

is because of people like Dennis that agriculture continues to play such a significant role in Wyoming and across the United States. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in congratulating Dennis Thaler as one of the 2016 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1252. An act to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 2845. An act to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014.

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

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

H.R. 2646. An act to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4361. An act to amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4369. An act to authorize the use of passenger facility charges at an airport previously associated with the airport at which the charges are collected.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 8:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1252. An act to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States for-

eign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 2845. An act to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014.

H.R. 3766. An act to direct the President to establish guidelines for covered United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4361. An act to amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4369. An act to authorize the use of passenger facility charges at an airport previously associated with the airport at which the charges are collected; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3079. An act to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

#### 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-6055. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6056. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Assistance Pro-

gram (TAP) for Military Personnel" (RIN0790-AJ17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6057. 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 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6058. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6059. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers" (RIN3235-AL53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6060. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Bureau for the period from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6061. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986" (RIN2590-AA76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6062. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts" (RIN3235-AL94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6063. 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 "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorization in the People's Republic of China; Advanced Micro Devices, Inc." (RIN0694-AG91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6064. 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 "Temporary General License: Extension of Validity" (RIN0694-AG82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6065. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3133-AE59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6066. A communication from the Deputy Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustment and Table" (RIN1506-AB33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6067. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN1014-AA30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6068. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6069. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Energy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6070. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Energy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6071. A communication from the Director, Office of Technology Transitions, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Technology Transfer and Related Technology Partnering Activities at the National Laboratories and Other Facilities for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6072. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines" (FRL No. 9948-65-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6073. 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; Technical Correction" (RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 9947-33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6074. 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 and Air Quality Designation; TN; Redesignation of the Sullivan County Lead Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9948-68-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6075. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clear-

ance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Neurological Disorders" (RIN0960-AF35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6076. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Effective Date for Temporary Pilot Program Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing Before an Administrative Law Judge" (RIN0960-AI02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6077. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Holiday Events; Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0786)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6078. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities and Definitions—Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program—Short-Term Projects and Long-Term Projects" (Docket No. ED-2015-OPE-0134) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6079. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6080. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6081. A communication from the Deputy Special Master, Civil Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "James Zadroga 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund Reauthorization Act" (RIN1105-AB49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6082. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Agency Response for the period from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6083. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Ethics in Government Act Violations" (RIN3209-AA00 and RIN3209-AA38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6084. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Sustainable Energy and Energy Assistance Trust Funds"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6085. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report to Congress concerning intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6086. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6087. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a vacancy for the position of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, received in the office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 921. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-294).

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-196. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 7

Whereas, A fundamental principle of tax-exempt financing is the ability of local governments to issue bonds that are free from federal taxation in order to raise capital to finance infrastructure projects that are vital to our nation, such as road, bridge, hospital, school, and utility system projects; and

Whereas, The exclusion of interest on state and local obligations from federal gross income is an important financing tool at a time when building and rebuilding infrastructure is required to meet federal mandates, promote community growth, and support economic development programs that are critical to the state and local economies of our nation; and

Whereas, The federal tax exemption is part of a more-than-century-old system of reciprocal immunity under which owners of municipal bonds are not required to pay state and federal income tax on the interest they receive from municipal bonds; and

Whereas, The federal tax exemption provides a significant difference between public sector and private sector debt financing; and

Whereas, The benefits of lower capital costs attributable to tax-exempt financing include reduced property tax rates for taxpayers, greater local investments, or both; and