

and selling of electricity through wholesale electricity markets, and assessing and planning for the future needs of the electric grid. PJM has devoted itself to those goals as an industry technology innovator, operating similar to a stock exchange and developing electricity rates through a bidding process that aligns supply with demand. That PJM model is one that has been emulated not just across the country, but around the world.

As the work of PJM has reached a global scale, I am especially proud that this company continues to call Pennsylvania home and remains an integral part of our economy and electric grid infrastructure. For the last 90 years, PJM has worked to develop groundbreaking changes in electricity and technology to improve the lives of all Americans. Together with a grateful Commonwealth and a grateful nation, I take this opportunity to thank them for their last nine decades of innovation and wish them well for another 90 years of excellence and beyond.●

TRIBUTE TO STAN WILMOTH

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Stan Wilmoth, whose relentless commitment and service to his community makes us all proud to call him a fellow Nevadan.

This month, the American Cancer Society will pay tribute to Mr. Wilmoth by presenting him with their first-ever "Spirit of Hope Award." This prestigious award is given to individuals who are dedicated to their community, wellness, education, quality of life, and who advocate on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Wilmoth is well-deserving of this award as he has an extensive record of giving back to Nevada. Whether it is serving as a volunteer fireman in Lemmon Valley for 10 years or helping advance construction of the Ronald McDonald House, we are grateful for Mr. Wilmoth's many contributions to our community and his involvement in programs like Head Start. In addition to serving as a member of the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wilmoth has also held several other leadership board positions, including chairman of the Nevada Bankers Association and presenting sponsor of the American Cancer Society's annual fundraiser. For the past 10 years, he has been instrumental in the development of the Suits & Sneakers Gala, offering guidance and support of the American Cancer Society's mission.

For 17 years, Mr. Wilmoth has served as president and chief executive officer of Heritage Bank, which serves as a lifeline in our State's economy. Under his leadership, Heritage Bank has played a large role in getting small businesses off the ground and making northern Nevada a better region to live, work, and raise a family. In fact, the bank earned the title of "SBA Lender of the Year in Northern Ne-

vada" for the past 6 years, assisting many businesses and their families.

Before joining Heritage, Mr. Wilmoth served as vice president, northern Nevada regional loan manager for Nevada State Bank, and assistant vice president/commercial account officer and commercial service officer for U.S. Bank. He also served on the Federal Reserve Board for Community Banks for multiple years.

Mr. Wilmoth's dedication and community involvement in Nevada is a true testament to his character, and we are privileged he is one of our own. His commitment and hard work in the fight for a world without cancer is truly admirable.

In closing, I am honored and proud to recognize Stan Wilmoth for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of Nevada. I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and wish him the best in his future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Business Council of Douglas County for 25 years of striving toward a "diverse, sustainable and healthy economy" for Douglas County, NV.

The Business Council of Douglas County started in September of 1992 and consists of business owners, professionals, and industry leaders who collaborate with State, local, and Federal government institutions to identify and resolve critical matters in the business community. Ultimately, the partnership formed increases the ability of small businesses to grow, expand, and hire in Douglas County and across northern Nevada.

In 1996, Douglas County adopted a 20-year master plan designed to provide guidance to the county's future development. Just 4 years into their existence, the council was instrumental in helping to shape that plan. Their involvement presented them with a unique opportunity to share their input and better shape the county's economic future.

In addition to providing advice and insight to government entities, the Business Council of Douglas County plays a prominent role in educating the community and serving as a catalyst for debate on relevant and timely issues. By holding townhall debates and educational forums on critical issues like water and transportation, as well as forums for candidates running to serve in public office, the council has helped facilitate a community where everyone has a vested interest in the county's future.

Furthermore, the Business Council of Douglas County is striving to do more and encouraging businessowners in northern Nevada, as well as community members, to participate in the organization's efforts and to stay informed. To accomplish this, the coun-

cil distributes a weekly newsletter on topics of importance to the business community, relevant government meetings, votes, projects, and news. The council's general membership hosts a monthly breakfast with guest speakers at no charge because all meetings are open to members and their invited guests. They also host an annual critical issues conference. This year's conference is another way for them to discuss important issues to the county and its ability to grow the economy.

