

him for his efforts to provide future generations of Nevadans the same recreational opportunities we enjoy. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bruce for his commitment to Nevada.●

RECOGNIZING OAKHURST DAIRY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, in honor of June being National Dairy Month, I rise today to recognize Oakhurst Dairy, located in Portland, ME, for supplying New England with essential vitamins and nutrients. Through its sale of refrigerated milk and dairy products, Oakhurst is committed to producing the highest quality goods sourced from over 70 local farms throughout Maine and northern New England.

National Dairy Month began in 1937 in an effort to promote the immense benefits derived from milk and to stabilize the dairy demand during surplus production. Calcium, potassium, protein, and vitamins A and D are just a few of the indispensable nutrients found in dairy products that help reduce the risk for hypertension, osteoporosis, and certain cancers, while also helping improve weight management, muscle tissue repair, and healthy skin. Although this national campaign only lasts for the month of June, the family-owned Oakhurst Dairy is constantly working to increase awareness of the necessity of these nutrients through community integration and product innovation in northern New England.

Stanley Bennett purchased the Portland dairy farm in 1921, naming the company after a grove of Oak trees found nearby. He promised to provide only the freshest quality products to all of his customers and established the trend of supporting the local community and the environment, practices which still hold true today. Oakhurst Dairy embodies the ideals of entrepreneurialism and encourages this spirit in others by resourcing products from small local farms to create their milks, dairy creams, cheeses, and juices. These products are then distributed to a variety of retailers, including chain grocery stores, and small independent grocery stores, and to foodservice outlets such as schools and restaurants.

Oakhurst understands the importance of providing for its employees and in the 1940s became one of the first businesses in southern Maine to initiate company-paid medical insurance and deferred profit-sharing plans. Since that time, Oakhurst has been devoted to providing for the community at all levels. On the corporate level, every year Oakhurst pledges 10 percent of pretax profits to organizations supporting healthy children and a healthy environment. This company also inspires future generations by giving out numerous scholarships for academic achievements and even promotes the future of the milk industry by spon-

soring 4-H dairy program awards given at agricultural fairs. On the individual level, employees are encouraged to donate their time to fundraising events for nonprofit organizations and are often found serving on local boards, dedicating their leadership skills to inspire valuable changes.

The third generation of the Bennett family has continued to keep Oakhurst thriving, which now employs nearly 240 people. In addition to its headquarters in Portland, there are three distribution facilities located in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, each operating to guarantee healthy lives in the communities they serve. Oakhurst Dairy—continuously seeking to improve the dairy industry—has recently began fortifying their products with beneficial additives such as probiotics and Omega-3, which improve digestion, cardiovascular health, and boost immunity. In addition to product innovation, Oakhurst Dairy has made several truly outstanding achievements, including perfect scores from Federal quality and sanitation inspections, and State awards such as the 2011 Maine Restaurant Association's Allied Member of the Year and the 2010 Maine Grocers Association's Vendor of the Year.

In addition, Oakhurst Dairy insists on making green initiatives a top priority in an effort to minimize their impact on the environment. Within the last decade, the company has largely reduced carbon dioxide emissions and offset fuel oil usage by transforming nearly the entire shipping fleet into biodiesel fuel trucks and installing solar panels in several of its facilities. As a means to ensure product safety and customer satisfaction, Oakhurst became one of the first companies in the U.S. to offer financial incentives to partnering farms for abstaining from treating their cows with artificial growth hormones. Oakhurst continues this practice of avoiding growth hormone additives through their trademarked America's First Farmer's Pledge.

Oakhurst Dairy continues to flourish, even in difficult economic times, thanks to its commitment to innovation and service. Year after year, Oakhurst Dairy has cultivated a winning strategy through its tradition of public service, safeguarding the environment, and keeping New England healthy. As a strong advocate for dairy farm protection, I am proud to extend my best wishes to the entire Oakhurst Dairy operation for their continued success.●

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-6480. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Horse Protection Act; Requiring Horse Industry Organizations To Assess and Enforce Minimum Penalties for Violations" (RIN0579-AD43) (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6481. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Selection and Functions of Farm Service Agency State and County Committees" (RIN0560-AG90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6482. 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-6483. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Special Compensation for Members of the Uniformed Services with Catastrophic Injuries or Illnesses Requiring Assistance in Everyday Living Fiscal Year 2012 Report Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6484. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department in the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6485. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6486. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Section 8 Management Assessment Program Lease-Up Indicator" (RIN2577-AC76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6487. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "U.S. Treasury Securities—State and Local Government Series" ((31 CFR Part 344) (Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 3-72)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6488. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prudential Management and Operations Standards" (RIN2590-AA13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6489. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Political Contributions by Certain Investment Advisers: Ban

on Third-Party Solicitation; Extension of Compliance Date” (RIN3235-AK39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6490. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activity Funding Level Report; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6491. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Response to Findings and Recommendations of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) during Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6492. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Management of Nuclear Construction Projects That Exceed \$1 Billion: Impact on Nuclear Safety Culture”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6493. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Washers” (RIN1904-AB90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6494. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Idaho: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Revision” (FRL No. 9684-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6495. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Quality Designations for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Several Counties in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin; Corrections to Inadvertent Errors in Prior Designations” (FRL No. 9682-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6496. 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 Florida: New Source Review Prevention of Significant Deterioration: Nitrogen Oxides as a Precursor to Ozone” (FRL No. 9687-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6497. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Disapproval of ‘Infrastructure’ SIP with Respect to Oxides of Nitrogen as a Precursor to Ozone Provisions and New Source Review Exemptions for Fuel Changes as Major Modifications for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQ” (FRL No. 9685-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6498. 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 “Surrogate Foreign Corporations” (RIN1545-BF47) (TD 9591) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6499. 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 “Extension of Relief and Procedures Under Notice 2010-30 and Notice 2011-16 for Spouses of U.S. Servicemembers Who are Working In or Claiming Residence or Domicile In a U.S. Territory Under the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act” (Notice 2012-41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6500. 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 “Substantial Business Activities” (RIN1545-BK86) (TD 9592) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6501. 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 “Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Materials from Peru” (RIN1515-AD89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a determination pursuant to Section 620H of the FAA, and Section 7021 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Appropriations, 2012 (Div. I, PL. 112-74) regarding U.S. assistance (DCN OSS 2012-0837); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTc 12-011); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period February 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to provisions of Section 7042(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010, as they relate to restrictions on assistance to the central government of Serbia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6506. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting a legislative proposal entitled “Transfer of Naval Vessels to Certain Foreign Recipients”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6507. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension” (RIN1890-AA17) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6508. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to new safety technologies and equipment that have been studied, tested, and certified for use in the mining environment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6509. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Safety and Health in the Congressional Workplace—Report on the 111th Congress Biennial Occupational Safety and Health Inspections”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6510. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area” (RIN3206-AM62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6511. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Political Activity—Federal Employees Residing in Designated Localities” (RIN3206-AM44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6512. A joint communication from the Chairman and the Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6513. A communication from the Chairman and Members of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6514. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6515. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Treasury Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Deborah J. Jeffrey, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

* Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

* Larry V. Hedges, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.