

and Emily Adams, whose goal is to share their love for clothing and accessories with local customers. The locally owned and operated boutique prides itself on its friendly and personable shopping experience. With a sofa to lounge on and helpful staff on hand, the store is a community staple contributing unique and trending fashion and accessories. Monica and Emily focus on fashion-forward clientele, carefully selecting trend-conscious labels and styles. Coco Eros features popular, contemporary clothing lines like Trina Turk, Paige, La Bella Vita, and Joie. The store provides in-store alteration services, and co-owner Emily designs and creates original, customized dresses. Monica and Emily take advantage of social media opportunities as well, with popular Facebook and Instagram accounts that feature Emily's original designs and happy, well-dressed customers. At Coco Eros, the goal is to promote good style and self-confidence for each customer.

Congratulations again to Coco Eros for being selected as Small Business of the Week. We appreciate your thoughtful contributions to the Lafayette community.●

#### RECOGNIZING RED ARROW WORKSHOP

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, in the wake of the recent tragedy in Lafayette, I wish to recognize Red Arrow Workshop as Small Business of the Week in memory of co-owner Jillian Johnson, who lost her life in the July 23, 2015, shooting at The Grand 16 Movie Theater in Lafayette, LA.

Jillian Johnson and her husband Jason Brown spent years “planning, plotting, and scheming” before opening Red Arrow Workshop in August 2012. Jillian was well-known for her creativity, kindness, and generosity, which translated directly into the success of her family-owned small business. Red Arrow Workshop is a locally owned-and-operated gift, apparel, accessories, and toy shop showcasing a variety of products unavailable anywhere else in Acadiana. The shop also showcases the local, specialty t-shirt line Parish Ink—of which Jillian was a creative partner. After 2 successful years in Lafayette, she and Jason expanded their thriving business, opening a second shop on Magazine Street in New Orleans, LA.

Beloved by locals and cited by many as an artistic staple in the community, Red Arrow Workshop hosts a thoughtfully curated, ever-changing collection of American-made, fair-trade, handmade, and eco-friendly items—including products of several talented south Louisiana artists. The shop's Louisiana-themed items are some of their most popular, with artistic representations of the Mississippi River and State silhouettes covering a collection of prints, paintings, stickers, and home goods. Red Arrow also sells a collection of quirky books, fabrics, and paper goods.

It is my honor to designate Red Arrow Workshop as Small Business of the Week. Small businesses are created by entrepreneurs who not only have love for their companies, but also have love for their community members. Jillian and Jason have contributed to the Lafayette community with their earnest and enthusiastic entrepreneurial spirit. Together we are all “Lafayette Strong.”●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 72. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

#### 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-2464. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fluazifop-P-butyl; Pesticide Tolerance” (PRL No. 9930-99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2465. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2466. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act within the Program Administration, Departmental Management, Education account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2467. 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 Under Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2468. 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 Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2469. 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 Department of Defense General Counsel, Department of De-

fense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2470. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John D. Johnson, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2471. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “U.S. Industrial Base Surveys Pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950” (RIN0694-AG17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2472. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility” (44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2473. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cuba: Implementing Rescission of State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation” (RIN0694-AG60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2474. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Final Revisions Applicable to Banking Organizations Subject to the Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule” (RIN3064-AE12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2475. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Organization and Functions, and Seal Amendments” (RIN2590-AA75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2476. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards” (RIN3133-AE40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2477. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List Based on Removal Requests” (RIN0694-AG61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2478. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director

of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2479. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines" ((RIN1904-AD07) (Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0045)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2480. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Dehumidifiers" ((RIN1904-AC80) (Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0010)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2481. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Public Utility Filing Requirements" (Docket No. RM15-3-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2482. 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 2008 Ozone and 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9931-80-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2483. 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; Missouri; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9927-41-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2484. 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; Amendments to the Control of Gasoline and Volatile Organic Compound Storage and Handling" (FRL No. 9931-54-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2485. 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; Connecticut; Approval of NOx Emission Offset Credits as Single Source SIP Revisions" (FRL No. 9927-49-Region 1) received during adjournment of

the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2486. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessing the Continued Suspension of the Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) 25 Percent Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2487. 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 "Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014, Interim Guidance" (Notice 2015-43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2488. 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 "Safe Harbor for Ratable Service Contracts" (Rev. Proc. 2015-39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2489. 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; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System—Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2015 (FY 2016)" ((RIN0938-AS47) (CMS-1627-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2490. 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; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) for FY 2016, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and Staffing Data Collection" ((RIN0938-AS44) (CMS-1622-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2491. 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; FY 2016 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements" ((RIN0938-AS39) (CMS-1629-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2492. 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; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems . . . Payment Adjustment for Hospitals" ((RIN0938-AS41) (CMS-1632-F and IFC)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2493. 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; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2016" ((RIN0938-AS45) (CMS-1624-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2494. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1237); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2495. 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 14-132); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2496. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1241); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2497. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1240); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2498. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1239); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2499. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-1238); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2500. 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 15-035); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2501. 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 15-043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2502. 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 15-065); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Agency Drug-Free Workplace Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse Second Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2505. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2014 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2506. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acknowledgment of American Indian Tribes" (RIN1076-AF18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2507. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Impact of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2508. A communication from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2014 Post-Election Survey Report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2509. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; The Cleveland Yachting Club Annual Regatta Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Rocky River, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0613)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2510. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Metroparks Stand-Up Paddleboard Race; Lake Erie; Fairport Harbor, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0612)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Victoria Barge Canal, Bloomington, TX" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0952)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; POLAR PIONEER, Outer Continental Shelf Drill Unit, Chukchi Sea, Alaska" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0247)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2513. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Misery Challenge, Manchester Bay, Manchester, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0188)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2514. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Block Island Wind Farm; Rhode Island Sound, RI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0227)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2515. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Southeast Drag Boat Championships, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Buckport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0045)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2516. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Beaufort Water Festival, Beaufort, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0192)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2517. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Mavericks Surf Competition, Half Moon Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0427)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Town of Olcott Fireworks Display; Lake Ontario, Olcott, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0613)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones and Regulated Navigation Area; Shell Arctic Drilling/Exploration Vessels and Associated Voluntary First Amendment Area, Puget Sound, WA, Extension" ((RIN1625-AA00 and RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0295)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Big Foot TLP, Walker Ridge 29, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0863)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2521. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red Bull GRC Air Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0618)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2522. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cleveland Triathlon, Lake Erie, North Coast Harbor, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0659)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2523. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fall River Grand Prix, Mt.

Hope Bay and Taunton River, Fall River, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0613)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2524. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Oswego Harborfest Jet Ski Show; Oswego Harbor, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0507)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2525. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Maritime Museum Party, San Diego Bay; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0647)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2526. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-0482)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2527. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Dolphin" (RIN0648-XE002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2528. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XE003) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2529. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Tunnel Inspection Standards" (RIN2125-AF24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2530. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Compliance With Commercial Driver's License Program: Correction" (RIN2126-AB80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2531. A communication from the Chair of the Incentive Auctions Task Force, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" (FCC 15-69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2532. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions; Channel Sharing by Full Power and Class A Stations Outside the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction Context" ((GN Docket No. 12-268) (MB Docket No. 15-137) (FCC 15-67)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-74. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the United States Congress to provide an adequate budget for the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish rules relative to environmentally friendly energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### AMENDED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 9

Whereas, Ohio has many finite natural energy resources; and

Whereas, World energy demand and usage are expected to increase; and

Whereas, It is vital to the country's energy future to provide abundant base-load power and peaking energy-on-demand power affordably; and

Whereas, Extending Ohio's current energy boom will rest in creating a long-term energy plan and developing clean and affordable energy technologies such as liquid core molten salt reactors and small modular reactors; and

Whereas, America possesses a nearly inexhaustible supply of thorium and uranium (more than a billion years) that dramatically exceeds all known potential energy reserves; and

Whereas, The elements thorium and uranium have the practical potential to provide unlimited energy resources for Ohioans and Americans on demand in the near future and to provide many other tangible benefits; and

Whereas, Better utilization of thorium and uranium in specially designed reactors such as molten salt reactors, including liquid fluoride thorium reactors, can provide energy security from other nations by utilizing Ohio coal and a reactor's nuclear heat energy to produce an abundance of synthetic liquid transportation fuels. These synthetic fuels can be produced for many future generations of Ohioans in a safe, affordable, and in a most environmentally friendly manner; and

Whereas, The efficient use of thorium or uranium in a specially designed molten salt reactor allows for greatly increased environmentally friendly energy production that improves the economics of many recycling technologies and raises the standard of living; and

Whereas, It is incumbent upon Ohio legislators to be forward-thinking in addressing the future energy challenges for the next generation of Ohioans; and

Whereas, Ohio is uniquely capable to commercialize small modular reactors, liquid core molten salt reactors, and integral fast reactors with its research and development assets of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Plum Brook (Sandusky, Ohio), the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration John H. Glenn Research Center (Cleveland, Ohio area), the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Dayton, Ohio), USEC's uranium-enrichment facility (Piketon, Ohio), The Ohio State University's nuclear-research-and-development facilities (Columbus, Ohio), and other private companies and nonprofit organizations that specialize in nuclear-technology development in Ohio; and

Whereas, The academic, scientific, manufacturing, and business communities in Ohio have some of the best talent and research and development records in the world. Development of this groundbreaking and economic game-changing technology would serve Ohio's and America's economy better than current federal efforts to develop this technology in partnership with China; and

Whereas, Advanced technology using thorium and uranium can affordably provide medical isotopes of materials for medical uses such as treating cancer and HIV/AIDS, diagnostic procedures, and improved health care; and

Whereas, S.99, the "American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2011," was signed into law by President Barack Obama on January 2, 2013, and mandates a reliable domestic supply of molybdenum-99 for medical imaging and diagnostics; and

Whereas, Molybdenum-99 is used in more than sixteen million medical procedures annually in the United States; and

Whereas, No domestic supply of molybdenum-99 currently exists, and present suppliers use old reactors that result in frequent supply disruptions; and

Whereas, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, charged with licensing nuclear reactors, is not well-funded for establishing procedures for new, advanced reactor designs based on different architectures from today's fleet of light water reactors; and

Whereas, Small modular reactors and liquid core molten salt reactors represent a business opportunity that Ohio's manufacturing base is well-suited to exploit. This could potentially result in creating forty thousand manufacturing jobs in total within Ohio, because these jobs have the ability to complement Ohio's coal industry, oil industry, and natural gas hydraulic fracturing industry by increasing jobs in those industries: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, make the following recommendation for solutions to energy and medical-isotopes production; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the State of Ohio shall create a long-term energy plan that addresses the long-term energy needs of the country; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the State of Ohio shall encourage the research and development of liquid-core-molten-salt-reactors and small-modular-reactors technologies as a long-term solution to Ohio's energy needs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the State of Ohio shall advocate that the Congress of the United States mandate, and provide an adequate budget for, the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish rules for manufacturing, siting, and licensing of small modular reactors and liquid core molten salt reactors to be built and operated in the United States by private industry for the production of energy and medical isotopes; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the State of Ohio shall invest in, seek to acquire grants for, implement programs for, encourage its institutions of higher learning to conduct research into, and attract companies for the development of future technologies that will provide greater energy resources more affordably,

abundantly, and in a more environmentally friendly manner than is being done at present; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the Commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-75. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution relative to establishing a procedure by which the President of the United States could be removed from office by means of a nationwide recall election; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### 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:

H.R. 719. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-111).

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 73. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 (Rept. No. 114-112).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 280. A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-113).

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

S. 986. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 114-114).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 1020. A bill to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation (Rept. No. 114-115).

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

H.R. 1531. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted: