to the preservation of Chinese music, to the introduction of Chinese music to people in the United States, and to the overall interconnection of the music world. His work attempts to take people past the conventional shapes and forms of Western music, helping them appreciate the universality of art. He hopes that such cross-cultural music will build a deeper connection between the East and West, and inspire people to love all music

And finally, I would like to introduce Bonnie Nortz, a 17-year old young woman with superior achievement in the area of literature. Bonnie's portfolio, Run and Run and Run, explores relationships, identity, materialism, oppression and emotion, and covers topics as broad as tourism, grammar, dreams, cartography, winter and even pre-calculus. Her goal was to find the extraordinary in the mundane, the pure in the imperfect, and to describe that moment of awakening when everything is just the way it should be. Bonnie hopes to teach others how to go through life with an everlasting energy and curiosity and to appreciate the fantastic emotional and intellectual complexity that comprises our human existence.

I have long said that America's gifted and talented students possess remarkable potential for our great Nation. These 18 young individuals have demonstrated more than potential. They have already made significant contributions to their fields and our society in their short lives and one can scarcely begin to imagine how much they will contribute to their fields and society in the years to come, thanks in no small part to the encouragement of the Davidson Institute as well as their, family, friends, and mentors. These young men and women are an inspiration and a reminder that if we fully support our most talented young people, we can look forward to a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING MILLS AND MILLS LAW OFFICE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize Mills and Mills Law Office, a small family-owned law firm that has provided vital legal services to the people of western Maine for 100 years.

The Mills family name has long been synonymous with the Farmington area. Sumner Mills began a small law firm there in May of 1911, after moving his family from the coastal town of Stonington, where he had previously opened a small law practice in 1904. Throughout the years, Mills and Mills has offered its customers a wide range of legal services, and at present primarily focuses on estate planning, business issues, and real estate. The company has previously offered fire and casualty insurance. The firm currently has nine staff members, includ-

ing Paul Mills, the grandson of the founder, who joined the firm in 1977 and is now a senior attorney.

On August 26, 150 members of the Farmington community gathered at the law office to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The date was selected because it marked what would have been the 100th birthday of Peter Mills, Sumner's son and longtime attorney at Mills and Mills. Attendees reminisced about the law firm's storied history, and the event provided an opportunity to look forward to the office's future of helping the residents of western Maine.

Today, I also recognize the long-standing commitment and vast contributions of the Mills family to public service in the State of Maine. Peter, who joined Mills and Mills in 1940, was a member of the Maine House of Representatives for three terms, as well as the State senate for two terms. He also served as a municipal court judge, and was later U.S. attorney for Maine for 16 years under three Presidents. His father had been a State legislator in Hancock County before moving to Farmington.

Many of Peter's children have gone on to follow in their father's and grandfather's footsteps. Janet Mills served in the Maine House of Representatives, and later became our State's first female attorney general. Peter Mills III, a former State senator from Somerset County and twice a candidate for Governor, now serves as executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority. And Doctor Dora Anne Mills is the former director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Three generations of the Mills family have worked tirelessly to serve the community in Franklin County and throughout western Maine. With a passion for the law and a dedication to public service, the Mills family has left an indelible mark on Maine history. Mills and Mills remains a tribute to the critical work begun 100 years ago by Sumner Mills. I thank the entire Mills family for all of their efforts, and wish them and everyone at Mills and Mills success in their future endeavors.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.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. 1343. An act to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE) announced that on today, October 6, 2011, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 771. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 1632. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1343. An act to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1660. 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-3438. 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 technical assistance license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Norway and Canada for the service life extension of the P-3 aircraft in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3439. 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 technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan for the export and assembly of the Vertical Launch ASROC (Anti-Submarine Rocket) (VLA) system in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3440. 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 the United Kingdom for manufacture, assembly, modification, integration, repair and overhaul of Vertical Gyros, Rate Gyros, Attitude Heading Reference Systems, Compass Systems, Azimuth Gyros and Attitude Indicators; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3441. 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 Australia

to support the manufacture and sale of ammunition and ammunition components to domestic law enforcement and government agency customers in the approved sales territory in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3442. 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 license for the export of defense articles that are controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3443. 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 and the export of defense articles or defense services to Russia for the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3444. 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 technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Germany, France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Turkey for the design, integration, and testing of the Video Distribution and Processing System for use on the A400M Aircraft in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3445. 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 technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, or defense services sold commercially under contract to Thailand and Spain to support the design, manufacturing and delivery phases of the Thaicom-6 Commercial Communications Satellite Program in the amount \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3446. 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 technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to India for the development, integration, certification, and testing of the GE F414-INS6 engine with the Light Combat Aircraft in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3447. 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 manufacturing license agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to South Korea for the manufacture and assembly related to MK 45 Mod 4 Naval Gun Mounts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3448. 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 license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, or defense services to Germany related to the manufacture of the

