

These are among the reasons why I have voted to uphold the EPA rule governing mercury and air toxics standards from coal-fired power plants and the cross-State air pollution rule, as well as the Clean Power Plan to limit carbon pollution from existing and new fossil fuel-fired power plants.

I reject the false choice of pitting the environment against the economy because, for much of the State of Maine, the economy and the environment are inextricably linked. A strong commitment to protecting the health of our Nation's environment is critical for protecting Maine's natural beauty, the State's economy, and the health of those of us fortunate enough to call Maine home.

Due to my concerns about Mr. Prutt's commitment to the mission of the EPA, I will cast my vote in opposition to his confirmation.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. NAVY SEABEES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion, also known as the SeaBees, and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary. It was March 5th, 1942, when the SeaBees were charged by the Navy with the task of building, maintaining, and supporting base infrastructure in remote locations for the Navy and Marine Corps. SeaBees execute this critical mission, while also maintaining the capability to engage in combat operations.

For 75 years, the SeaBees have met challenges in times of war and peace. They have been deployed all over the world, contributing to our national security interests by constructing military bases, building airfields, roads, bridges, and even underwater structures. In every major operation our Nation has carried out, from World War II to present operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Navy SeaBees are there, demonstrating unmatched courage, strength, and professionalism. Their personal sacrifices are a testament to the dedication of the Navy's elite construction force.

As we honor the SeaBees today, let us not forget to acknowledge the many sacrifices their families have made throughout their 75 years. Whether at home or abroad in the more than 30 countries to which they deploy, it is the support of their families that enables the brave men and women of the SeaBees to accomplish their mission with the utmost devotion to duty, honor, and country. I am proud that Gulfport, MS, serves as home to the Naval Construction Battalion Center, where more than 12,500 SeaBees, sailors, airmen, and soldiers have received valuable training this past year alone.

We congratulate the U.S. Navy SeaBees on their 75th anniversary and reaffirm our commitment to them.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROSE ILES FEALY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Rose Iles Fealy. Rose hails from Perth, Western Australia, where she studies political science at the Australian National University.

While interning on the Commerce Committee, Rose has assisted the Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security Subcommittee. Following her internship, Rose intends to pursue law school. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rose Iles Fealy for all of the fine work she has done for the committee and wish her continued success in the years to come.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING PIMENTEL & SONS GUITARMAKERS

• Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, it is an honor to join musicians and music lovers in recognizing Albuquerque's Pimentel family for their 65 years of building handcrafted instruments that are sought after by guitar players and collectors around the world.

Pimentel & Sons is a successful family-owned small business that was started from scratch and has been sustained with innovation, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

As the ranking member on the Joint Economic Committee, I am proud to recognize successful entrepreneurs and small business owners like the Pimentels.

Lorenzo Pimentel learned the craft of building guitars as a teenager in Ciudad Juarez. After marrying his wife, Josefina, Lorenzo moved his family to Albuquerque after falling in love with the Sandia Mountains. Over his lifetime, Lorenzo Pimentel accumulated an incredible list of accolades for his guitars.

Four of Lorenzo's sons, Agustin, Ricardo, Roberto, and Victor, have continued their late father's work as master guitar makers in their own right. They have each played an integral role in shaping New Mexico's music scene for decades.

Pimentel & Sons has earned the Hispanic Heritage Month Distinguished Honor Award, the Governor's Award for Excellence and Achievement in the Arts, and an invitation to the Smithsonian Institute's Festival of American Folklife.

In 2009, Governor Bill Richardson signed a bill designating Pimentel's Sunrise model as the official State guitar of New Mexico.

Generations of musicians have played and appreciated the world-renowned Pimentel guitars that capture the spirit and culture of New Mexico. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 428. An act to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 23. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 255. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

H.R. 321. An act to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. NELSON, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 379. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 380. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the disclosure of the total number of the domestic and foreign employees of a company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 381. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 382. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 383. A bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 384. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 385. A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 386. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 387. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 388. A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 389. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that kombucha is exempt from any excise taxes and regulations imposed on alcoholic beverages; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 390. A bill to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 391. A bill to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 392. A bill to establish the 400 years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 393. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 394. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the Armed Forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 395. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify the circumstances in which a person may acquire geolocation information and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 396. A bill to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 397. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure fairness in Medicare hospital payments by establishing a floor for the area wage index applied with respect to certain hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 398. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to provide for modification of certain Federal water resources development projects on the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 399. A bill to establish the United States Chief Manufacturing Officer in the Executive Office of the President with the responsibility of developing a national manufacturing strategy to revitalize the manufacturing sector, spur economic growth, and expand United States competitiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 400. A bill to establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 401. A bill to establish the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 402. A bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement with the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission of the State of Maryland for the acceptance of a statue of Harriet Tubman for display in a prominent location in the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 403. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 404. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the process for inspections of device establishments for granting export certifications; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. Res. 61. A resolution calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 16

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 26

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 26, a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.

S. 27

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 27, a bill to establish an independent commission to examine and report on the facts regarding the extent of Russian official and unofficial cyber operations and other attempts to interfere in the 2016 United States national election, and for other purposes.

S. 66

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 66, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 82

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 82, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 94

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Montana