer-reviewed scientific evidence links exposure to toxic chemicals to many diseases and health conditions that are rising in incidence, including childhood cancers, prostate cancer, breast cancer, learning and developmental disabilities, infertility, and obesity; and