

“higher order thinking” questions about their lab results.

Summer, who believes that one of her goals as an educator is to make her students feel valued, does this by encouraging her students to participate in days such as National Compliment Day. She believes that events like this will allow her students to feel empowered and know that they are capable of success in the future.

I offer my best wishes to Summer and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LINDA HOWELL

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I honor Linda Howell, the Taylor County Teacher of the Year from Taylor County High School in Perry, FL.

Linda has a strong belief that every student can learn and succeed, but it takes an entire community to support that success. Her peers take note of her dedication to being a part of a team at her school.

A 1987 graduate from Florida State University, Linda previously worked for Proctor and Gamble, helping to develop its employee assistance program and was a member of its Foley Impact Team. She was also previously a home educator and substitute teacher.

Linda has great experience as an educator, spending many years cultivating an esteemed and diverse resume. Linda currently teaches 9th and 10th grade English, and has spent 8 years with the Taylor County Public School District. She also intermittently teaches at her local Boys and Girls Club in its after-school and summer programs.

I offer my best wishes to Linda and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2109. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans.

H.R. 2196. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:31 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 bill:

H.R. 559. An act to amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”.

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

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2109. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2196. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### 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-1743. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Paul J. Selva, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1744. 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 “Methods for Calculating W-2 Wages for Purposes of Section 199A(g)” (Notice 2019-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1745. 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 “Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits” (RIN1545-BO89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1746. 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 “Modification of Discounting Rules for Insurance Companies” (RIN1545-BO50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1747. 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 “2019 Marginal Production Rates” (Notice 2019-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1748. 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 “Electing Small Business Trusts with Nonresident Aliens as Potential Current Beneficiaries” (RIN1545-BO93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1749. 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 “Limitation on Deduction for Dividends Received from Certain Foreign Corporations and Amounts Eligible for Section 954 Look-Through Exception”

(RIN1545-BO64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1750. 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 “Health Reimbursement Arrangements and Other Account-Based Group Health Plans” (RIN1545-BO46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1751. 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 2019-0044 - 2019-0047); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1752. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplement Not Supplant Under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1753. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Health Reimbursement Arrangements and Other Account-Based Group Health Plans” (RIN0938-AT90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1754. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-59, “Primary Date Alteration Temporary Amendment Act of 2019”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1755. 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; Ohio River, Miles 90.8 to 91.4, Wheeling, WV” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0364)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1756. 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; Ohio River, Miles 110.5 to 111.5, Moundsville, WV” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0451)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1757. 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; Lower Mississippi River, Port Gibson, MS” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0440)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1758. 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; Lower Mississippi River, Ohio

River, and Upper Mississippi River, Bird's Point-New Madrid Floodway" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0123)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1759. 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; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Markers 614 to 615.5, Guttenberg, IA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0285)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1760. 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; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0509)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1333. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-49).

H.R. 1079. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-50).

### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

### 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. VAN HOLLEN:

S. 1950. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to return the estate, gift, and generation skipping transfer tax to 2009 levels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 1951. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate regulations relating to the disclosure of certain commercial data, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1952. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a program for the procurement of domestically grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables to provide healthier school meals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1953. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to include the setting of reference prices for aluminum premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1954. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1955. A bill to ensure that certain materials used in carrying out Federal infrastructure aid programs are made in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1956. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the qualified contract exception to the extended low-income housing commitment rules for purposes of the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1957. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1958. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for disaster mitigation expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 1959. A bill to expand and improve the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program to ensure legal assistance is provided for survivors in proceedings related to domestic violence and sexual assault, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1960. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1961. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit certain unfair credit practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. JONES):

S. 1962. A bill to prevent foreign adversaries from influencing elections by prohib-

iting foreign nationals from purchasing at any time a broadcast, cable, or satellite communications that mentions a clearly identified candidate for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1963. A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1964. A bill to support educational entities in fully implementing title IX and reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1965. A bill to authorize actions with respect to foreign countries engaged in illicit trade in tobacco products or their precursors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1966. A bill to prohibit Federal funding to entities that do not certify the entities will not perform, or provide any funding to any other entity that performs, an abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1967. A bill to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to increase opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1968. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide for necessary payments from the Spectrum Relocation Fund for costs of spectrum research and development and planning activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1969. A bill to authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1970. A bill to secure the rights of public employees to organize, act concertedly, and bargain collectively, which safeguard the public interest and promote the free and unobstructed flow of commerce, and for other