The Business Council of Douglas County's efforts and priorities go hand-in-hand with my fight in Washington, DC, to foster an economic climate that allows small businesses to invest, grow, and hire across the State. Having served in the Nevada Legislature and currently as our State's senior Senator, I can attest to the significance of the council and the partnership they have formed with all levels of government.

In closing, I am honored and proud to recognize the Business Council of Douglas County for 25 years of tireless advocacy on behalf of the entire community. Through years of hard work, planning, and educational efforts, the Douglas County business community has an open and transparent dialogue with their State, local, and Federal officials. The partnership that has developed will not only continue to grow but benefit the community for years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:03 p.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. 3354. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

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-2862. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Importation of Orchids in Growing Media From the Republic of Korea Into the Continental United States” ((RIN0579-AE24) (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0091)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2863. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting proposed legislation relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2864. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2865. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2866. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2867. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2868. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David J. Buck, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2869. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Richard P. Breckenridge, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2870. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Vessel Documentation Regulations—Technical Amendment” ((46 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0531)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2871. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards” ((FRL No. 9967-95-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2872. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Postponement of Certain Compliance Dates for the Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category” ((FRL No. 9967-90-OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2873. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California” ((FRL No. 9962-56-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2874. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)” ((FRL No. 9967-93-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2875. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, South Coast Air Quality Management District” ((FRL No. 9967-45-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2876. 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 State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; United States Virgin Islands; Other Solid Waste Incineration Units” ((FRL No. 9967-42-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2877. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA” ((FRL No. 9967-47-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2878. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA” ((FRL No. 9967-46-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2879. 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; Maine; Regional Haze 5-Year Progress Report” ((FRL No. 9967-88-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2880. 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; Removal of Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Program” ((FRL No. 9967-83-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2881. 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; Alabama; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard” ((FRL No. 9967-84-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2882. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0159—2017-0162); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2883. A communication from the Chief of Negotiations and Restructuring, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification that the Corporation has issued an order partitioning the United Furniture Workers Pension Fund A pursuant to section 4233 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; to the Committees on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and Finance.

EC-2884. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease: 2017 Update”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2885. A communication from the Acting Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties semi-annual report for the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2017 (October 1, 2016–March 31, 2017); to the Committees on the Judiciary; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2886. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to settlements and consent decrees and orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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EC-2890. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Miscellaneous Amendments to Business Loan Programs and Surety Bond Guarantee Program” ((RIN3245-AF85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2017; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 842. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-162).

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. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KING, Ms. HARRIS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to protect the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1851. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, demonstration and deployment program, and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1852. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1853. A bill to provide disaster relief to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. STRANGE, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 1854. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to enhance penalties for theft of a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 1855. A bill to permit the Miami Nation of Indiana to apply for acknowledgment as a federally recognized Indian tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1856. A bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 266. A resolution reaffirming the United States-Liberia partnership, calling for free, fair, and peaceful elections in Liberia in October 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 267. A resolution designating September 2017 as "National Workforce Development Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 236

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. STRANGE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, *supra*.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 324

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to provide for the purchase of paper United States savings bonds with tax refunds.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 to include in the prohibitions on boycotts against allies of the United States boycotts fostered by international governmental organizations against Israel and to direct the Export-Import Bank of the United States to oppose boycotts against Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from South Caro-

lina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish an H-2B temporary non-agricultural work visa program, and for other purposes.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 873

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 873, a bill to amend section 8433 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from the Thrift Savings Fund.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to permit the taking of certain black vultures and ravens, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from revising the approved oil and gas leasing program for fiscal years 2017 through 2022.

S. 1028

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the small employer health insurance credit.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1693, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking.

S. 1754

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1754, a bill to reauthorize