

wish them the best in their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING THE PAPER MARKET

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, Louisianians have a long history of embracing life and celebrating when the occasion calls for it. In particular, the city of Monroe is home to a paper and party supply store that provides all celebratory essentials. As the holiday season quickly approaches, I would like to recognize The Paper Market of Monroe, LA, as this week's Small Business of the Week.

Amy Robinson has always been a celebration enthusiast, and from Mardi Gras to Christmas to crawfish season, she has found several reasons to celebrate every season in Louisiana. In 2010, Amy had an off-the-wall idea to track down the owner of her favorite local paper product shop to see if they would be interested in selling their profitable small business. After months of negotiating, Amy and her husband, Brian, became the proud owners of the popular local stationery store and set out with a new vision to create within the space a place in which members of the Monroe and West Monroe communities could come to plan their celebrations.

Today, The Paper Market embodies Amy's personal motto to "celebrate everything" and is regionally renowned for providing specialized party supplies for all occasions, in addition to carrying a wide variety of home decor and gift lines with a Louisiana flair. Amy has also employed an in-house graphic designer to provide a one-stop-shop for her customers' celebration-planning needs.

As we continue to celebrate National Women's Small Business Month, it is my honor to recognize Amy Robinson, her entrepreneurial efforts, and The Paper Market of Monroe for being selected as Small Business of the Week. Congratulations, Amy, Brian, and the entire Paper Market team. Thank you for your commitment to serving your community, and I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING SOPHI P CUPCAKES

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, Louisiana is known for many great things, not least of which is our unique and delicious cuisine. Whether it is a crawfish boil in the spring or the first fall gumbo pot, our family traditions often center around food. In that spirit, I would like to recognize Sophi P Cupcakes LLC in Lafayette, LA, for sharing a unique take on a traditional dessert in the Acadiana region.

Jennifer Melancon studied the art of pastry for several years before she and her husband, Dustin, decided to open Lafayette's first cupcake-centered bakery, otherwise known as a cupcakery. Combining Jennifer's skill and Dustin's

business sense, the Lafayette natives launched Sophi P Cupcakes in 2010. Almost immediately, Sophi P Cupcakes became a community favorite and later that year was recognized as the 2010 "Best New Business" by the Better Business Bureau of Acadiana. One year later, Jennifer and Dustin were awarded the 2011 "Rising Young Business Leader" by the Junior Achievement of Acadiana. Over the next few years, Sophi P Cupcakes continued to grow and succeed and in 2015 expanded their operation to launch multiple Sophi P Express coolers across the campus of the couple's alma mater, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Jennifer and Dustin are now focused on the future of Sophi P's and have their eyes set on expanding their business across Louisiana and the Nation.

While hard work and thoughtful planning have played a major role in their success, there is no doubt that Jennifer's leadership as the head pastry chef and owner has helped cement Sophi P's as a local favorite in Acadiana. Catchy cupcake names such as "the Dude" and "Chocolate Thunder" match the "sophisticated to punk" theme that is the inspiration behind the cupcakery. With treats made daily with fresh ingredients and a mission revolving around customer service and appreciation, it is no wonder that Sophi P's is a great success as part of the cupcake craze sweeping the Nation.

During the month of October, when we celebrate women-owned small businesses, I want to especially congratulate Jennifer for her role in making Sophi P Cupcakes the resounding success that it is today. Her exceptional culinary skill and artistic mind has helped Sophi P Cupcakes become one of Acadiana's favorite places for sweet treats. Her passion is an example to all aspiring female entrepreneurs, and I applaud her for tapping into her talent and embarking on the endeavor of owning a small business with her husband.

Congratulations to Jennifer, Dustin, and the entire team at Sophi P Cupcakes on being named Small Business of the Week. I look forward to your continued confectionary success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4511. An act to amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 2:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 845. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5392. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the Veterans Crisis Line.

H.R. 6007. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to include consideration of certain impacts on commercial space launch and reentry activities in a navigable air-space analysis, and for other purposes.

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

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-7530. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7531. A communication from the Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Review of Foreign Ownership Policies for Broadcast, Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licensees under Section 310(b) (4) of the Communication Act of 1934, as Amended" (FCC 16-128) (GN Docket No. 15-236)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7532. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" (RIN3084-AA98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7533. A communication from the Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Manual of Regulations and Procedures for Federal Radio Frequency Management" (RIN0660-AA32) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7534. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Arbitration Procedures" (RIN2140-AB24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7535. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Enhanced Emergency Order Procedures” (RIN2137-AF26) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7536. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Expanding the Use of Excess Flow Valves in Gas Distribution Systems to Applications Other Than Single-Family Residences” (RIN2137-AE71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7537. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) 2017–2021”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7538. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commercial Driver’s License Requirements of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Military Commercial Driver’s License Act of 2012” (RIN2126-AB68) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7539. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to Implement Grants Provisions of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act” (RIN2126-AB91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7540. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards” (RIN2700-AE29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7541. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9954-04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7542. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9953-71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7543. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Iron oxide yellow; Exemption from

the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9953-21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7544. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Di-n-butyl Adipate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9954-58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7545. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clomazone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9953-88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7546. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2-Pyrrolidinone, 1-butyl-; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9953-82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7547. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9953-87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7548. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Increased Assessment Rate” (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0050) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7549. A communication from the Acting Director of Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “New Equipment Contract, RUS Contract Form 395 for Telecommunications and Broadband Borrowers” (RIN0572-AC29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7550. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Presidential Aircraft Recapitalization (PAR) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7551. 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 “Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE: Refills of Maintenance Medications Through Military Treatment Facility Pharmacies or National Mail Order Pharmacy Program” (RIN0720-AB64)

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7552. 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 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7553. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7554. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Qualified Financial Contracts Recordkeeping Related to Orderly Liquidation Authority” (RIN1505-AC46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7555. 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 the Export Administration Regulations: Update of Arms Embargoes on Cote d’Ivoire, Liberia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, and Recognition of India as Member of the Missile Technology Control Regime” (RIN0694-AH07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7556. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Commercial Packaged Boilers” (RIN1904-AD16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7557. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedure for Commercial Water Heating Equipment” (RIN1904-AD18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7558. A communication from the Conservation Policy Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights” (RIN1018-AX36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7559. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State of Nebraska; Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program” (FRL No. 9955-25-Region 7) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7560. 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; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Control of Oxides of Nitrogen Emissions from Off-Road Diesel Vehicles" (FRL No. 9954-78-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7561. 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 Procedure 2 - Quality Assurance Requirements for Particulate Matter Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources" ((RIN2060-AT15) (FRL No. 9955-20-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7562. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Disposal; Designation of a Dredged Material Disposal Site in Eastern Region of Long Island Sound; Connecticut" (FRL No. 9955-13-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7563. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule" ((RIN2050-AG70) (FRL No. 9947-26-OLEM)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7564. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Export-Import Revisions" ((RIN2050-AG77) (FRL No. 9947-74-OLEM)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7565. 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; State of Arizona; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated By Reference" (FRL No. 9948-55-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7566. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Plan; Georgia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9955-32-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7567. 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; KY Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 1-hour NO2 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9955-19-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Full Program Adequacy of Washington's Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permitting Program" (FRL No. 9928-27-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7569. 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; NH; Rules for Reducing Particulate Emissions" (FRL No. 9953-83-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Redesignation Substitute for the Dallas-Fort Worth 1-hour Ozone and 1997 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas; Texas" (FRL No. 9953-93-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Redesignation Substitute for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1997 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Texas" (FRL No. 9953-89-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7572. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Preconstruction Permits Issued Under the Clean Air Act" ((RIN2060-AS56) (FRL No. 9954-88-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7573. 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. 9953-41)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7574. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze Federal Implementation Plan; Reconsideration" (FRL No. 9955-17-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7575. 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; Approval of Substitution for Transportation Control Measures" (FRL No. 9954-36-Region 6) received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7576. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels, Texas, project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7577. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Unified Listing Team, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding Ten Species and Updating Five Species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BB82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7578. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of *Solidago albopilosa* (White-haired Goldenrod) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants" (RIN1018-BA46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7579. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassifying the Columbia River Distinct Population Segment of the Columbian White-Tailed Deer as Threatened With a Rule Under Section 4(d) of the Act" (RIN1018-BA30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7580. 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 "Removal of the 36-month Non-payment Testing Period Rule" ((RIN1545-BM01) (TD 9793)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7581. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Programs: Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2017; Medicare Advantage Bid Pricing Data Release; Medicare Advantage and Part D Medical Loss Ratio Data Release; Medicare Advantage Provider Network Requirements; Expansion of Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Model; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements" (RIN0938-AS82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7582. 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 "Applicability of Section 411(b)(5)(B)(i) to Implicit Interest Pensions Equity Plans" (Notice 2016-67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7583. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2017 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts" ((RIN0938-AS70) (CMS-8062-N)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7584. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: CY 2017 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" ((RIN0938-AS71) (CMS-8063-N)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7585. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2017" ((RIN0938-AS72) (CMS-8064-N)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7586. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program: Covered Outpatient Drug; Delay in Change in Definitions of States and the United States" ((RIN0938-AT09) (CMS-2345-IFC)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7587. 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 "Sections 4375 and 4376—Insured and Self-Insured Health Plans Adjusted Applicable Dollar Amount for Fee Imposed by sections 4375 and 4376" (Notice 2016-64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7588. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the amendment of a designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2016-1355); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7589. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period June 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7590. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the June 10, 2016–August 9, 2016 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7591. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-519, "Extension of Time to Dispose of 1300 H Street, N.E., and Approval of Amended Term Sheet Temporary Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7592. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-520, "Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Temporary Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7593. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-521, "Child and Youth, Safety and Health Omnibus Temporary Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7594. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7595. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3376-EM in the State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7596. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's fiscal year 2016 Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7597. 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 April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7598. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7599. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-522, "Closing of Public Streets and Dedication of Land for Street and Alley Purposes in and abutting Squares 3953, 3954, 4024, 4025, and Parcel 143/45, S.O. 14-20357, Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7600. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the restating of the Commission's fiscal year 2015 balance sheet; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7601. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Nov-

ember 9, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7602. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7603. A communication from the Deputy 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 "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Titanium Dioxide and Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; [Phthalocyaninato (2-)] Copper" (Docket No. FDA-2016-F-0821) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7604. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation Findings—Performance Improvement 2014-2015 Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2016 Report to Congress on Health IT Progress: Examining the HITECH Era and the Future of Health IT"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7606. 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 "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, As Amended By the Every Student Succeeds Act—Accountability and State Plans" (RIN1810-AB27) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7607. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Trademark Classification Changes" (RIN0651-AD12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7608. A communication from the Policy Officer, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Army National Military Cemeteries" (RIN0702-AA60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7609. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System" ((FCC 16-127) (PS Docket No. 15-91 and PS Docket No. 15-94)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7610. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Suncoast Super Boat

Grand Prix; Gulf of Mexico, Sarasota, FL" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0418)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7611. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Black Warrior River, Mile 338.8 to 341.9; Tuscaloosa, AL" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0576)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7612. 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; Houma Navigation Canal miles 23 to 23.5, Dulac, LA" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0650)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7613. 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; Hudson River, Edgewater, NJ" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0648)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7614. 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; Navy UNDET, Apra Outer Harbor, GU" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0555)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7615. 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; Tennessee River 385.0-387.0; Scottsboro, AL" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0467)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7616. 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 "Designating the Sakhalin Bay-Nikolaya Bay-Amur River Stock of Beluga Whales as a Depleted Stock Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)" (RIN0648-BF55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7617. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Appalachian High Country Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 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-216. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to enact the Resilient Federal Forests Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1011

Whereas, national forest lands are the largest single source of water in the United States and, in some regions of the west, contribute nearly 50% of the overall water supply; and

