

Staffer Pratt, who was one of the women who secured the homestead. New Effington has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The community of New Effington has much to be proud of and I am confident that New Effington's success will continue well into the future.

New Effington commemorated the centennial anniversary of its founding with celebrations held from July 5 through July 7 which featured events such as an Alumni Day, Centennial 5K run, parade, and fireworks display. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of New Effington on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued 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. Williams, 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.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1315. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

S. 1316. A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

H.R. 1911. To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1334. A bill to establish student loan interest rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1335. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1336. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office.

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-2303. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual reports of the Attorney General relative to enforcement actions taken by the Department of Justice under the Lobbying Disclosure Act for the periods beginning on January 1, 2011, and July 1, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to the List of Validated End-Users in the People's Republic of China: Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd. and Advance Micro-Fabrication Equipment, Inc., China" (RIN0694-AF93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2305. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating the Prohibition Against General Solicitation and General Advertising in Rule 506 and Rule 144A Offerings" (RIN3235-AL34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2306. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions" (RIN3235-AL19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2307. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Supervised Investment Bank Holding Company Rules" (RIN3235-AL35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2308. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of 'Predominantly Engaged in Activities That Are Financial in Nature or Incidental Thereto'" (RIN3064-AD73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2309. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2012 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligation and expenditure of funds for the implementation of Cooperative Threat Reduction activities (DCN OSS-2013-1046); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2311. A communication from the Acting 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 Dryers and Room Air Conditioners" (RIN1904-AC98) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2312. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (Docket No. WY-043-FOR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2313. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Section 274b Agreements with States" (Management Directive 5.8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Kansas; Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9833-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Sacramento Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 9833-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2316. 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; New York State Ozone Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9830-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Additional Qualifying Renewable Fuel Pathways under the Renewable Fuel Standard Program; Final Rule Approving Renewable Fuel Pathways for Giant Reed (*Arundo Donax*) and Napier Grass (*Pennisetum Purpureum*)" (FRL No. 9822-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2318. 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; State of Colorado; Second Ten-Year PM10 Maintenance Plan for Canon City" (FRL No. 9832-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2319. 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; Approval of 'Infrastructure' SIP with respect to Source Impact Analysis Provisions for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9832-4) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2320. 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; Redesignation of the Indianapolis Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9832-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2321. 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 for North Carolina: Partial Withdrawal" (FRL No. 9831-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2322. 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 for Georgia: Partial Withdrawal" (FRL No. 9831-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2323. 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; New Mexico; Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9831-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2325. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Essential Health Benefits in Alternative Benefit Plans, Eligibility Notices, Fair Hearing and Appeal Processes, and Premiums and Cost Sharing; Exchanges: Eligibility and Enrollments" (RIN0938-AR04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification that a report relative to the Palestinian Authority with respect to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is not required; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2327. A communication from the Executive Director, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2328. Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligation and expenditure of funds for the implementation of the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2329. 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 13-106); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2330. 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 13-094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2331. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0119–2013-0126); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2332. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2333. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Meeting Rooms and Public Spaces" (RIN3095-AB77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2217. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-77).

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1329. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-78).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

*Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2017.

*Jason Furman, of New York, to be a Member and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

*Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2019.

*Kara Marlene Stein, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2017.

*Michael Sean Piwowar, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2018.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Colin Stirling Bruce, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Sara Lee Ellis, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Andrea R. Wood, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Madeline Hughes Haikala, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1318. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COATS, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1319. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy to conduct a fuel system requirements harmonization study, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1320. A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1321. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that the President's annual budget submission to Congress list the current fiscal year spending level for each proposed program and a separate amount for any proposed spending increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1322. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1323. A bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs