

As the saying goes, all politics is local. The foundations of our democratic system do not lie in the Halls of the Capitol but in the neighborhoods and cities spread across our great country. The critical progress we must make as a nation only occurs when groups of dedicated citizens selflessly contribute their time and efforts toward improving the lives of their families and communities. Domingo was one of these committed citizens.

As a resident of Union City, Domingo chose to give back to his neighbors through the political process. He spent many hours organizing neighborhoods and people in support of issues he believed would make his city and State a better place for people to live and work. Domingo did the hard, behind-the-scenes job of organizing communities at the grassroots level. I am eternally grateful for the effort Domingo gave on my behalf; it is because of his loyal public service that I am able to do my work on behalf of the citizens of New Jersey today.

My thoughts and prayers are with Domingo's family at this difficult time. I am proud to have called Domingo a friend. Though he may have passed, the goodness he brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten. ●

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S. 1, THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE APPROVAL ACT—PM 6

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 1, the "Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act." Through this bill, the United States Congress attempts to circumvent longstanding and proven processes for determining whether or not building and operating a cross-border pipeline serves the national interest.

The Presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously. But I also take seriously my responsibility to the American people. And because this act of Congress conflicts with established executive branch procedures and cuts short thorough consideration of issues that could bear on our national interest—including our security, safety, and environment—it has earned my veto.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 24, 2015.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 13, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a

message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on February 12, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 534. A bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

S. 535. A bill to promote energy efficiency.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 24, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

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-644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9922-07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9921-89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-646. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-647. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management

Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-648. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy, Plans and Programs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-649. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-650. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-651. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 FAIR Act Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-652. 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 "Section 501(c)(29) Organization Application Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2015-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-653. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1515-AD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-654. 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 "Gracia v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-147" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-655. 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 "Estate of Martinez v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-150" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-656. 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 "Price v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-149" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-657. 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 "Mirarchi v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-148" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-658. 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 "Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2014" (Notice 2015-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-659. 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 "New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds" (Notice 2015-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-660. 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 "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Passenger Automobiles First Placed in Service or Leased in 2015" (Notice 2015-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-661. 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 for Certain Participants in Section 414(d) Governmental Plans" (Notice 2015-07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-662. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments Related to: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards, Nonroad Engine and Equipment Programs and MARPOL Annex VI Implementation" ((RIN2060-AS36) (FRL No. 9922-31-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-663. 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; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle-York Nonattainment Areas to Attainment for the 1997 Annual and the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction" (FRL No. 9922-32-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-664. 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's Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan of the West Virginia Portion of the Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Correction" (FRL No. 9921-31-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-665. 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; American Samoa" (FRL No. 9922-86-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-666. 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; Guam" (FRL No. 9923-01-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-667. 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 Dakota; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport of Pollution Affecting Visibility and Regional Haze; Reconsideration" (FRL No. 9922-80-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-668. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations; Nonattainment Permitting Requirements and Chapter 3, General Emission Standards" (FRL No. 9922-24-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-669. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9921-51-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-670. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; DISPOSAL OF COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES" ((RIN2050-AE81) (FRL No. 9919-44-OSWER)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-671. A communication from the Deputy Director, Administration for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program" (RIN0985-AA08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-672. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Technical Collection for the New START Treaty (OSS-2015-0137); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-673. 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 13-114); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-674. 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 14-152); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 527. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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. UDALL (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 536. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 537. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 538. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of longer combination vehicles on the Interstate System in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 539. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 540. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 541. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 542. A bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. INHOFE):