

women and children. To become a member of the team, Staff Sergeant Kaelin endured intense fitness training and psychological testing. After successfully finishing training, she became the first and only woman from the Nevada National Guard to join a CST. Staff Sergeant Kaelin earned a Combat Action Badge for her service in this role. Her sacrifice in defending our freedoms is invaluable.

In May of 2012, Staff Sergeant Kaelin returned to the United States, and she is currently finishing her military career in the Inactive Ready Reserves. Since returning from deployment, she has dedicated her time to a new mission to help others returning home from service. Specifically, she has been fighting to assist women veterans and their children who are homeless. She has become a powerful voice on behalf of female veterans, and I am thankful for all that she has done for our country and the State of Nevada. She is now running for Ms. Veteran America for 2016 in her endeavors to increase awareness for female veterans. I wish her the best of luck in this competition.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Staff Sergeant Kaelin for her courageous contributions to our Nation. Her unwavering dedication to her career is commendable, and she stands as a shining example for future generations of heroes. Staff Sergeant Kaelin's service to her country and her bravery earn her a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize Congress has a responsibility not only to honor the brave individuals who serve our Nation, but also to ensure they are cared for when they return home. Equally as important, it is crucial that female servicemembers and veterans have access to their specific health care needs. There are countless distinguished women who have made sacrifices beyond measure and deserve nothing but the best treatment. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation and will continue to fight until this becomes a reality.

Throughout her tenure, Staff Sergeant Kaelin has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of the U.S. Army. I am both humbled and honored by her service and am proud to have had someone from the Nevada National Guard serve our Nation in such a significant role. Today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Staff Sergeant Kaelin for all of her accomplishments and wish her well in her future endeavors.●

REMEMBERING ANNE PERSHING

● Mr. HELLER. Madam President, today we honor the life and legacy of Anne Pershing, whose passing signifies

a great loss to Nevada. I send my condolences and prayers to her family and friends during this time of difficulty. Ms. Pershing was an upstanding Nevadan, committed to bringing journalistic excellence to the Fallon community. She will be sorely missed by the entire Nevada family.

Ms. Pershing was raised in Bushnell, IL, and moved to the Silver State over 30 years ago. She received her bachelor's degree in speech communications, in addition to studying journalism, at the University of Nevada, Reno, UNR. In 1983, she started her professional career working for the Lahontan Valley News as a general assignment reporter. By 1987, she had successfully climbed the ladder and was chosen to serve as editor of the newspaper and, later, as general manager.

During her tenure, Ms. Pershing went above and beyond in her role to become acquainted with the city of Fallon and its residents, embodying what it means to be a true community journalist. Throughout the late 1990s, Ms. Pershing and her team covered the child leukemia cluster that greatly affected the local community, gaining national attention for her work on the breaking story. Ms. Pershing and her team were later recognized for their efforts by being nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Public Service and were honored in 2002 with an Associated Press Public Service Award. Ms. Pershing stands as a role model to the Nevada journalism community with her commendable and reliable reporting. We will always remember her resilient spirit in shining light on issues important to our State.

In 2004, Ms. Pershing moved on to work for the Star Press, a small weekly newspaper in Fallon, and after this newspaper ceased publication, she continued writing as a contributing columnist for the publication at the School of Medicine at UNR. In 2008, she was inducted into the Nevada Press Association Hall of Fame for all of her efforts. Ms. Pershing spent her final journalistic years writing in her weekly newspaper column about the most important issues affecting Nevada's senior population. Throughout her decades of service to Nevada journalism, Ms. Pershing demonstrated unwavering dedication to bringing Nevadans truthful and insightful news coverage. She was truly one-of-a-kind in her endeavors to support her local community. Her legacy of kindness, loyalty, and drive will echo on for years to come.

For over 30 years, Ms. Pershing served as a tremendous contributor to Nevada journalism. Her commitment to the Silver State will never be forgotten. Today I join the Fallon community and citizens of the Silver State to celebrate the life of an honorable Nevadan, Ms. Anne Pershing.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-5425. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Definitions of 'Portfolio Reconciliation' and 'Material Terms' for Purposes of Swap Portfolio Reconciliation" (RIN3038-AE17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5426. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program; Portable Storage Facilities and Reduced Down Payment for FSFL Microloans" (RIN0560-AI35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5427. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Housing Guarantee Loan Program" ((7 CFR Part 3555) (RIN0575-AD04)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5428. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal years 2003 through 2012 Operations and Maintenance, Army National Guard, and was assigned case number 12-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5429. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5430. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Frank Gorenc, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5431. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5432. 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 "Removal of Short Supply License Requirements on Exports of Crude Oil" (RIN0694-AG83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5433. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pass-Through Share Insurance for Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts" (RIN3133-AE49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5434. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment and Deposit Activities—Bank Notes" (RIN3133-AE55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5435. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Securities Transfer Agents" (RIN3064-AE41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5436. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, with respect to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5437. 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 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5438. 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 that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5439. 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 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5440. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Evaluation by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for Topical Report WCAP-17096-NP, Revision 2 'Reactor Internals Acceptance Criteria Methodology and Data Requirements'" (Project No. 669) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5441. 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 "Self-employment Tax Treatment of Partners in a Partnership that Owns a Disregarded Entity" ((RIN1545-BM87) (TD 9766)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the Presi-

dent of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5442. 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 "List of Automatic Changes in Method of Accounting" (Rev. Proc. 2016-29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5443. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Access to Information" (RIN1400-AD44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5444. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5445. 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 16-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5446. 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 15-147); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5447. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Tobacco Product Exports That Do Not Conform to Tobacco Product Standards"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5448. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" (RIN1218-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5449. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2015 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5450. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5451. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5452. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Improvement in Design-Build Construction Process" ((RIN9000-AN10) (FAC 2005-88)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5453. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Basic Safeguarding of Contractor Information Systems" ((RIN9000-AM19) (FAC 2005-88)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5454. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Simplified Acquisition Threshold for Overseas Acquisitions in Support of Humanitarian or Peacekeeping Operations" ((RIN9000-AN09) (FAC 2005-88)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5455. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons" ((RIN9000-AM87) (FAC 2005-88)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5456. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-88; Introduction" (FAC 2005-88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5457. A communication from the Acting Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program: Options B and C" (RIN3206-AM96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5458. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of federal district courts with documentation submission requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5459. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of UR-144, XLR11, and AKB48 into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-417) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5460. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-88; Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005-88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5461. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; 2016-2017 Recreational Fishing Season for Black Sea Bass” (RIN0648-XE542) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5462. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacktip Sharks, Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks, and Hammerhead Sharks in the Western Gulf of Mexico Sub-Region” (RIN0648-XE484) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5463. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries” (RIN0648-XE566) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5464. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries” (RIN0648-XE539) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5465. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Hammerhead Shark Management Group Retention Limit Adjustment” (RIN0648-XE531) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5466. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper” (RIN0648-XE506) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5467. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XE533) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5468. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2016 Recreational Fishing Seasons for Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-XE575) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5469. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures; Amendment 28; Final Rule” (RIN0648-BD68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5470. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE543) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5471. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE516) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5472. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2016 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Seasonal Apportionments” (RIN0648-XE528) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5473. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE590) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5474. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; American Fisheries Act; Amendment 111” (RIN0648-BF29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5475. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area”

(RIN0648-XE551) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5476. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE532) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5477. 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; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish; January Through June Season” (RIN0648-XE526) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5478. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE558) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5479. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments” (RIN0648-BF92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5480. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries Of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2016; Recreational Management Measures” (RIN0648-BF69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5481. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XE499) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5482. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Framework Adjustment 4” (RIN0648-BE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5483. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States;

Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment of Georges Bank and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder Annual Catch Limit" (RIN0648-XE427) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5484. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE564) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5485. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhanced Document Requirements and Captain Training Requirements To Support Use of the Dolphin Safe Label on Tuna Products" (RIN0648-BF73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5486. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BF60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5487. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions for the Area of Overlap Between the Convention Areas of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission" (RIN0648-BF38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5488. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support; Connect America Fund" (FCC 16-38) (WC Docket No. 11-42; WC Docket No. 09-197; WC Docket No. 10-90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5489. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Securing the United States Power Grid"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5490. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, proposed legislation relative to financial transparency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5491. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maleic anhydride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9945-82-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5492. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzylbis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)methyl, bis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)dimethylammonium salts with sepiolite; and Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzylbis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)methyl, bis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)dimethylammonium salts with saponite; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9945-76-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5493. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source Determination for Certain Emission Units in the Oil and Natural Gas Sector" (FRL No. 9946-55-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5494. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements to Address Interstate Transport for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 9946-58-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5495. 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; Arkansas; New Mexico; Oklahoma; Disapproval of Greenhouse Gas Biomass Deferral, Step 2 and Minor Source Permitting Requirements" (FRL No. 9946-66-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5496. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska; Updates to Incorporation by Reference and Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9946-49-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5497. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Contingency Measures for the 1997 PM_{2.5} Standards" (FRL No. 9946-29-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5498. 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 Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 9944-77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5499. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9945-24-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5500. 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; Oregon; Interstate Transport of Lead and Nitrogen Dioxide" (FRL No. 9946-39-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Ohio River Shoreline, Paducah, Kentucky project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Blue River Basin, Kansas City, Missouri project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cano Martin Pena Ecosystem Restoration Project, Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Turkey Creek Basin, Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5505. 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: Exempt External Power Supplies Under the EPS Service Parts Act of 2014" (RIN1904-AD53) (Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-CRT-0013) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5506. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Child Support Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5507. 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 "Revenue Procedure: United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures for 2016" (Rev. Proc. 2016-26) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5508. 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 "Temporary Relief for Money Market Funds" (Rev. Proc. 2016-31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5509. 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 “Certified Professional Employer Organizations; Final and Temporary Regulations” ((RIN1545-BN20) (TD 9768)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5510. 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 “Diversification Requirements for Variable Annuity, Endowment, and Life Insurance Contracts under Section 817(h)” (Notice 2016-32) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5511. 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 “Additional Limitation on Suspension of Benefits Applicable to Certain Pension Plans Under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014” ((RIN1545-BN24) (TD 9767)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5512. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act” (RIN3046-AB02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5513. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulations under the Americans With Disabilities Act” (RIN3046-AB01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5514. 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 “Antimicrobial Animal Drug Sales and Distribution Reporting” ((RIN0910-AG45) (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0447)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5515. 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 “Deeming Tobacco Products To Be Subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Restrictions on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products” ((RIN0910-AG38) (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0189)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5516. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Met Many Requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 but Did Not Fully Comply for FY 2015” ; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5517. 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; SOCATA Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0068)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5518. 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; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4811)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5519. 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; Airbus Helicopters (formerly Eurocopter France)” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-5914)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5520. 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; Dassault Aviation Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-5813)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5521. 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; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5432)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5522. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4204)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5523. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4810)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5524. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1426)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5525. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1277)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5526. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0775)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5527. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4817)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5528. 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; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-8136)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5529. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5458)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5530. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-0075)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5531. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3147)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5532. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-2959)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5533. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-2464)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5534. 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; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0333) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5535. 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; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4112) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5536. 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; Textron Aviation, Inc. Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5457) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5537. 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; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1279) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5538. 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; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4076) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5539. 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; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4809) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5540. 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-2016-3692) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5541. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; South Bend, WA" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3771) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aviation Training Device Credit for Pilot Certification" (RIN2120-AK71) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1846) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5543. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Positive Train Control Systems" (RIN2130-AC56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2016; 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-166. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska opposing the decisions of the Obama Administration to cancel future lease sales in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, urging the United States Department of the Interior to continue including the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea lease sales in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and urging the Obama Administration to support ongoing efforts to develop offshore oil and gas in the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf responsibly; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLVE No. 7

Whereas the official Arctic policy of the state, passed by the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, states that "It is the policy of the state, as it relates to the Arctic, to uphold the state's commitment to economically vibrant communities sustained by development activities consistent with the state's responsibility for a healthy environment"; and

Whereas the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission advises the state, in its list of strategic recommendations, to "promote prudent oil and gas exploration and development in the Arctic"; and

Whereas the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management estimates that there are 23,000,000,000 barrels and 104,410,000,000,000 cubic feet of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and natural gas in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas; and

Whereas hundreds of exploration and development wells have been safely and responsibly drilled in state and federal water off the coast of the state, including in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas; and

WHEREAS the economic future of the state and the energy security and strategic global position of the nation stand to benefit greatly from development of the state's outer continental shelf; and

Whereas the state has a rich history of developing its resources in a sustainable and responsible manner; and

Whereas development of the state's outer continental shelf is a well-understood undertaking, and Alaskans have the benefit of over half a century's experience in managing Arctic development; and

Whereas the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, a national strategic infrastructure asset, is running at one-quarter of throughput capacity and would benefit from additional future oil supply; and

Whereas Alaskans, including those living closest to the resource on the North Slope, benefit from outer continental shelf exploration through direct employment, business opportunities, and government revenue; and

Whereas there are many synergies between the types of infrastructure that would facilitate Arctic oil and gas exploration and development and the infrastructure needs of local communities, the state, and elements of the United States Coast Guard and Navy; and

Whereas, in January of 2015, the United States Department of the Interior published a draft 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program that proposed one lease sale each in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas; and

Whereas the federal government has limited immediate opportunities in several areas in the Arctic, including, most importantly, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska, and the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf; and

Whereas, on October 16, 2015, the United States Department of the Interior cancelled future outer continental shelf oil and gas lease sales in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area and Beaufort Sea Planning Area, scheduled for 2016 and 2017, respectively; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Alaska House of Representatives opposes the recent decisions of the Obama Administration to cancel future lease sales in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas; and be it further

Resolved that the Alaska House of Representatives urges the United States Department of the Interior to continue including the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea lease sales in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program; and be it further

Resolved that the Alaska House of Representatives urges the Obama Administration to support ongoing efforts to develop offshore oil and gas in the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf responsibly and to acknowledge the support of Alaskans.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-167. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida condemning the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against the State of Israel and calls upon its governmental institutions to denounce hatred and discrimination whenever they appear; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1001

Whereas, the citizens of the State of Florida have long opposed bigotry, oppression, discrimination, and injustice as a matter of public policy; and

Whereas, Florida and Israel have enjoyed a long history of friendship and are great allies in support of each other's interests; and

Whereas, the State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in that region; and

Whereas, the elected representatives of the state recognize the importance of expressing Florida's unwavering support of the Jewish people and the State of Israel's right to exist and right to self-defense; and