

fellow citizens of Illinois, and proudly producing more than any other Kraft plant in the country. From the time it opened in 1963, this facility has grown in both size and production. For generations, millions of Americans have enjoyed the products made in Champaign, from Miracle Whip and Velveeta, to Kraft Singles and Cheese Whiz. The plant continues to expand its output, with new varieties of pasta, dressing and cheese being added to their production line in 2012, and earlier this year, Kraft chose to dedicate their entire Velveeta production to this single facility.

The Kraft Foods Group has called Illinois home since its founding in 1903, and Champaign has been a critical part of this company for more than half of that time. Kraft has so greatly contributed to Champaign's economic climate, helping to make the city this plant calls home a great place to live and work. Likewise, the people of Champaign helped make Kraft great. Our State is proud of all that Kraft produces, but we are especially proud of the ingenuity, industry, and drive that this plant's workers have embodied for 50 years. It is clear that because Kraft's Champaign employees have been dedicated to achieving success, this plant has continued to thrive after half a century.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Kraft Foods Group on reaching this incredible milestone and honoring the employees at their acclaimed flagship plant.●

REMEMBERING "AUNTY" MARY BOURDUKOFSKY

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to pay my respects to an Aleut elder and spiritual leader, "Auntie" Mary. It is with a heavy heart I say that Mary-Nicolai Bourdukofsky, age 90, passed away on June 2, 2013 in Anchorage, AK.

"Auntie" Mary was a dedicated leader and fought to preserve the Aleut culture, language and traditions by the formation of the Aleut Dancers, sharing her knowledge of Aleut songs and stories, and native food preparation. She participated in educating youth and leaders in various venues including the Pribilof, Unalaska and Sand Point Aleut Culture Camp and the Anchorage Aleut culture camp. She worked with the Alaska Federation of Natives, AFN, Youth and Elders and served as an AFN delegate for many years. "Auntie" Mary also assisted with developing the Aleut culture exhibits at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the Smithsonian Institution's Alaska Native Collections. Additionally she was honored as 2004 Aleut Corporation Elder of the Year. As a lifelong educator of traditional knowledge, she understood the importance of western education; she was one of the first women on the school board in St. Paul Island and later taught at the Univer-

sity of Alaska (both Fairbanks and Anchorage) and at Alaska Pacific University. "Auntie" Mary was a positive role model for all. She was the heart and soul of the family and the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island. She was also a proud shareholder of TDX, the St. Paul Village Corporation.

Mary Bourdukofsky was born January 9, 1923 on St. Paul Island to Nicolai and Olga Kozloff. Her role as natural leader began at an early age when she lost her own mother during childbirth and stepped up to help raise her three siblings. In 1939 she married George Bourdukofsky, and they had seven beautiful children. Despite being stricken by TB at birth and losing one of her sons to polio, she pressed on and grew into a well-respected community leader, advocating for equal rights and fair treatment of her fellow Aleut people.

During World War II, her family and the rest of the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island were forced from their homes and placed in internment at Funter Bay, AK. While all the Aleut men left as they volunteered to join the war effort, she led female advocates in filing a petition with the U.S. Government about the inhumane and unlivable conditions they were being forced to live in, knowing all the while that the Island managers had threatened them all with expulsion from their homes back on St. Paul forever if they complained. Some 50 years later she testified before the U.S. Congress, seeking an apology and retribution for how she and her fellow Aleut U.S. citizens were mistreated during WWII.

On behalf of the Senate I extend condolences to Mary's family, the Aleut community and every life she touched through her tireless advocacy. "Auntie" Mary was a truly remarkable individual, and I am proud to honor her as the outstanding leader that she was.●

HOME HELPERS OF EASTERN IDAHO

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, independence and self-sufficiency are two characteristics of adulthood that many of us simply take for granted. However, as we age, oftentimes we need a helping hand to accomplish daily tasks or deal with medical ailments. Teresa Nelson, owner of Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho and a certified senior adviser, recognizes the value of independent living and, through her hard work, has greatly contributed to the rich and full life of many Idahoans. I rise today to honor Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho located in Pocatello, ID.

Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho specializes in the at-home nonmedical care of our senior citizens and facilitates independent living. However, Home Helpers doesn't stop there. The over 50 employees and caregivers at Home Helpers also are available to assist new and expectant mothers, working parents, and individuals who are in

need of recuperative home care with flexible schedules and cheerful attendants. The personal touch that accompanies each care plan makes each experience unique and maximizes the level of comfort and care available to those in need.

Conscious of the individual needs and distinct situation of each and every client, Teresa Nelson and her team at Home Helpers strive to deliver a custom-tailored plan for each circumstance. From treatment needs to payment plans, the caregivers at Home Helpers use their flexibility and expertise to increase the quality of life of all that they work with.

For over 3½ years, Home Helpers has assisted many families and individuals through challenging times. Therefore, it is only fitting that we celebrate this firm's growth and successes, as they have simultaneously helped support our loved ones and create health care jobs in Idaho. I am proud to extend my congratulations to Teresa Nelson and everyone at Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho for their tremendous efforts and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

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.)

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-2424. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during Calendar Year 2012 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2425. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two determinations made by the Financial Stability Oversight Council on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2426. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mancozeb; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9393-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Imazosulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9390-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2429. 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 Hazard Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2430. 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-2012-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2431. 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; Tennessee: New Source Review-Prevention of Significant Deterioration” (FRL No. 9837-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2432. 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; West Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference” (FRL No. 9828-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2433. 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; Wisconsin; Disapproval of PM2.5 Permitting Requirements” (FRL No. 9838-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2434. 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 State Implementation Plans; State of North Dakota; Interstate Transport of Pollution for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS” (FRL No. 9839-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administrative Revisions to EPAAR” (FRL No. 9837-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2436. 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 Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Requirements” (FRL No. 9838-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2437. 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 State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for PM2.5 Increments and Major and Minor Source Baseline Dates; State Board Requirements; North Dakota” (FRL No. 9839-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2438. 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; North Carolina; Control Techniques Guidelines and Reasonably Available Control Technology” (FRL No. 9835-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2439. 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; Atlanta, Georgia 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reasonable Further Progress Plan” (FRL No. 9837-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2440. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inflation Adjustments to the Price-Anderson Act Financial Protection Regulations” (RIN3150-AJ25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2441. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Enforcement Policy for Permanent Implant Brachytherapy Medical Event Reporting” (NRC-2013-0114) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2442. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Effective Date for Temporary Pilot Program Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing Before an Administrative Law Judge” (RIN0960-AH58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2443. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program” (RIN0960-AH56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2444. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mailing of Tickets Under the Ticket to Work Program” (RIN0960-AH34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2445. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration during Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Final Rule” (RIN0625-AA66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2446. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of restrictions on U.S. assistance for several governments that were triggered by either the transfer of, or facilitation of the transfer of, lethal military equipment to state sponsor of terrorism (OSS-2013-1091); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2447. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-079, 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-2448. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-089, 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-2449. 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 13-097); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2450. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-093); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2451. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2452. 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 2013-0127–2013-0135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2453. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exclusion of Orphan Drugs for Certain Covered Entities Under 340B Program” (RIN0906-AA94)

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2454. A communication from the Program Manager, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Reference Biological Standards and Biological Preparations" (RIN0920-AA53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2455. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Disability in Rural Areas" (CFDA No. 84.133B-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2456. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Services Block Grant (CCSBG) Program Report for Fiscal Year 2009"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2457. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority's (Trading As Events DC) Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2458. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians' comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2459. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2460. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-107, "Extension of Time to Dispose of Justice Park Property Temporary Approval Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2461. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-108, "Foster Youth Transit Subsidy Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2462. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-110, "Better Prices, Better Quality, Better Choices for Health Coverage Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2463. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 20-109, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2464. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-111, "YMCA Community Investment Initiative Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1371. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-80).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1372. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-81).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

*Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

By Mr. BAUCUS from the Committee on Finance.

*F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2020.

*Joseph W. Nega, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen 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.

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, Mr. HATCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1362. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1363. A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules

that are estimated to cost more than \$1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1364. A bill to promote neutrality, impartiality, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1365. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for fair application of the exceptions process for drugs in tiers in formularies in prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1366. A bill to modify the appointment of Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1367. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1368. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 1369. A bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1370. A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 1371. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1372. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1373. A bill to increase access to refinancing for homeowners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1374. A bill to allow traditional foods to be served at public facilities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1375. A bill to require a portion of closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage