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Jacob is a rising sophomore at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. Currently, he is studying economics and statistics. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jacob for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOSE GAUDET

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jose Gaudet, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Jose is a graduate of the Citadel and in 2010 enrolled in the Institute of World Politics, IWP, in Washington, DC, to receive a master's in international relations with a focus on the Middle East and South Asia. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jose for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KRYSTOFER HENRY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Krystofer Henry, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Krystofer is a rising sophomore at Brevard Community College in Florida. Currently, he is pursuing a degree in business administration with a minor in leadership. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Krystofer for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE MENDY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Stephanie Mendy, a 2012 legal extern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Stephanie is a graduate of Florida International University in Miami, FL. Currently, Stephanie is in her third year of law school at American University in Washington, DC. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Stephanie

for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEX MIEHLS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Alex Miehl, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Alex is a graduate of University of Canton in Canton, OH. Alex also served Ohio as the vice chairman of the Ohio College Republican Federation. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Alex for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COLIN MILON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Colin Milon, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Colin is a rising junior at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. Currently, he is majoring in political science and minoring in history. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Colin for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO AUDREY PARANKA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Audrey Paranka, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Audrey is a rising junior at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Currently, Audrey is majoring in politics. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Audrey for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TATIANA PINO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Tatiana Pino, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Tatiana is a rising junior at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL.

Currently, she is majoring in international affairs and minoring in economics and psychology. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Tatiana for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE STATON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Michelle Staton, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Michelle is a senior at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, FL. Currently, she studies political science and international relations. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michelle for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL VAZQUEZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Vazquez, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Michael is a rising junior at Villanova University in Villanova, PA. Currently, he is a philosophy and humanities double major, enrolled in the Honors College. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michael for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:39 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. 325. An act to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 325. An act to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, 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-136. 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 "Approved Tests for Bovine Tuberculosis in Cervids" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0087) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-137. 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 "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-138. 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; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" (29 CFR Part 4022) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-139. 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; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-140. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (RIN0583-AD05) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-141. A communication from the Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Report for 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-142. A communication from the Executive Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-143. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial integrity for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-144. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3356-EM in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-145. A communication from the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-146. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitions initiated or conducted in fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-147. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report relative to compliance with the Sunshine Act for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-148. A communication from the Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-149. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Report of the United States Government"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-150. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-151. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Under Section 319 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-152. A communication from the Chair of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Panel's annual report for 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-153. A communication from the Acting Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resumption of the Population Estimates Challenge Pro-

gram" (RIN0607-AA51) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-154. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Capital Investment Projects" (RIN2132-AB02) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-155. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tignall, Georgia)" (MB Docket No. 12-237; RM-11672) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-156. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Maysville, Georgia)" (MB Docket No. 12-270; RM-11676) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-157. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Westley, California)" (DA 12-1976) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-158. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hebronville, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 11-38; RM-11621) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-159. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support" (DA 12-1777) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-160. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum and Adopt Service Rules and Procedures to Govern the Use of Vehicle-Mounted Earth Stations in Certain Frequency Bands Allocated to the Fixed Satellite Service" ((IB Docket No. 07-101) (FCC 13-1)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-161. A communication from the 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