

in 1991. In 2006, The Economist recognized him as the “Edison of our age.” At the time of his death in 2012, he was credited on more than 300 publications and had received over 20 major awards and honorary degrees. Throughout his life, however, Mr. Ovshinsky displayed as much vigor for fighting for justice outside his laboratory as within. His efforts contributed to the introduction of affordable housing in his affluent neighborhood in Birmingham, MI, and he was a proud member of the Mechanist’s Union, as well as an early supporter of Walter P. Reuther and the United Auto Workers. It is an honor to recognize someone whose work not only helped usher the world into the modern age, but was also based in a belief that each of us has a responsibility to serve our community and leave the world a better place for generations to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH STEVENS FAMILY REUNION

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize and honor an exemplary Oregonian family who will soon gather for their 125th family reunion. Family reunions are difficult to organize and even harder to make lasting traditions. Nonetheless, since 1891 the children of Hanson and Lavina Stevens have managed to hold yearly family reunions, with the exception of one missed reunion during the First World War—truly an amazing feat.

In many ways, the history of the Stevens family is the history of the State of Oregon. In 1852, the Stevens family decided to take advantage of the Donation Land Claim Act of 1850, which encouraged settlement of the Oregon Territory. Hanson and Lavina Stevens, their eight children and a wagon loaded with vital supplies traveled the treacherous Oregon Trail.

Twenty-two other wagons traveled alongside the Stevens family and undertook the Oregon Trail’s most dangerous migration year ever recorded. While all of the other families decided to stop near Fort Bridger, WY, in search of gold, Hanson Stevens concluded that mining camps were not suitable for raising his family. Instead, the Stevens, like thousands of other pioneers, chose to settle in Oregon. They chose the “Promised Land.” Ever since, the Stevens and their descendants have contributed to the territory and then the State of Oregon.

In June of 1891, the entire family gathered for the birthday of the family patriarch at the time, Isaac Stevens. That tradition continued on each year, and eventually turned from a birthday party into a more formal family reunion.

Today the Stevens decedents are six clans strong, and they rotate the responsibility for hosting their memorable reunions. This year the Ringo Clan will be hosting the 125th reunion on July 19, 2015 at Champoeg Park in St. Paul, OR.

The family tells me that each year the various clans all give a report to the family, and the details are recorded in a leather-bound journal. As you can imagine, this journal traces not just the history of the Stevens family but also provides a view into the history of Oregon and the United States.

And that is part of what makes family reunions so wonderful. They don’t just connect us to the aunts, uncles and cousins we don’t see very often; they also connect us to our past, our heritage. Family reunions are a place to share family lore, shared values, and traditions.

I am thrilled to recognize the Stevens family 125th annual reunion. I hope to see the Stevens family tradition continue for many, many years to come.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 802. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 336. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

H.R. 404. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

H.R. 533. An act to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 944. An act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 979. An act to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”.

H.R. 1168. An act 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.

H.R. 1335. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1493. An act to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 336. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 404. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 533. An act to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 944. An act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 979. An act to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1335. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1493. An act to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-1752. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Approval Threshold for Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts” ((RIN0750-AI56) (DFARS Case 2014-D020)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1753. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi, United States Navy, and her advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1754. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Steven A. Hummer, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1755. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Appendix F—Energy Receiving Reports" (RIN0750-AI46) (DFARS Case 2014-D024) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1756. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1757. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1758. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, and revokes Executive Order 13617, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1759. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Community Support Program - Administrative Amendments" (RIN2590-AA38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1760. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1761. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1762. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Completion of Requirement to Promulgate Standards" (RIN2060-AS42) (FRL No. 9928-25-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1763. 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; Alaska" (FRL No. 9928-17-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1764. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Implementation Plans: Response to Petition for Rulemaking; Restatement and Updated of EPA's SSM Policy Applicable to SIPs; Findings of Substantial Inadequacy; and SIP Calls to Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction" (RIN2060-AR68) (FRL No. 9924-05-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1765. 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; New York; Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9928-39-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1766. 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; Maryland; Determination of Attainment of the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Moderate Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9928-42-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1767. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year (FY) 2014"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1768. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Staff Guidance Emergency Planning Exemption Requests for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants" (NSIR/DPR-ISG-02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1769. 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 2015-0051-2015-0058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1770. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amend-

ment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy on Exports to the Republic of Fiji" (RIN1400-AD77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1771. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1772. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Confined Spaces in Construction" (RIN1218-AB47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1773. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1774. 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 "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Marine Corps Training Exercises at Brant Island Bombing Target and Piney Island Bombing Range, USMC Cherry Point Range Complex, North Carolina" (RIN0648-BD79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1775. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Tribal Equal Access to Voting Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1776. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the activities of the Community Relations Service for Fiscal Year 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 1484. An original bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, and for other purposes.

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. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.