Whereas, the unhealthy state of these forests has resulted in catastrophic wildfires that are threatening the reliability, volume and quality of water for tens of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, severe drought and record-breaking wildfire seasons have highlighted the need for the implementation of a process that would require and provide for the United States Forest Service to accelerate restoration work in our national forests, which would protect critical headwaters and make forest lands more resilient against prolonged dry conditions, insect infestation and fire; and

Whereas, failure to take quick action will result in a continued increase in the frequency and intensity of destructive wildfires, impacting the nation's water resources for decades at considerable cost to stakeholders and United States taxpayers; and

Whereas, the customs, cultures and economic well-being of our local communities, as well as important historic and cultural aspects of our local heritage, are being ignored, which adversely affects the lives and jobs of the people of the United States and devastates local and state economies; and

Whereas, on June 4, 2015, Representative Bruce Westerman introduced H.R. 2647, the Resilient Federal Forests Act. The bill passed in the House on July 9, 2015 and was transmitted to the Senate, where it died in committee; and

Whereas, the Resilient Federal Forests Act expedites and improves forest management activities through a collaborative process, resulting in the protection of water resources.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representative concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress enact the Resilient Federal Forests Act.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-217. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to small unmanned aircraft systems; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, In the western United States, water is a vital and scarce resource, the availability of which has and continues to circumscribe growth, development, economic well-being, and environmental quality of life; and

Whereas, The wise use, conservation, development, and management of our water resources is critical to maintaining human life, health, safety, and property; and

Whereas, The western United States is currently experiencing serious drought conditions that are predicted to worsen; and

Whereas, Agricultural irrigation uses a significant amount of water, making the agri-

cultural sector one of the most important sectors to examine when considering water conservation; and

Whereas, Even modest improvements in agricultural water use can result in significant amounts of water not being depleted regionwide, which can then be utilized elsewhere; and

Whereas, Precision agricultural management studies have shown that farmers can reduce the amount of water, fertilizer, and pesticide needed by their fields by utilizing high-resolution, high-quality remotely sensed imagery to guide their application efforts of water, fertilizer, and pesticide; and

Whereas, Small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) have the capability to quickly provide expansive, high-resolution, and high-quality remotely sensed imagery that can measure specific bands in the solar spectrum, such as the thermal infrared band, which allows farmers to better understand and manage their water use; and

Whereas, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently in the process adopting rules for the usage of sUAS in agricultural management; and

Whereas, Flights of sUAS, for the purposes of precision agricultural management, could occur safely at low altitudes, in rural areas removed from other air traffic and human populations, and in accordance with the FAA's proposed guidelines; and

Whereas, Small unmanned aircraft systems have been used in precision agricultural management in Japan for a decade, successfully optimizing and monitoring the management of 2.5 million acres of farmland, 40 percent of which are rice fields, without any significant reported incidents; and

Whereas, Several University of California campuses and the California State University system are developing precision agriculture applications with sUAS to help save water and improve crop and environmental monitoring. For example, the Mechatronics Embedded Systems and Automation Lab at the University of California, Merced, has developed numerous innovations for precision agricultural management with sUAS; and

Whereas, Flights of sUAS also have the capacity for detecting invasive plant species that deplete high amounts of water such as yellow star thistle, arundo, tamarisk, and cheatgrass, which serve no agricultural purpose and removal of which would help in water conservation efforts; and

Whereas, The use of sUAS is an emerging technology and has great promise for the development of models that forecast and predict economic impacts of droughts and meteorological phenomena: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That, due to the severity of the drought gripping the western United States, the California Legislature respectfully requests the President of the United States and the United States Secretary of Transportation, more specifically the FAA, to allow for the operation of sUAS by farmers and rangeland managers pursuant to emergency rules adopted by the administration before the FAA rules for sUAS are finalized. The emergency rules should be based on the proposed FAA rules for sUAS that were released in February 2015 and that incorporate all of the following:

(a) That the emergency FAA rules for sUAS operation be applicable to counties located in the western portion of the United States that are projected to be in drought during the current growing season, as defined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's Seasonal Drought Outlook.

(b) That the emergency FAA rules for sUAS operation allow Farmers to contract with sUAS flight service providers to execute