

Sugars for 30 years. Russ exemplifies a work ethic that defines Montana, and it is my great honor to honor his successes today.

Russ received his bachelor's of science in geology from the University of Wyoming and has since built a successful professional career. Russ worked for Holly Sugar for 7 years, taking his skills across the country to California, Wyoming, and Montana.

When Holly Sugar changed ownership in 2002, he continued to loyally serve as the agricultural manager. With his leadership, Sidney Sugars has found much success and produced a record high of 30.4 tons per acre in 2014.

On behalf of all Montanans, we are sad to see him go but so thankful and inspired by his decades of loyal service and hard work.●

#### CONGRATULATING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ROGER CAPPS

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate CW2 Roger Capps on receiving the Defense of Freedom Medal, honoring his service and sacrifice while working in Afghanistan. It gives me great pleasure to see a member of the Nevada family being recognized with this prestigious medal.

In April of 2013, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps, then a traditional lieutenant colonel, was transporting military equipment across Afghanistan for Columbia Helicopters. During the trip, he was struck by an insurgent-shot bullet that had entered the helicopter by a rare opening in the bulletproof flooring, ultimately shattering his femur and pelvis. Though he will not receive a Purple Heart because he was working as a civilian that day, he will receive this unique Defense of Freedom Medal presented to civilian employees who are killed or wounded while working in support of the Department of Defense. His service remains invaluable to this great Nation.

Even after this difficult day, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps maintained a positive spirit. While recovering from his injuries, he reassessed his military future, ultimately opting to utilize his piloting skills. In May, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps resigned his commission and transferred to the warrant officer corps. He now serves our Nation flying Chinook helicopters for the Army Guard.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps for his bravery in serving the United States of America. His unwavering commitment to serving our Nation demonstrates his genuine selfless character and love for his country. His actions represent only the greatest of Nevada's values, including dedication, courage, and a spirit to persevere in the most difficult times.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals who serve our Nation but also to ensure they are cared for when they return

home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps' sacrifice warrants only the greatest respect and care in return.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps has demonstrated unparalleled bravery and positivity. I am both humbled and honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Warrant Officer 2 Capps on his much-deserved accolade and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.●

#### REMEMBERING WALDO DE CASTROVERDE

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Waldo De Castroverde, a prominent Nevadan whose legacy lives on through the work of his sons. I send my gratitude to Mr. De Castroverde's family as they continue to serve Las Vegas' Hispanic community.

Mr. De Castroverde was a true patriot of Cuba, fighting to bring his country some of our Nation's most important values—freedom and democracy. In 1961, he was a paratrooper and one of 1,400 Cuban exiles who participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion in an attempt to bring greater sovereignty to Cuba, which ultimately led to his imprisonment. After being captured, Mr. De Castroverde was selected on multiple occasions to serve on a commission sent to the United States to negotiate the release of those who participated in the invasion. Two years later, Mr. De Castroverde was freed and moved to the United States with his wife.

Upon arriving to the United States, Mr. De Castroverde and his wife moved to Miami where he taught history at a local high school. In 1978, he moved with his family to Reno, where he worked rigorously to shape a bright future for himself and his family of four children. He worked as a blackjack dealer during the day and he attended law school at night.

Fifteen years later, he moved to Las Vegas and started his own practice in immigration and criminal law. In 2005, he was joined by his two sons, Alex and Orlando, forming the De Castroverde Law Group, which has served as an incredible resource to Las Vegas's Hispanic community.

While we were saddened by the passing of this great Nevadan in 2014, he will always be remembered as an inspiring advocate of liberty and as a role model to Las Vegas's Hispanic community.

I am honored to commend him and his family for their work throughout Las Vegas. Today, I join citizens across our State in celebrating the life of an extraordinary Nevadan, Waldo De Castroverde.●

#### RECOGNIZING ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASU PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I want to acknowledge and commend the leadership at Arizona State University, ASU, for the establishment of the ASU Public Service Academy, which this fall opened its doors to student leaders who aspire to effect a positive change within our country and around the globe through public service. I am pleased to see ASU's recognition of the importance of civilian and military national service in the development of a sense of citizenship among our country's future leaders. I also want to acknowledge the benevolence of ASU president Michael Crow and his wife Sybil Francis whose contributions will help transform the vision of the Public Service Academy into a reality.

In closing, Mr. President, I again want to commend the leadership at ASU for their commitment to public service and to the State of Arizona, and I look forward to witnessing the future contributions of the Public Service Academy. Thank you.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence 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-2959. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Agricultural Act of 2014 Nondiscretionary Provisions" (RIN0584-AE48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2960. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0033) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2961. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing

Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order; Expanding the Membership of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council and Other Changes” (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0089) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2962. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year” (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2963. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clarification of Eligibility of Fleeing Felons” (RIN0584-AE01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2964. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0027) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2965. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Irish Potatoes Grown in Southeastern States; Suspension of Marketing Order Provisions” (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2966. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Eligibility of Lithuania To Export Meat and Meat Products to the United States” (RIN0583-AD57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2967. A communication from the Director, Budget and Program Management Staff, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes to Fees and Payment Methods” (RIN0583-AA05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled “Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9933-02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9933-00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2970. 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 Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2971. 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 Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2972. 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 (Intelligence), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2973. 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 Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2974. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2975. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2976. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “On-Site Completion of Construction of Manufactured Homes” (RIN2502-A183) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2977. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Streamlining Administrative Regulations for Public Housing: Revisions to Public Housing Flat Rents” (RIN2577-AC94) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2978. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings and Amendment to the Issuer Diversification Requirement in the Money Market Fund Rule” (RIN3235-AL02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2979. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions; Correction” ((RIN2040-AF16) (FRL No. 9934-33-OW)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rule for Hexabromocyclododecane and 1,2,5,6,9,10-Hexabromocyclododecane” ((RIN2070-AJ88) (FRL No. 9927-44)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 9933-22-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Designation for Planning Purposes; California; PM10; Technical Amendment” (FRL No. 9934-51-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2984. 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: Update to the Spokane Regional Clean Air Solid Fuel Burning Device Standards” (FRL No. 9934-61-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2985. 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; South Carolina; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9934-40-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2986. 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; Removal of Clean Fuel Fleet Program" (FRL No. 9934-52-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2987. 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; Florida Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9934-41-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2988. 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 for the State of Alabama: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9934-50-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2989. 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 for the State of Alabama: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 9934-49-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; GA; Removal of Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9934-53-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping: Modification of Final Site Designation" (FRL No. 9934-25-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2992. 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; Texas; Revision to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Storage Tanks and Transport Vessels" (FRL No. 9932-51-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2993. 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 for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Sewage Sludge Incinerators" (FRL No. 9933-95-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2994. 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 for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) Units" (FRL No. 9933-97-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2995. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formulating and Non-substantive Corrections to Authority Citations" ((RIN3150-AJ61) (NRC-2015-0122)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2996. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chilled Water System" (NUREG-0800, Chapter 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2997. 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 "Liability for tax." (Rev. Proc. 2015-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2998. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2999. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates—Passport and Citizenship Services Fee Changes" (RIN1400-AD71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3000. 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 15-095); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3001. 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 15-045); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3002. A communication from the Acting 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 15-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3003. 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 2015-0093-2015-0102); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3004. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center—Youth With Disabilities" (CFDA No. 84.264H.) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3005. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority and Definitions; Demonstration and Training Program: Career Pathways for Individuals With Disabilities" (Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-00261) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3006. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority and Definitions—Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center-Targeted Communities" (Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-0070) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3007. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center" ((CFDA No. 84.264G.) (Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-0069)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3008. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority—Technical Assistance Center for Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance" ((CFDA No. 84.263B.) (Docket No. ED-2015-OSERS-0048)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3009. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Destruction of Certain Drugs Refused Admission to the United States" ((RIN0910-AH12) (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0504)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3010. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3011. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities" (RIN1810-AB16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3012. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Revision of Departmental Component Designations" (RIN3209-AA14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3013. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hearing Process Concerning Acknowledgment of American Indian Tribes" (RIN1094-AA54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3014. A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3015. 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: Giants Enterprises Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0221)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3016. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunity of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((FCC 15-80) (WT Doc. No. 14-170)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3017. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2015" ((FCC 15-108) (WT Doc. No. 15-121)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2078. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, 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. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2071. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 2072. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a nonattainment area for purposes of the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 2073. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvold J. Benson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2074. A bill to prohibit paying Members of Congress during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2075. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage and to express the sense of the Senate that the resulting revenue loss should be offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2076. A bill to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2077. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. 2078. An original bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2079. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2080. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance pipeline safety, to provide communities with access to improved information concerning the equip-

ment and operations of pipeline facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COONS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 267. A resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 268. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Syrian refugee crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 269. A resolution designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2015, as "National Estuaries Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 270. A resolution designating September 2015 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.