

Andrew was selected out of a pool of 2,500 applicants from all 50 States, and is clearly one of Alabama's most talented young musicians. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and also plays the violin, cello, and piano. He hopes to one day pursue a career as a bass player for a symphony orchestra.

This talented young man will be the only Alabamian in the orchestra, as well as one of only 10 bassists selected. I am proud to represent a State that is home to promising young individuals such as Andrew, who are committed to displaying excellence in their education and the arts.

Further, I wish Andrew Downs all the best as he embarks on his journey playing with the National Youth Orchestra. This is a true honor bestowed upon a very deserving student.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HANNAH MUDD

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Hannah Mudd, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Hannah is a graduate of St. Vincent de Paul High School in Perryville, MO. Currently, she is attending Saint Mary's College, where she is majoring in political science and history. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO KARINA KIEWEL

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Karina Kiewel, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Karina is a graduate of Dakota Valley High School in North Sioux City, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of Kansas, where she is majoring in political science and environmental studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 888. A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

#### 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-1378. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Liquidity and Funding" (RIN3052-AC54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1379. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0075) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1380. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updates to the List of Plant Inspection Stations" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0099) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1381. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dinotefuran; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 9384-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1382. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9384-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1383. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Requirements for Antimicrobial Pesticides" (FRL No. 8886-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1384. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Carol M. Pottenger, United States Navy Reserves, and her advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1385. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on Vulnerability Assessments for Fiscal Year 2012 and Military Construction Requirements for the Then-Current Future Years Defense Plan"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1386. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1387. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1388. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Statement on System of Internal Controls, audited financial statements, Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1389. 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 Kuwait; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1390. 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 Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1391. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order Imposing Recordkeeping and Reporting Obligations on Certain U.S. Financial Institutions with Respect to Transactions Involving Halawi Exchange Co. as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern" (RIN1506-AA63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1392. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order Imposing Recordkeeping and Reporting Obligations on Certain U.S. Financial Institutions with Respect to Transactions Involving Kassem Rmeiti and Co. for Exchange as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern" (RIN1506-AA63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1393. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1394. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management

Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1395. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags Rules" (RIN3235-AL26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1396. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 management reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1397. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the North Slope Science Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1398. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1399. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Segregation of Lands—Renewable Energy" (RIN1004-AE19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1400. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide: Draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Class VI Well Plugging, Post-Injection Site Care, and Site Closure Guidance"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1401. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada" (FRL No. 9806-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1402. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances—Fire Suppression and Explosion Protection" (FRL No. 9800-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1403. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available Monitoring Method Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category" (FRL No. 9806-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2013; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1404. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Ethoxylated, Propoxylated Diamine Diaryl Substituted Phenylmethane Ester with Alkenylsuccinate, Dialkylethanolamine Salt" (FRL No. 9885-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1405. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Georgia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9806-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1406. 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; Texas; Revisions to Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds from Stationary Sources" (FRL No. 9808-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1407. 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; Texas; Approval of Texas Low Emission Diesel Fuel Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9808-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1408. 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; Indiana; Consent Decree Requirements" (FRL No. 9809-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1409. A communication from the Acting United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report relative to the inclusion of Japan in the ongoing negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1410. 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 from the Anti-cutback Requirements of 411(d)(6) for Certain ESOP Amendments" (Notice 2013-17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1411. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report concerning military assistance and military exports, including defence articles and defense services which were licensed for export under Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(OSS-2013-0590); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1412. 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 13-053, 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.

EC-1413. 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 13-033, 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.

EC-1414. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-052); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1415. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## 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. MERKLEY:

S. 891. A bill to increase the employment of Americans by requiring State workforce agencies to certify that employers are actively recruiting Americans and that Americans are not qualified or available to fill the positions that the employer wants to fill with H-2B nonimmigrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 892. A bill to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 893. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 894. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend expiring authority for work-study allowances for individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand such authority to certain outreach