

(2) The number of alleged violations that were dismissed—

(A) For lack of subject matter jurisdiction or in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist: 36.

(B) Because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion: 8.

(3) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry: 5. The figure includes two matters from the previous calendar year carried into 2012.

(4) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry that resulted in an adjudicatory review: 0.

(5) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee dismissed the matter for lack of substantial merit: 1.

(6) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee issued private or public letters of admonition: 2.

(7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction: 0.

(8) Any other information deemed by the Committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the previous year:

In 2012, the Committee staff conducted three new Member ethics training sessions; 33 Member and committee office campaign briefings; 18 employee code of conduct training sessions; 11 Member, spouse, and employee STOCK (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge) Act briefings; eight public financial disclosure seminars and clinics; 24 ethics seminars and customized briefings for Member DC offices, state offices, and Senate committees; six private sector ethics briefings; and 15 international briefings.

In 2012, the Committee staff handled approximately 9,616 telephone inquiries and 2,097 email inquiries by email for ethics advice and guidance.

In 2012, the Committee wrote approximately 761 ethics advisory letters, including 576 letters regarding travel and gifts matters (Senate Rule 35) and 113 letters regarding conflict of interest matters (Senate Rule 37).

In 2012, the Committee received and reviewed approximately 3,142 Periodic Disclosure of Financial Transactions reports filed by Members, officers, and employees of the Senate.

In 2012, the Committee issued 3,259 advisory letters concerning financial disclosure filings by Senators, staff, and Senate candidates and reviewed 1,915 reports.

UNITED STATES-INDIA RELATIONS

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam President, I rise today to speak on the importance of United States-India relations. President Obama recognizes this valuable partnership, hosting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at his first state dinner in 2009 and traveling to India in 2010. As President Obama begins his second term, it is vital that the United States remain committed to deepening our strategic partnership with India. In the coming decades, United States-India relations will be among the world's most important.

It is clear that United States-India cooperation on commercial and security initiatives over the past decade has resulted in greater opportunity for

both nations. United States bilateral trade with India has increased 4½ times in the last 10 years, and India is now one of the fastest growing export markets for the United States. Last year, India became the world's third largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity. In 2005, the United States and India signed a 10-year defense framework agreement which has greatly expanded bilateral security cooperation between our nations. India now conducts more defense exercises and personnel exchanges with the United States than with any other country.

As the world's largest democracy, India shares with the United States a strong commitment to representative government and the rule of law, but these are not the only values that bind us. It is my hope that the United States will continue to pursue a course with India that promotes collaboration on security, encourages civic engagement and open governance, and expands bilateral trade and investment. I look forward to a strong United States-India relationship for years to come.

TERRY SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BURR. Madam President, I am very proud to extend my recognition and congratulations to Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville, NC, in celebration of its 100th anniversary. As the oldest high school in Cumberland County, Terry Sanford High School continually strives to provide a global and multicultural educational experience to its students and its community.

The school originally opened its doors in 1913 as Fayetteville High School. In 1968, the school was renamed Terry Sanford High School after the late Senator James Terry Sanford, who served as the 65th Governor of North Carolina before going on to honorably serve in this body for 7 years.

The students, faculty, and staff at Terry Sanford High School are led by Principal David Haggerty, and all continue to reflect the proud accomplishments of the Fayetteville community. Throughout the last century, the school has served as a springboard for students interested in the successful pursuit of a variety of academic fields. It has been recognized for its diverse student body, globally focused education, and ability to prepare students for future successes.

Additionally, the school's academic rigor sets it apart from others like it. Its School of Global Studies offers courses that encourage global awareness among students and cultural and social growth. During a time of such increasing globalization, academic institutions such as Terry Sanford High School are invaluable in our efforts to prepare our children for achievement in a 21st century world.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Terry Sanford High School in

Fayetteville, NC, for serving as a pioneer for secondary education in Cumberland County and for continuing to uphold such high academic standards in its work to educate its students and community. May Terry Sanford High School's outstanding reputation for an engaging and enriching education be recognized and appreciated by the citizens of North Carolina and this Congress.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ED WATERSTREET

• Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, on February 9, theater lovers and performers will come together at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City, CA, to honor Ed Waterstreet, the retiring founding artistic director of Deaf West Theater.

