

Johnson and to pay tribute to her hard work on behalf of the people of Minnesota.

As Hennepin County attorney, I had the pleasure of collaborating with Barb on a variety of local initiatives. She helped me get started when I was first elected, and I knew I could always count on her guidance and wisdom. Over 20 years of public service, she proved she was a natural leader motivated by compassion and the desire to help the people of her city.

Whether as a council member or its president, Barb strove to give everyone in the Fourth District a voice in Minneapolis.

Before running for office, she served the community as a registered nurse. She often talked about how her experience inspired her efforts to help the growing healthcare sector in Minneapolis.

Barb was deeply committed to our parks and served on the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission for 18 years. She demonstrated that commitment by securing a 20-year deal to increase spending for our Minneapolis parks.

Throughout her career, Barb played a critical role in improving the lives of the people of Minneapolis. She supported local businesses and encouraged homeownership in her district and around Minneapolis. She also helped lift the wages of thousands of people across the city.

I want to recognize all of Barb's accomplishments, but I am sure there are more to come. Her commitment to public service is steadfast, and I am confident she will keep giving back to our State. I can't wait to see what she does next.

I hope you will join me as I say thank you to Barbara Johnson for her 20 remarkable years of service to the city of Minneapolis, the State of Minnesota, and the United States of America. ●

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4667. An act making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and calendar year 2017 wildfires, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following joint resolution was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 36. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 27, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1766. A bill to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, 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-3833. A communication from the Executive Secretary, Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2017 Report of the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (MERHCF); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3834. 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 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)" (RIN0790-AJ88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3835. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Qualifying Country - Latvia" (RIN0750-AJ47) (DFARS Case 2017-0020) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3836. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2017 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3837. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Trade Agreements Thresholds" ((RIN0750-AJ65) (DFARS Case 2018-D001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3838. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Retention of Certain Existing Transition Provisions for Banking Organizations That Are Not Subject to the Advanced Approaches Capital Rules" (RIN7100-AE83) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3839. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (New Jersey: Beverly, City of, Burlington County, et al.)" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2017-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3840. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amine salty of styrene acrylic polymer, ammonium salt: Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9970-89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3841. 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 "Worker Safety and Health Program" (RIN1992-AA55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3842. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit a Section 110 State Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport for the 2012 Annual National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Fine Particles; Massachusetts" (FRL No. 9972-39-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3843. 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; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Volatile Organic Compound Emissions in the Dallas-Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9972-00-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3844. 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; Anti-Idling Regulations" (FRL No. 9972-49-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3845. 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; Louisiana; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9971-85-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3846. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Revisions to the Definitions for Arkansas Plan of Implementation for Air Pollution Control: Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9971-86-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3847. 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; Wisconsin; 2017 Revisions to NR 400 and 406; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9972-32-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3848. 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; Ohio; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9972-34-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3849. 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; Illinois; Volatile Organic Compounds Definition; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9972-33-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3850. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of his intent to end the suspension of Argentina's designation as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3851. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to United States Citizens Detained by Iran; to the Committees on Finance; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Foreign Relations.

EC-3852. 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 Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2018" ((RIN0938-AS72) (CMS-8067-N)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3853. 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 2018 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts" ((RIN0938-AT05) (CMS-8065-N)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3854. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2018-3" (Rev. Proc. 2018-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3855. 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 "2018 Standard Mileage Rates" (Notice 2018-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3856. 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 "Loss Safe Harbor and Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Cost-Index" (Rev. Proc. 2018-8 and Rev. Proc. 2018-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3857. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license

for the export of 5.56mm upper receiver assemblies, barrel assemblies, and accessories to the United Arab Emirates in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3858. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of rifles and accessories to Bahrain in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3859. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, nine (9) reports relative to vacancies in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3860. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) management report for the fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3861. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3862. A communication from the Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2016 inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3863. 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 Secretary of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3864. A communication from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (United States v. Slatten); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3865. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### 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. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2276. A bill to require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2277. A bill to require the delisting of Mexican gray wolves under the Endangered

Species Act of 1973 on a determination that the subspecies has been sufficiently recovered in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2278. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2279. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program to repair, improve, rehabilitate, or replace bridges to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridge crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2280. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure the Secretary of Veterans Affairs permits the display of Battlefield Crosses in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2281. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the individual tax rates in effect for taxable years 2018 through 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 367. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its violence against demonstrators and calling for peaceful resolution to the concerns of the citizens of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 368. A resolution supporting the right of all Iranian citizens to have their voices heard; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 338

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking, and for other purposes.

S. 1357

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1357, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic family care services in Medicaid.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1674, a bill to