

April 2012, he was inducted as a member of the Coast Guard Academy's Wall of Gallantry.

Commander Moeller has further contributed to our Nation's safety and security as a business executive with Pratt & Whitney. In this capacity, he has furthered the development of the aerospace industry, committed to our national defense by both air and sea.

I invite my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating Commander Moeller on his retirement and remarkable allegiance to the Coast Guard and his country. We wish him great success and thank him for his tremendous service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING RICHARD EARDLEY

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Dick Eardley, who will be remembered as a man who cared deeply about his loved ones and community and worked hard to make a difference on their behalf.

As mayor for more than a decade, he was the longest serving mayor of Boise and was successful in enriching the city. During his time as mayor, he focused on revitalizing the city and worked extensively with business and community leaders to draw more commerce into downtown Boise. Those efforts led later to both a vibrant downtown core and to the development of the Boise Towne Square Mall, preservation of Boise's historic North End, creation of the Boise Arts Commission and bringing the World Center for Birds of Prey to Boise. He was also involved in many other local advancements, including the Greenbelt, the Senior Citizens Center, the parks, and Warm Springs Golf Course.

In addition to his public service, Dick had a career as a newsman. In his hometown of Baker City, OR, Dick worked in radio before moving to Idaho, where he went to work as a reporter covering sports and news for the Idaho Statesman. He then went on to work for KBOI-Channel 2 and KBOI-670. He announced high school sports and worked as a sportscaster and news executive. His reporting and work as city councilman and mayor earned many honors and recognitions.

Dick was an extraordinary individual who moved forward from a modest, Depression-era beginning in pursuit of his dreams. He had an exceptional way of connecting with people, which is likely why he had so many friends and acquaintances who admired and respected him. He had a deep love and devotion for his wife, Pat, of 57 years, who passed away 5 years ago, and he was a caring, giving and supportive father. Dick was also a natural athlete, who played semi-pro baseball and was known for his fondness and knack for golf.

I extend my condolences to Dick's loved ones, including his three sons,

Randy, Rick and Ron; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Dick's example of respectful sincere, humble, benevolent service and hard work will endure.●

GARDEN CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Garden City, SD. The town of Garden City will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Located in Clark County, Garden City was first settled in 1882. However, it was not until 1887 that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad line was built and sparked the official establishment of the town. By the end of 1887, Garden City had a post office, a railroad depot, and a grocery and hardware business. In the years that followed, Garden City became an agricultural center for the area, especially for potatoes. The first potato crop in the Garden City area was planted in the early 1900s. By the 1940s, half a million bushels of potatoes were being harvested from the area each year.

South Dakotans living in the Garden City area have a proud tradition of hard work and remain committed to their strong heritage and traditions. Though many things have changed in the last 125 years, the quality of character of Garden City residents has remained something of which the town should be very proud.

Garden City has been a tight-knit community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and hospitality. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Garden City on this landmark occasion and wish them prosperity in the years to come.●

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 Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13581 ON JULY 24, 2011—PM 57

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within the 90-day period prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2012.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are becoming increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 18, 2012.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6018. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2009. An act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2165. An act to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1959. An act to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6018. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3393. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3401. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily extend tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, to provide for temporary alternative minimum tax relief, to extend increased expensing limitations, and to provide instructions for tax reform.

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-6866. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Increasing the Primary Reserve Capacity and Revising Exemption Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0092; FV12-930-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6867. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0094; FV12-915-1 IR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6868. A communication from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; Applicability to the National Forests in Colorado" (RIN0596-AC74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6869. A communication from the Principal Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6870. A communication from the Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to incentives for recruitment and retention of Army healthcare professionals; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6871. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6872. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brokers or Dealers Engaged in a Retail Forex Business" (RIN3235-AL19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6873. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6874. 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 12-088); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6875. 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 12-074); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6876. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Member, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6877. A communication from the Director, Office of the Whistleblower Protection Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for the Handling of Retaliation Complaints Under Section 219 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008" (RIN1218-AC47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6878. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards; Head Protection" (RIN1218-AC65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6879. 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 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6880. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on Shortfall for Contract Support Costs of Self-Determination Contracts Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6881. 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 12-075, 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 Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

H.R. 4240. A bill to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 3326. A bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

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. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3396. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national campaign to increase public awareness and knowledge of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BURR, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 3397. A bill to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (by request):

S. 3398. A bill to provide for several critical National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (by request):

S. 3399. A bill to authorize studies of certain areas for possible inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 3400. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):