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Logan is a student at Northwestern University, where he is majoring in political science and economics. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Logan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE PERRY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Katherine Perry, a 2015 summer intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Katherine is a student at Colorado College, where she is majoring in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Katherine for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES RULEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize James Ruley, a 2015 summer intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

James is a law student at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to James for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13441 WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON—PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2015.

Certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah that include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 29, 2015.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.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. 427. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

H.R. 675. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 202(a) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146),

the Democratic Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Care: Mr. Michael Blecker of San Francisco, California.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, July 29, 2015, he signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1482. An act to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

H.R. 876. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 675. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill and joint resolution were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1881. A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

H.J. Res. 61. Joint resolution amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 29, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1482. An act to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid.

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-2431. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9929-74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing and Phosphate Fertilizer Production RTR and Standards of Performance for Phosphate Processing” ((RIN2060-AQ20) (FRL No. 9931-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2433. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Isofetamid; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9923-86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2434. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fluxaproxad; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9930-73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ethanesulfonic acid, 2-hydroxy and the corresponding ammonium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and zinc salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9930-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2436. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benalaxyl-M; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9927-63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2437. A communication from the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2438. A communication from the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2439. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Martin E. Dempsey, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2440. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Raymond T. Odierno, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2441. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Bureau

of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2013 Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Rule Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and Amendments; Delay of Effective Date” (RIN3170-AA48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2442. 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 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2443. 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 15-015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2444. 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 15-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2445. 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 15-046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2446. 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 15-066); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2447. 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; Wyoming; Revisions to SO₂ Ambient Standards” (FRL No. 9931-38-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2448. 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: Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter” (FRL No. 9931-46-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2449. 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 Carolina: Non-interference Demonstration for Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties” (FRL No. 9931-27-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2450. 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; Georgia: Revisions to Definitions and Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9931-65-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2451. 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 and Designation of Areas; North Carolina; Redesignation of the Charlotte-Rock Hill, 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment” (FRL No. 9931-28-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2452. 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; 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Marshall, West Virginia Nonattainment Area for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard” (FRL No. 9931-56-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2453. 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; Virginia; Consumer and Commercial Products and Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing Operations” (FRL No. 9931-29-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2454. 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; State of Iowa; Revisions to Linn County Air Quality Ordinance” (FRL No. 9931-33-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2455. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Amendments to Inadvertent Errors in Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-hour Fine Particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standards (2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS), 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS, and 1987 Annual Coarse Particle (PM₁₀) NAAQS” (FRL No. 9929-97-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2456. A communication from the Regulations Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Subsistence Taking of Fish Regulations” (RIN1018-AZ67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2457. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly (*Icaricia (Plebejus) shasta charlestonensis*)” (RIN1018-AZ91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2458. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Technical Corrections for 54 Wildlife and Plant Species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants" (RIN1018-BA89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2459. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for the Rufa Red Knot" (RIN1018-AY17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2460. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing All Chimpanzees as Endangered Species; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AZ52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2461. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Environmental Review, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Cooperation—Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended; Incidental Take Statements" (RIN1018-AX85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2462. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Update of Falconry Permitting Reporting Address" (RIN1018-BA90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 373. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel (Rept. No. 114-96).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 284. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building".

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1632. A bill to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1826. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Sheila Gwaltney, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Nominee: Sheila Gwaltney.

Post: Kyrgyz Republic.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: 0.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Helen Gwaltney Rose—deceased 2002; Ralph Carl Gwaltney, Sr.—deceased 1971.
5. Grandparents: Ollie Tice Casey—deceased 1978 (est); Homer Tice—deceased in 1940s (est); William Gwaltney—deceased in 1960s (est); Father's mother—deceased in 1930s (est).
6. Brothers and Spouses: George Michael Gwaltney—Deceased in 1997; Ralph Carl Gwaltney, Jr., 0; Marjorie Gwaltney, 0; Dan Gwaltney, 0; Joann Gwaltney, 0; David Gwaltney, 0; Sue Gwaltney, 0; Steven Gwaltney, 0; Deborah Gwaltney, 0.
7. Sisters and Spouses: NA.

*Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Nominee: Perry Lee Holloway.

Post: Georgetown, Guyana.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: None.
4. Parents: None.
5. Grandparents: None.
6. Brothers and Spouses: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

Nominee: Kathleen Ann Doherty.

Post: Cyprus.

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me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions: amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Not applicable.
3. Children and Spouses: Not Applicable.
4. Parents: Marilyn Doherty: None. John Doherty: Deceased (2007).
5. Grandparents: Thomas Doherty (1944) Deceased; Edward Grimm (1956) Deceased; Eliza Jane Doherty (1990) Deceased; Helen Rita Grimm (1986) Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Robert Doherty and spouse Elizabeth Doherty; Friends of Jim Meffert: \$99 10/2010; ACP Services PAC: Cumulative Total \$1000, 2/2011, 3/2012, 4/2013, 3/2014, Hope for Congress: Total \$250, 2/2014, Spouse (Elizabeth Doherty): Obama Victory Fund: Cumulative Total Amount, \$366, February, July, and September 2012.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Erin Doherty Rose and spouse Peter Rose: None; Patricia Doherty and spouse Robert Garber: Alan Grayson, Congressional Re-Election Campaign, \$15.00, 9/2010; Bill Pascrell, Congressional Re-Election Campaign, \$25.00, 9/2010; MoveOn.org, \$5.00 9/2010; Alan Grayson, Congressional Re-Election Campaign, \$15.00, 9/2012; Elizabeth Warren, Senatorial Election Campaign, \$50.00, 9/2011; John Arvanites, Congressional Campaign, \$50.00, 8/2012; Act Blue DSCC, \$15.00, 2/2012; MoveOn.org, \$5.00, 9/2012; Act Blue DCCC, \$50.00, 9/2013; Corey Booker, NJ Senatorial Election Campaign, \$25.00, 8/2013; Barbara Buono, NJ Governor Election Campaign, \$50.00, 8/2013.

*Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Romania.

Nominee: Hans G. Klemm.

Post: Romania.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Mari Kano Klemm: None.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Hans J. Klemm—deceased; Ingeborg K. S. Klemm—deceased.
5. Grandparents: Grandfather: Emil Klemm—deceased; Grandmother: Martha Klemm—deceased; Grandfather: Georg Schievelbein—deceased; Grandmother: Charlotte Schievelbein—deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Steven Klemm, none; Eileen Klemm (spouse), none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Lori Klemm, none; Sally Klemm, none.

*James Desmond Melville, Jr., of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

Nominee: James Desmond Melville, Jr.

Post: Tallinn, Republic of Estonia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: None.