GE38 engine Low Pressure Turbine Stage 3 Blade in support of the United States Government CH-53K Heavy Lift Helicopter program; to the Committee on Foreign Rela-

EC-3449. 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 license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy related to the manufacture of a Multimode Receiver (MMR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3450. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification to Permit U.S. Contribution of Fiscal Year 2010 Funds to the International Fund for Ireland"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3451. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2011-0145—2011-0160); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3452. 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 manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad involving the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Republic of South Korea for the manufacture of the AN/APX-113 Combined Interrogator Transponder (CIT) for end use by the Republic of Korea Air Force on their F-16 aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3453. 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 license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture in Mexico of the Common Range Integrated Instrumentation System for end use by the Government of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3454. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the employment of an adequate number of Americans during 2010 by the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3455. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities" (RIN1820-AB59) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3456. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received during adjournment of the Senate

in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3457. A communication from the Special Master, Civil Division, Office of Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010" (RIN1105-AB39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate September 29, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

EC-3458. A communication from the Chairman of the National Health Care Workforce Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the commission's various charges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3459. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Sentinel Initiative launched in May 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3460. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

EC-3461. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2010 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3462. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations for the Enforcement of Federal Health Care Provider Conscience Protection Laws" (RIN0991-AB76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3463. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program; Postponement of Effective Date" (RIN1205-AB61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3464. A communication from the Chairman of the National Council on Disability, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's five-year strategic plan for fiscal years 2012–2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3465. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isopyrazam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8874-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3466. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8884-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3467. 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 "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone

Designations; New Mexico" (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0093) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,

and Forestry.

EC-3468. 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 "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Minnesota'' Designations; (Docket APHIS-2011-0100) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,

EC-3469. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Indiana, Maine, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin' (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0075) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-

EC-3470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Combating Terrorism Activities Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Estimates"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3471. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban

EC-3472. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganization of Title 30" (RIN1010-AD79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3473. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revision" (FRL No. 9476-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee

on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3474. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "California: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9476-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3475. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Determination of Attainment and Determination of Clean Data for the Annual 1997 Fine Particle Standard for the Charleston Area" (FRL No. 9477-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3476. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of 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. 9477-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4. 2011: to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3477. 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 "Procedures for Section 2053 Protective Claims for Refund" (Rev. Proc. 2011-48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3478. 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 on Electing Portability of Deceased Spousal Unused Exclusion Amount" (Notice 2011-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Fi-

nance. EC-3479. 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 "Per Diem Rate Substantiation Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2011-47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3480. 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 "Deduction for Qualified Film and Television Production Costs" (RIN1545-BF94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3481. 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 "2011-2012 Special Per Diem Rates" (Notice No. 2011-81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3482. 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 "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2011– 21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3483. 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 "Nonaccrual-Experience Method of Accounting Book Safe Har-(Rev. Proc. 2011-46) received in the Ofbor' fice of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3484. 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 "Voluntary Classification Settlement Program" (Rev. Proc. 2011-64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3485. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Approaches for Identifying, Collecting, and Evaluating Data on Health Care Disparities in Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on

EC-3486. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Travel Regulation; Terms and Definitions for 'Dependent'. 'Domestic Partner', 'Domestic Partnership', and 'Immediate Family'' (RIN3090-AJ06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3487. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-97 "Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3488. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-154 "Income Tax Secured Bond Authorization Act of 2011": to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3489. A communication from the Chair, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretive Rule on When Certain Independent Expenditures are 'Publicly Disseminated' for Reporting Purposes" (Notice 2011-13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3490. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes To Implement the Prioritized Examination Track (Track I) of the Enhanced Examination Timing Control Procedures Under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act" (RIN0651-AC62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3491. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Standard for Granting an Inter Partes Reexamination Request" (RIN0651-AC61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23. 2011: to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3492. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities regarding civil rights era homicides: to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3493. A communication from the Office Chief, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Expired Temporary Rules Issued'' (Docket No. USCG-2011-0874) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2011: to the Committee on Commerce. Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: