

one of the greatest Nebraskans to ever serve my home State. Chuck's untimely passing has made me look forward even more to reading his labor of love when it is published, and when I do, I will be remembering not only the great J. James Exon, but Charles Pallesen, Jr., as well—on every page and throughout every chapter.

In closing, Chuck Pallesen was a man who will be missed by all who knew him and remembered as an individual who served his community, State and country well. A true statesman, we are all the better for Chuck's countless contributions, his enthusiasm, his dedication, and most of all, his compassion. He was truly a giant among men.●

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President today, I would like to recognize and honor the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in educating our young people throughout our great Nation. This year from January 29 to February 5, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week to recognize the exceptional work of Catholic education programs across the country.

Our Nation's Catholic schools have received international praise for academic excellence and have provided students with lessons that extend far beyond the classroom. These schools have continued to impart comprehensive curriculums that emphasize moral, intellectual, and physical development in young people.

In Louisiana, our Catholic schools maintain high academic standards, foster a healthy learning environment for students, and encourage family involvement in the ongoing education of children.

Today, more than two million students attend Catholic schools in the United States, and Catholic schools nationally graduate 99 percent of students with more than 97 percent pursuing college degrees.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops stated, "Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and building of community. Community is central to education ministry, both as a necessary condition and an ardently desired goal. The educational efforts of the Church, therefore, must be directed to forming persons-in-community; for the education of the individual Christian is important not only to his solitary destiny, but also the destinies of the many communities in which he lives."

This statement not only stresses the importance of education as part of the mission of the Catholic Church, but also the importance of community and schools in shaping our young people as they go out in to the world to become valuable members of society and their community.

This week, we recognize the students, their families, teachers, administra-

tors, all of our parish leaders, and our communities for their efforts to support our Catholic schools and continued achievement towards the education of our young people.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE DEBT LIMIT, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON JANUARY 12, 2012—PM 36

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 12, 2012.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
President of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to section 3101A(a)(2)(A) of title 31, United States Code, I hereby certify that the debt subject to limit is within \$100,000,000,000 of the limit in 31 U.S.C. 3101(b) and that further borrowing is required to meet existing commitments.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 18, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following resolutions:

H. Res. 511. Resolution that Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

H. Res. 513. Resolution that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The message also announced that pursuant to House Resolution 512, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make: Mr.

CANTOR of Virginia and Ms. PELOSI of California.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.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 joint resolution, without amendment:

H.J. Res. 98. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on January 12, 2012.

The message also announced the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors: Mr. Gregory T. Moore of Washington, DC.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 440. An act to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

H.R. 3012. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

The following joint resolutions were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 34. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on January 12, 2012.

H.J. Res. 98. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on January 12, 2012.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 20, 2011, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 278. An act to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

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-4401. 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 11-137, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4402. 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 11-124, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4403. 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 11-120, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4404. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 11-134, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4405. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending September 30, 2011 (DCN OSS 2011-1935); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4406. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Ricky Lynch, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4407. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Peter W. Chiarelli, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4408. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4409. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Carroll F. Pollett, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4410. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the ap-

proved retirement of Vice Admiral Michael C. Vitale, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4411. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4412. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Remington, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4413. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Language Skill Proficiency Bonus program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4414. 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 "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9328-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4415. 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 "Cyhalofop-butyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9330-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4416. 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 "Tepaloxym; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9330-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4417. 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 "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2012 Renewable Fuel Standards" (FRL No. 9614-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4418. A communication from the Acting Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classes of Poultry" (RIN0583-AC83) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4419. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment of Customer Funds and Funds Held in an Account for Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Transactions" (RIN3038-AC79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Decem-

ber 19, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4420. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade" (RIN3038-AD19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4421. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Fiscal Service, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Savings Bonds, Series EE and I" (31 CFR Parts 351, 359, and 363) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4422. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Registration as a Municipal Advisor; Required Amendments; and withdrawal from temporary registration" (RIN3235-AK69) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4423. 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 the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4424. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4425. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4426. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council's report relative to prompt corrective action; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4427. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4428. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4429. 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; State of New

Jersey; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9611-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4430. 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; California; Determinations of Failure to Attain the One-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9612-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4431. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Secondary Lead Smelting" (FRL No. 9610-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4432. 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; State of Kansas: Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9611-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4433. 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; Oregon: New Source Review/Prevention of Significant Deteriorations Rule Revisions and Air Quality Permit Streamlining Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9494-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4434. 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 and Designation of Area for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio and Indiana; Redesignation of the Ohio and Indiana Portions of the Cincinnati-Hamilton 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9610-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4435. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Prepared Feeds Manufacturing; Amendments" (FRL No. 9610-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4436. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Implementation Plans for Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin and Determination for Kansas Regarding Interstate Transport of Ozone" (FRL

No. 9609-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4437. 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; revised Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for the Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, Weirton, and Wheeling 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Areas; correction" (FRL No. 9609-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4438. 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; Oklahoma; Federal Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport of Pollution Affecting Visibility and Best Available Retrofit Technology Determinations" (FRL No. 9608-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4439. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Final Response to Petition From New Jersey Regarding SO₂ Emissions From the Portland Generating Station" (FRL No. 9609-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4440. 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; Delaware; Adhesives and Sealants Rule" (FRL No. 9609-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4441. A communication from the Chief of Consultation, Recovery, HCP and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Listing Protections for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse" (RIN1018-AX93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4442. A communication from the Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Concho Water Snake From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife Removal of Designated Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-AU97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4443. A communication from the Chief of Permits and Regulations, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; States Delegated Falconry Permitting Authority; Technical Corrections to the Regulations" (RIN1018-AX98) received during ad-

journment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4444. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a legislative proposal relative to the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to provide for a price increase for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, popularly known as the Duck Stamp; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4445. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation" (RIN0560-AH97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4446. 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 "Employee Plans Determination Letter Program Changes" (Announcement 2011-82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4447. 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 Revenue Ruling 2011-1" (Notice 2012-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4448. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—January 2012" (Rev. Rul. 2012-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4449. 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 "Section 482: Methods to Determine Taxable Income in Connection with a Cost Sharing Arrangement" (RIN1545-BI46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4450. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Differential Income Streams as a Consideration in Assessing the Best Method" ((RIN1545-BK72) (TD 9569)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4451. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2011-100) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4452. 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 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualifications Requirements" (Notice 2011-97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4453. 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 "Reporting of Specified Foreign Financial Assets" ((RIN1545-BK17) (TD 9567)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4454. 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 "Corporate Reorganizations; Guidance on the Measurement of Continuity of Interest" ((RIN1545-BG15) (TD 9565)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4455. 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 "Tax Return Preparer Penalties Under Section 6695" ((RIN1545-BK16) (TD 9570)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4456. 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 Regarding Foreign Base Company Sales Income" ((RIN1545-BI45) (TD 9563)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4457. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules of Conduct and Standards of Responsibility for Representative" (RIN0960-AH32) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4458. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Child Support Enforcement Program for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4459. 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 "Relief for IRA Owners Subject to Certain Broker Agreements" (Announcement 2011-81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4460. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Competitive Sourcing Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4461. 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 "Ronald Andrew Mayo and Leslie Archer Mayo v. Commissioner, 136 T.C. 81 (2011)" (AOD-2011-06) received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4462. 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 2011-0202–2011-0226); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4463. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, relative to the need for implementing improvements to the current consultation and notifications processes for Foreign Military Sales, Direct Commercial Sales, and changes to U.S. export controls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4464. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to proposed amendments to parts 120, 122, 126, 127, and 129 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4465. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4466. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed revision of the U.S. Munitions List Category XX in part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4467. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed revision of the U.S. Munitions List Category VI in part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4468. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and U.S. civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia (DCN OSS 2011-1936); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4469. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers from the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4470. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Program: 2011 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4471. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Head Start Designation Renewal System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4472. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Policy, Regulations and Procedures Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Implementing the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Recreational Vessels"

(RIN1240-AA02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4473. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mine Safety Disclosure" (RIN3235-AK83) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4474. A communication from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representation-Case Procedures" (RIN3142-AA08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4475. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2010-005, Updated Financial Accounting Standards Board of Accounting References" ((RIN9000-AM00) (FAC 2005-55)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4476. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4477. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-55, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4478. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-55; Introduction" (FAC 2005-55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4479. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2008-032, Preventing Abuse of Interagency Contracts" ((RIN9000-AL69) (FAC 2005-55)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4480. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2010-016, Public Access to the

Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System" ((RIN9000-AL94) (FAC 2005-55)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4481. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2009-043, Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts for Commercial Items" ((RIN9000-AL74) (FAC 2005-55)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4482. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2005-037, Brand-Name Specifications" ((RIN9000-AK55) (FAC 2005-55)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4483. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2011-021, Transition to the System for Award Management (SAM)" ((RIN9000-AM14) (FAC 2005-55)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4484. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost Accounting Standards Pension Harmonization" (48 CFR Part 9904) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4485. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost Accounting Standards Applicability Threshold" (48 CFR Parts 9901 and 9903) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4486. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the District of Columbia Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board From Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 to FY 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4487. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4488. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4489. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-

tration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4490. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Sector Critical Infrastructure Protection Annual Report for the Transportation Systems Sector"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4491. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Sector Critical Infrastructure Protection Annual Report for the Postal and Shipping Sector"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of December 17, 2011, the following reports of committees were submitted on January 13, 2012:

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

S. 114. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-103).

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

S. 140. A bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-104).

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

S. 247. A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-105).

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

S. 264. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-106).

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

S. 302. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in non-wilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-107).

S. 322. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-108).

S. 323. A bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-109).

S. 499. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (Rept. No. 112-110).

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

S. 500. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-111).

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

S. 526. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range (Rept. No. 112-112).

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

S. 667. A bill to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-113).

S. 765. A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-114).

S. 766. A bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-115).

S. 779. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (Rept. No. 112-116).

S. 802. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-117).

S. 883. A bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution (Rept. No. 112-118).

S. 888. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 112-119).

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

S. 896. A bill to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service (Rept. No. 112-120).

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

S. 970. A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 112-121).

S. 1047. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-122).