Mr. Waterstreet founded the Deaf West Theater in 1991 with the goal of establishing the first permanent, resident American Sign Language theater company on the west coast. Ed began—as he puts it—“with only one chair, one desk and a typewriter in an office space shared with and donated by the Fountain Theater in Hollywood.” From those humble beginnings, he inspired and led the creation of a theater company that has produced 40 plays and 4 musicals, and has won more than 80 theater awards. Deaf West Theater's production of “Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” opened in North Hollywood and ended up in New York City, earning two Tony nominations and a Tony honor for excellence in theater. Equally important, he succeeded in creating a theater whose productions are fully accessible to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as others.

I have had the pleasure of attending both “Big River” and other Deaf West performances and, let me tell you, it is a thrilling and unique experience. Productions are presented in American Sign Language, with simultaneous sign-to-voice translation for hearing members of the audience. As Ed explains: “Our deaf audiences can have the pleasure of watching the story unfold in our native American Sign Language. And on the other side of the coin, our hearing audiences have the customary theater experience, enhanced by the visual expressiveness of American Sign Language.”

Ed Waterstreet has had a long and distinguished career in theater. Before founding Deaf West Theater, he was a long-time member of the National Theater for the Deaf. His Hollywood acting credits include the Emmy-winning 1985 drama “Love Is Never Silent.” Throughout his more than two decades at the helm of Deaf West Theater, he has been dedicated to expanding opportunities for deaf artists. And he has pioneered innovative approaches to integrating nonhearing and hearing performers in stage productions.

Ed is now retired from Deaf West Theater, but he is by no means retiring. He says, "The theater is still my baby." He plans to remain actively involved, as Deaf West continues to strive toward its goal of providing an exhilarating theatrical experience for all audiences, regardless of hearing or signing ability.

Regrettably, it will not be possible for me to join with Ed's many other admirers as they come together to honor him next month in California. But I, too, want to express my great respect for Ed Waterstreet's excellence as a performer and artistic leader, and for his passionate commitment to creating new opportunities for aspiring deaf performers not only on stage but also in film and television. I wish Ed and his wife, Linda Bove, all the very best in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRED HAWTHORNE

● Mr. BLUNT. Madam President, today I wish to honor Dr. Fred Hawthorne, who recently was named as a recipient of the National Medal of Science for his important research involving the use of the chemical element boron in the treatment of cancer, arthritis, and other diseases. On February 1, 2013, Dr. Hawthorne will be one of only 22 recipients from across the country receiving the award from President Obama in a ceremony at the White House. This recognition certainly is well-deserved.

As the director of the International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine at the University of Missouri, as well as the Curators' Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Radiology, Dr. Hawthorne has pioneered the field of boron research throughout his impressive career. The National Medal of Science, the highest award the country can bestow upon our scientists, is a fitting recognition of his critically important and innovative work.

Having grown up in Missouri and Kansas, Fred Hawthorne enrolled in 1944 as a chemical engineering student at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, now the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Hawthorne later transferred to Pomona College in California, where he completed his degree in chemistry. In 1953, he earned his Ph.D. from UCLA for his work in organic chemistry. In the following years, Hawthorne's work took him across the country—from Iowa to Alabama, Pennsylvania to Massachusetts—before returning him to UCLA in 1969, where he continued his groundbreaking research for more than 37 years.

Upon retiring from his academic career at UCLA in 2009, Hawthorne returned once again to Missouri to help build MU's International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine. Thanks to Hawthorne's direction, this research center is an international leader in the field of boron neutron capture therapy, the cell-selective radiation method he

helped pioneer. His work has shown incredible promise in developing noninvasive treatments for cancer and other diseases. As a cancer survivor myself, I am especially grateful for the treatments Dr. Hawthorne is exploring to help the many people whom the disease affects.

Fred Hawthorne's years of dedicated research certainly have made lasting contributions to the fields of science and medicine. I thank him again for his important work and congratulate him on this hard-earned recognition.●

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 the Judiciary.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 201. A bill to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt.

S. 204. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

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-239. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Styrene-2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9367-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-240. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Pyrrolidone, 1-ethenyl-, polymer with ethenol; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9376-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-241. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alpha-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Toler-

ances" (FRL No. 9376-1A) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-242. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for sporting events during calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-243. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-244. 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 January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-245. 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-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-246. 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-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-247. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Money Penalty Amounts" (RIN2501-AD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-248. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, Test Procedures for Roof Trusses" (RIN2502-A172) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-249. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Exemptions for Security-Based Swaps" (RIN3235-AL17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-250. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-251. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant