

Mary passed away last month on March 15. I had the honor of presenting Mary's family with a European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars. This decoration represents the gratitude of the Nation she served and the wish that her family continues to share the memories of this courageous woman.●

REMEMBERING DALE JOHNSON

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I would like to honor the life of an extraordinary Coloradan, Dale L. Johnson, who passed away at his Boulder home on February 23, 2012. Known as a legendary mountaineer, businessman, writer, environmentalist, and a dear friend of mine, Dale taught us all to appreciate life, and to take advantage of life's opportunities and challenges especially those on the mountain.

Infamously, one of Dale's early mountain escapades occurred while he was a freshman at the University of Colorado. Unsatisfied that the Colorado School of Mines had an "M" painted into a neighboring mountain and that the University of Colorado had no such "C" painted into the neighboring Flatirons, Dale and his roommates sought to change that.

Under the glow of a full Moon on a mild December night, Dale and his friends, equipped with a 4-inch paint brush and 3 gallons of white paint, ventured up the Third Flatiron and infamously painted a giant white "C" into the ridge. While classmates celebrated the prank, the local authorities did not find the act amusing. Ultimately, the matter was resolved, but the story has never grown old.

For those of us fortunate enough to have known Dale, we know how passionate he was about climbing. In fact, passionate would be an understatement. Dale pioneered seven first ascents, including the Redgarden Wall in Eldorado Canyon, the Second Butte of the North Face of Hallett's Peak, and the South Face of the Matron.

While these achievements would suffice for your typical climber, Dale wasn't satisfied. Through his life, Dale climbed peaks in New Zealand, Peru, Nepal, East Africa, Japan, Italy, and Switzerland. As if his worldly travel and climbing achievements were not enough, Dale famously climbed the Third Flatiron in Boulder, CO in roller skates.

After summiting peaks throughout Colorado and the world, Dale honed in on his inner businessman, inventing Frostline Kits for climbers. With firsthand knowledge of the gear and clothing needs of climbers, Dale developed innovative equipment that was durable, lightweight, and dependable. The kits were an instant success and delivered a product that was previously unavailable to climbers in retail stores.

Throughout his life, Dale also developed an appreciation for flying. He coupled his interest in flight with his love

for the environment by flying over southern Utah's canyons, mesas, ridges, and buttes during the citizens wilderness inventory in the late 1980s to help document Utah's wild lands.

Life is full of challenges and opportunities. Dale taught us all to appreciate each and every day and to always strive for something higher. He impacted the lives of so many, and I feel lucky to have known him and to have called him a friend.●

TRIBUTE TO MRS. GERTRUDE LORIO BEAUFORD

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Mrs. Gertrude Lorio Beauford on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Born to Wilfrid A. Lorio and Eulalie L. Fischer on May 28, 1912, at Ingleside Plantation in Lakeland, LA, Mrs. Beauford is the third oldest of five siblings, two brothers and three sisters. She received her education from St. Joseph's Academy in New Roads and was classmates with former United States Congresswoman Lindy Boggs. Mrs. Beauford then went on to St. Mary's Dominican College and married childhood friend Leonard M. Beauford in 1935. Mr. Beauford worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and their family moved to 18 cities in 9 years before finally settling in New Orleans in 1945.

They were married for 48 years, and their family includes 3 children, Gertrude, Wilfrid, and Kathleen, and 1 grandchild, Judith. Sharing a fondness for traveling, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford visited countries across the world including Japan, Canada, and many more across Europe. In fact, they even traveled south to Antarctica and also went north and crossed the Arctic Circle.

Mrs. Beauford has been an active member of the Louisiana Lions Club, the Jefferson Lions Club, Children's Hospital, the League of Women Voters, the Parent-Teacher Association, and the American Association of University Women. She is also an active member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and committed 18 years of her life to educating young people at McDonough #7 where she taught 5th grade.

Five generations later, Ingleside Plantation is still owned and operated by the Lorio family where sugarcane, soybeans, and wheat continue to be grown. Those closest to her know Mrs. Beauford simply as "Gertie," and she's attributed her long life to keeping busy.

I am proud to honor such an extraordinary member of our community on her 100th birthday and wish Mrs. Beauford many more joyous days, months, and years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the

following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3001. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

H.R. 4040. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

MEASURES REFERRED ON APRIL 16, 2012

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; to the Committee on the Budget.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4040. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolutions were discharged from the Committee on the Budget, pursuant to section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution setting forth the President's budget request for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

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-5583. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within account 21 2020 Operation and Maintenance, Army (OMA), during fiscal year 2010 and was assigned Army case number 11-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5584. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009 Operation and Maintenance Army Reserve, account 21*2080 and was assigned Army case number 11-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5585. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to

a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Account and the Iraq Freedom Fund account during fiscal years 2006 and 2007 and was assigned Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization case number 09-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5586. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Operations and Maintenance, Army, account 2020 during fiscal year 2010 and was assigned Army case number 11-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5587. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Upland Cotton Base Quality" (RIN0560-A116) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5588. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Dealer and Major Swap Participant Recordkeeping, Reporting, and Duties Rules; Futures Commission Merchant and Introducing Broker Conflicts of Interest Rules; and Chief Compliance Officer Rules for Swap Dealers, Major Swap Participants, and Futures Commission Merchants" (RIN3038-AC96) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5589. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acibenzolar-S-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9343-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5590. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Ethyl-1-hexanol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9342-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5591. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligation and expenditure of funds for the implementation of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) program activities (DCN OSS-2012-0462); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5592. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-145, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such as a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5593. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers 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-5594. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Paul S. Stanley, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5595. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5596. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System program exceeding the statutory critical growth threshold; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5597. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost and the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the C-130 AMP program exceeding the Acquisition Program Baseline values; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5598. A communication from the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the Investment Review Board and Investment Management process for Covered Defense Business Systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5599. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a pilot program to provide a skill proficiency bonus to members of a Reserve component participating in critical foreign language or cultural studies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5600. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5601. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Strategic Materials Protection Board and rare earth elements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Cooperative Threat Reduction annual report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5603. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011 Accreditation Report for the Armed Forces Retirement Homes in Washington, DC and Gulfport, MS; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5604. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period August 17, 2011 to February 16, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5606. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Af-

fairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5607. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5608. 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 Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5609. 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 Brazil, Japan, and Panama; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5610. 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 Brazil and Canada; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5611. 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 Russia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5612. 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 various foreign buyers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acquisition of articles, materials, and supplies manufactured outside of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5614. A communication from the Executive Director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of Minority and Women Inclusion Section 342 Annual Report to Congress March 2012"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5615. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions for Security-Based Swaps Issued by Certain Clearing Agencies" (RIN3235-AL16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5616. 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-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5617. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Production Measurement Documents Incorporated by Reference" (RIN1014-AA01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5618. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Reliability Organization Proposal for Protection and Control Reliability Standard" (Docket No. RM11-16-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5619. 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; Colorado; Revisions to New Source Review Rules" (FRL No. 9616-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5620. 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; Colorado; Procedural Rules; Conflicts of Interest" (FRL No. 9640-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5621. 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; Illinois; Leisure Properties LLC/D/B/A Crownline Boats; Adjusted Standard" (FRL No. 9648-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5622. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9333-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5623. 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 "Availability of Electric Power Sources" (Regulatory Guide 1.93, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5624. 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 "Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for Shipping and Receiving of Radioactive Material" (Regulatory Guide 7.7, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5625. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regu-

latory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Sources for Long-Term Recirculation Cooling Following a Loss-of-Coolant Accident" (Regulatory Guide 1.82, Revision 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5626. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area, North Dakota and Minnesota flood risk management project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5627. A communication from the Director of Government Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's Statistical Summary for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5628. A communication from the Senior Advisor for Regulations, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Regulations on Black Lung Benefits" (RIN0960-AH48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5629. 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 "Labeling Imported Wines with Multistate Appellations" (RIN1513-AB58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5630. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to Customs and Border Protection Regulations: Petitions for Relief" (CBP Dec. 1-07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5631. 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 "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Announcement 2012-13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5632. 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 "Fractional Aircraft Ownership Programs Fuel Surtax" (Notice 2012-27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5633. 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" (Announcement 2012-10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5634. 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 "Modification of Notice 2008-40; Deduction for Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings" (Notice 2012-26) received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5635. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2013 and Other Changes" (RIN0938-AQ86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5636. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of Inspector General Medicaid Integrity Program Report for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5637. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an observer at the 65th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5638. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates" (RIN1400-AD06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5639. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Labor Organization Recommendation concerning HIV and AIDS and the World of Work (No. 200), adopted by the 99th session of the International Labor Conference at Geneva; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5640. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Jordan for the delivery and support of two CN-235-100 aircraft modified for armed surveillance/light gunship capabilities for end use by the Jordanian Armed Forces in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5641. A communication from the Presiding Governor, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S.-funded international broadcasting efforts in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5642. 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 "Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Norovirus Serological Reagents" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0165) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5643. 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 "Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Processing,

Packing, or Holding of Drugs; Revision of Certain Labeling Controls” (Docket No. FDA-1997-N-0518) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5644. 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 “Medical Devices; Cardiovascular Devices; Classification of the Endovascular Suture System” (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0091) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5645. A communication from the Chairman of the National Healthcare Workforce Commission, transmitting, a report relative to the status of the Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5646. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “State High Risk Pool Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2010”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5647. A communication from the Ombudsman, Energy Employees Compensation Program, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5648. 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 April 9, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5649. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5650. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation’s fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5651. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5652. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Peace Corps’ fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5653. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Em-

ployee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5654. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5655. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5656. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Annual Report on the Federal Work Force” for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5657. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office’s fiscal year 2011 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5658. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proliferation Security Initiative; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5659. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities carried out by the Family Court during 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5660. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “District of Columbia Agencies’ Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5661. A joint communication from the Chairman and the Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5662. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-335 “Mechanics Lien Amendment Act of 2012”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5663. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-336 “Green Building Compliance, Technical Corrections, and Clarification Amendment Act of 2012”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5664. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-334 “Comprehensive Military and Overseas Voters Accommodation Amendment Act of 2012”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5665. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proliferation Security Initiative budget plan and review for fiscal years 2013-2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5666. 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 Wisconsin Ledge Viticultural Area” (RIN1513-AB82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5667. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s 2011 Freedom of Information Act Litigation and Compliance Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5668. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Jobs Act: Implementation of Conforming and Technical Amendments” (RIN3245-AG15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5669. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Size Standards: Professional, Technical, and Scientific Services” (RIN3245-AG07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5670. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multi-species Fishery; Amendment 17” (RIN0648-BB34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5671. 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 by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XB024) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5672. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment for the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-AY73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5673. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries

Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2012 and 2013 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XA711) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5674. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BB28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5675. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Swordfish Retention Limits" (RIN0648-BA87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5676. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chinook Salmon Bycatch Management in the Bering Sea Pollock Fishery; Economic Data Collection; Correction" (RIN0648-BA80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5677. 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; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB100) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5678. 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; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XB039) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5679. 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 by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB070) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5680. 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 Northeastern United

States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XB026) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5681. 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 Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XB059) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5682. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB077) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5683. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB102) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5684. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB111) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5685. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 50 Feet (15.2 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB112) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5686. A communication from the Chief of Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Unlicensed Personal Communications Service Devices in the 1920-1930 MHz Band" (ET Docket No. 10-97; FCC 12-33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5687. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waybill Data Released in Three-Benchmark Rail Rate Proceedings" (RIN2140-AB01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5688. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (234); Amdt. No. 3469" (RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5689. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the apportionment of membership on the regional fishery management councils; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5690. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 50th Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. 2286. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 2287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for contributions to a trust used to provide need-based college scholarships; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2288. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2289. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to pediatric provisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2290. A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, to reimburse States and units of local government for expenses incurred by the States and units of local government in designing, constructing, and rehabilitating water projects under the jurisdiction of the International Boundary and Water Commission; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2291. A bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2292. A bill to promote accountability, transparency, innovation, efficiency, and