

Edith loves animals and plants, and is a vegetarian, although I have been told she refuses to admit it. If there is any connection between eating beans and longevity, she is living proof. She does not take any medications, and has only visited a doctor two times in more than 100 years.

Edith lives at home with her daughter but even at 102, still cares for herself. Her daughter provides care for other elders less blessed with good health than her 102-year-old mother.

I would like to thank Edith for her service to the Commonwealth's seniors, and wish her a very happy birthday.●

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-5026. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-181); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5027. A communication from the 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 14-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5028. A communication from the 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 13-167); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5029. A communication from the 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 13-184); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5030. A communication from the 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 13-162); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5031. A communication from the 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 13-185); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5032. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance for Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5034. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5035. A communication from the Acting 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 2014-0014-2014-0019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5036. A communication from the Prime Minister, Kurdistan Regional Government, transmitting, a request that the Obama Administration remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) from the Foreign Terrorist Organizations list; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5037. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Access to NEH Records Under the Freedom of Information Act" (RIN3136-AA32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5038. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Benzoic Acid" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-1100) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5039. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drug Applications; Confidentiality of Data and Information in a New Animal Drug Application File" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0108) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5040. 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 "Basic Health Program: State Administration of Basic Health Programs . . . Trust Fund and Financial Integrity" (RIN0938-AR93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5041. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Care Management Performance (MCMP) Demonstration"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5042. A communication from the Program Manager, Department of Health and

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2015" (RIN0938-AR89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5043. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0002; FV14-932-1 IR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5044. 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 "Importation of Potatoes From Mexico" ((RIN0579-AD78) (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0037)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5045. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Agency's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5046. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5047. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018 and the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2013 and Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2014-2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5048. A communication from the Chief Human Resources Officer, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Postal Service's fiscal year 2013 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-5049. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's Strategic Plan for 2014-2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5050. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the No FEAR Act for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5051. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5052. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Director's Semiannual Report to Congress on Management Decisions for the periods from April 1,

2012 through September 30, 2012, October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, and April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5053. 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 "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the June 2013 Australia Group (AG) Plenary Meeting and the December 2012 AG Inter-Sessional Decisions" (RIN0694-AG04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5054. 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-044-FOR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5055. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN 1029-AC67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5056. 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-3366-EM in the State of West Virginia having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5057. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-291, "Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Support Technical Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5058. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-292, "Vending Regulations Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5059. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-300, "Classroom Animal for Education Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5060. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5061. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5062. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5063. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5064. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5065. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5066. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Amendment to the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Regulations" (RIN2577-AC91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5067. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of federal district courts with documentation submission requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5068. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the third quarter of fiscal year 2013 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5069. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Arms, Ammunition and Defense Articles—Removal of Certain Defense Articles Currently on the U.S. Munitions Import List That No Longer Warrant Import Control Under the Arms Export Control Act" (RIN1140-AA45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5070. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014 through 2019; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5071. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Dental Insurance Program—Federalism" (RIN2900-AO85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5072. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program: Changes Related to the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012" (RIN2900-AO87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 404. A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (Rept. No. 113-140).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1044. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (Rept. No. 113-141).

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. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2184. A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in The Dalles, Oregon, as the "Loren R. Kaufman Memorial Veterans' Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2185. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2186. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum Medicare payment rate for primary care services furnished by primary care physicians; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2187. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program; to the Committee on Finance.