

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act into the bipartisan sportsmen's package would add a new element of game species conservation that will help ensure the presence of important game and fish species for generations of hunters and anglers and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

I urge my colleagues to support this simple reauthorization of this cost-effective, budget-friendly program that has been highly successful.●

TRIBUTE TO GREGORY LEACH

● Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I wish to commend the courageous actions of Gregory Leach, a transportation security specialist-explosives at Lihue International Airport and a resident of Hawaii. Mr. Leach helped to rescue three swimmers who were in danger of drowning. His heroism and selflessness deserve to be recognized on the Senate floor today.

Mr. Leach moved to Hawaii from Arkansas earlier this year to work as a transportation security specialist-explosives at Lihue International Airport. As a transportation security specialist-explosives, he supports screening operations to protect our transportation system from explosive threats.

This past March, on the beach in Wailua, Kauai, Mr. Leach noticed three swimmers who were struggling to return to shore. He acted quickly and decisively, grabbing a rescue buoy and swimming out to the group. One of the swimmers was unconscious, and Mr. Leach brought the man back to shore. He returned to the water to help the remaining two swimmers, and once all the swimmers were safely on the beach, Mr. Leach conducted chest compressions on the unconscious man until rescue personnel arrived. Mr. Leach's selfless efforts ensured that two of the swimmers survived. Unfortunately, the unconscious man later passed away.

According to Mr. Leach's supervisor, lead transportation security specialist-explosives Duane Samiano:

Transportation Security Specialist-Explosives Leach did not hesitate to render aid in a life threatening situation to individuals he did not know. His actions speak greatly to his courage, selflessness and dedication to others. I am very proud to have him on my team. He is a great asset as a Transportation Security Specialist-Explosives and represents himself and this agency with excellence.

I commend Mr. Leach for his actions, and I hope that his courage serves as an example for others.●

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 and a withdrawal 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-1542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paleontological Resources Preservation" (RIN0596-AC95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1543. 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 "Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Information Order; Assessment Rate Increase" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0045) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1544. 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 "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado and Imported Irish Potatoes; Relaxation of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 and Import Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0073; FV13-3 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1545. 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 "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0051; FV14-915-1 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1546. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Portland, ME, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AN11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1547. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subpart J—Value Added Producer Grant Program" (RIN0570-AA79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1548. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1A.105 Pro-

tein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9926-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1549. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Reinstatement of Exemptions Related to Temporary Exports, Carnets, and Shipments Under a Temporary Import Bond" (RIN0607-AA53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1550. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-82; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1551. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Enhancements to Past Performance Evaluation Systems" (RIN9000-AM79) (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1552. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1553. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-82; Introduction" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1554. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Review and Justification of Pass-Through Contracts" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1555. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities" (RIN9000-AM76) (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1556. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1557. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “ANC 6E Largely Compliant with Law”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1558. 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 for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1559. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Charles T. Cleveland, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1560. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1561. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Restrictions on Sale of Assets of a Failed Institution by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation” (RIN3064-AE26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1562. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1563. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 40” (RIN0648-BE47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1564. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Island Fisheries; Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument Expansion” (RIN0648-BE63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1565. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures” (RIN0648-BE44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1566. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Grouper Recreational Management Measures” (RIN0648-BE62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1567. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan” (RIN0648-BE66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1568. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1569. A communication from the Associate Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Auction of FM Broadcast Construction Permits Scheduled for July 23, 2015; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 98” ((AU Docket No. 15-3) (DA 15-452)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Alabama’s Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standard for Birmingham, Alabama” ((RIN2060-AS58) (FRL No. 9927-16-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting for Greenhouse Gases: Providing Option for Rescission of EPA-Issued Tailoring Rule Step 2 Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permits” ((RIN2060-AS57) (FRL No. 9926-98-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1572. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances” ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 9925-42)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1573. 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; Washington: Infrastructure Requirements for the Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Stand-

ards” (FRL No. 9927-45-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1574. 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; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9927-35-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1575. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Requirements for Part D Prescribers” ((RIN0938-AS60) (CMS-6107-IFC)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1576. A communication from the 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 15-019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1577. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1578. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1579. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1580. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 184. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-37).

S. 230. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska (Rept. No. 114-38).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute: