

Thank you for your continued commitment to innovating DNA technologies to solve crimes and save lives right in the heart of Louisiana.●

RECOGNIZING HARING CATFISH

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses often set a high standard for quality and service across the United States. Commitment to reaching these high thresholds is most important in our agriculture and food industries. One small business that has continually held itself to the highest bar for quality and service is Haring Catfish, located in Wisner, LA—the Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.

Louisiana is known for its fresh, high-quality, and delicious seafood. Opened in the early 1960s by Walter Carl “Pete” Haring, Sr., Haring Catfish has since grown to processing over 300,000 pounds of catfish per week. Haring Catfish’s commitment to the highest quality catfish through healthy, high protein diets has elevated them to be one of the most-recognized catfish farms in the United States. Haring Catfish has received numerous distinguished awards, including the Louisiana Catfish Farmer of the Year Award, Catfish Farmers of America Award of Excellence, and the Small Business Person of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Congratulations again to Haring Catfish for being selected as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week. Thank you for your continued commitment to providing the high-quality and delicious catfish in Louisiana.●

RECOGNIZING RAISING CANE’S CHICKEN FINGERS

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, just as important as it is to recognize our small businesses, it is often important to also recognize our small business success stories—especially those that make a substantial impact in their industries and in their communities. As a part of National Small Business Week, I am proud to recognize the Louisiana small business success story of Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers.

In the early 1990s, Todd Graves was inspired to open a chicken finger restaurant. After the bank turned down the fresh-out-of-college graduate for a loan, Graves spent the next few years working various jobs to earn and save the money necessary to open Raising Cane’s in Baton Rouge, LA. in 1996. In the years since, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers has opened over 150 locations across the United States and has gained a fandom following. Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers prides itself on their commitment to the absolute highest quality products and services—a model that has earned them numerous “Best Places to Work” awards from regions across the country. Never

forgetting its small business roots, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers stays true to Louisiana and regularly gives back to the communities their establishments serve. Todd Graves and the entire Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers crew are an inspiring example of the hard work, courage, and dedication that go into running American small businesses.

Congratulations again to Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers for being recognized as a small business success story during the 2015 National Small Business Week. Your commitment to giving back to your local communities and remembering your small business beginning is recognized and greatly appreciated.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WILLIAM P. DAVIS

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I honor the career of one of Louisiana’s heroes and most accomplished residents, retired Marine Corps Col. William P. Davis. Colonel Davis was born at Camp Pendleton, CA, the son of a career marine, and spent his youth following his father’s military postings. He is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, and subsequently assigned as the supply, fiscal, and contracting officer for Landing Force Training Command Atlantic. In 1997, he was assigned to his first tour at the Marines Forces Reserve in New Orleans, LA. During that period, he was a parent volunteer for the Young Marines chapter in Slidell, LA, where he organized training events and tours to units and bases. In addition, he provided classes for the annual regimental encampment as well as at recruit training events.

Colonel Davis was operations officer for Joint Task Force Civil Support, a military organization under the U.S. Northern Command at Fort Monroe, VA, where he led a team of technical experts in planning post-incident recovery from chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incidents. He supported planning for the 2006 Winter Olympics, 2006 Southeast Asian Games, and other exercises across the world. During Hurricane Katrina’s aftermath in 2005, he worked with Federal, military, State, and local authorities in support of response operations.

Colonel Davis returned to New Orleans in 2006, becoming assistant chief of Staff at Marine Forces Reserve. He led a staff of 80 people charged with overseeing construction, maintenance, and repairs of 187 reserve sites nationwide, including the construction of the 29-acre Marine Corps Support Facility in New Orleans. From 2011 until recently, Colonel Davis was the inaugural commandant of the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, a charter high school where all students are cadets of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program and are focused on college preparation with an emphasis on science, technology, engi-

neering, and math. In his job as commandant, Colonel Davis has helped positively shape the lives of several hundred cadets from the region. After 4 years of operation, the academy has test results and student performance improvement ranked well above averages by more established schools. Beginning in 2016, Colonel Davis will leave Louisiana to become the next national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines.

Colonel Davis is an accomplished executive whose commitment to young people has always been fundamental during his career. He is highly regarded for strategic thinking, sound financial management, marketing expertise, and exceptional project management skills. He is a distinguished leader who will bring military expertise and business experience to the Young Marines.

I am pleased to join with the Senate in honoring the career of retired Col. William P. Davis. We thank him for his service to our country and congratulate him as he begins the next chapter of his career.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:49 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 178. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2250. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

At 11:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 874. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1119. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1156. An act to authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.

H.R. 1158. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1162. An act to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

H.R. 1561. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.

At 10:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 178.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 874. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H. R. 1119. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1156. An act to authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1158. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1162. An act to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1561. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2250. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019.

*Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Sandra L. Stosz, to be Vice Admiral.

*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. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1390. A bill to help provide relief to State education budgets during a recovering economy, to help fulfill the Federal mandate to provide higher educational opportunities for Native American Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1391. A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1392. A bill to require certain practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances to complete continuing education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1393. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in each regulatory impact analysis for a proposed or final rule an analysis that does not include any other proposed or unimplemented rule; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1394. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1395. A bill to reinstate certain mining claims in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1396. A bill to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design in order to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes, enhance beneficiary satisfaction, and lower health care expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1397. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that ITIN applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1398. A bill to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1399. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and increase expensing limitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1400. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1401. A bill to provide for the annual designation of cities in the United States as an "American World War II City"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1402. A bill to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1403. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1404. A bill to free States to spend gas taxes on their transportation priorities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1405. A bill to require a coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to pharmacy compounding; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1407. A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1408. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: