

which will soon come back to life as a new community, housing families and individuals. He and his work remind us of the cultural, commercial, and ecological importance of the river. It is fundamental to our very identities as Minnesotans.

Through his work, Dr. Anfinson has educated countless Minnesotans about the unique cultural heritage of the Mississippi, and he has inspired the public to appreciate and take advantage of the treasures the river offers to our State and country. He has contributed to our understanding of the history of the river through his books, "River of History" and "The River We Have Wrought." His impact will be felt as generations and generations of Americans have the opportunity to learn about the Mississippi enjoy all that it has to offer.

As our climate changes and our State changes in countless other ways, it is vital that we prioritize good stewardship of the river. That means cleaning the waters. That means maintaining our river communities and the infrastructure—natural and manmade—necessary to protect them from flooding. We will be challenged to constantly envision, plan, and take action to make sure we have a Mississippi River worthy of the legacy we want to pass on to the next generation of Minnesotans. Dr. Anfinson and his work will continue to guide us for years to come.

It is an honor to offer my sincerest congratulations to Dr. Anfinson on his retirement. Minnesota thanks him for his countless contributions to the environment and our treasured Mississippi River.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHY HUGHES

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a tenacious entrepreneur, visionary radio personality, and powerful advocate for the African-American community, Cathy Hughes. This year, her pioneering radio company, Urban One, celebrated 40 years on the air. Cathy Hughes has left an indelible mark on the State of Maryland and inspired millions of listeners across the country.

This titan of the airwaves began her extraordinary career in Omaha, NE, where she worked for a local radio station, KOWH. But it was when she moved to Washington, DC, in 1971 to pursue a job at the Howard University School of Communications that her career took off. While working at Howard, she got involved in the university's radio program as a station manager. In her first year on the job, she increased the station's revenue twelvefold.

Cathy Hughes has always aimed high, and when she learned that the local DC radio station WOL was up for sale, she seized the opportunity. After being denied a loan 32 times, she finally received the bank financing she needed. So she purchased WOL, founded her own media company, Radio One, and

quickly soared to new heights. Cathy Hughes revolutionized radio by rebuilding WOL from the ground up, literally, and brought on grassroots volunteers from the neighborhood to develop her station's headquarters on H Street and 4th Northeast, just a short walk from the U.S. Capitol. Her innovative broadcasts captured the attention of the African-American community and attracted a wide audience of devoted listeners.

Although she got her start in Washington, DC, Cathy Hughes has become a champion for Maryland. When her company first expanded out of Washington, its first stop was Baltimore. And her flagship venture, which was renamed Urban One in 2017, is now headquartered in Silver Spring. She has cultivated strong roots in Anne Arundel County and has been living in Pasadena for 20 years. Today, Urban One's broadcasts reach households across Maryland and provide a platform for honest conversation on the issues that matter to our State. Cathy Hughes has given back time and time again to the communities that raised her up by hiring locally and employing countless Marylanders. That tradition of uplifting others has remained a hallmark of her career. Her company, which now houses two new multimedia ventures, CLEO TV and TV One, both stationed in Maryland, has created 1,500 jobs.

In the 40 years since purchasing WOL, Cathy Hughes has never stopped overcoming barriers. In 1999, she became the first African-American woman to chair the board of a publicly held corporation. She headed the first African-American-run company to succeed in multiple radio markets simultaneously. Cathy Hughes made history again as the first woman to own a radio station ranked No. 1. Her trailblazing multimedia enterprise now reaches 82 percent of the African-American community and has cultivated a devoted weekly following of 15 million listeners.

Speaking of Cathy Hughes' inspiring career, Reverend Al Sharpton said, "She took the 'mute' button off of Black America." Her legacy has been defined by a commitment to speaking up for those who have long been silent in the radio arena. While she has already lived a storied life and achieved enormous success, Cathy Hughes hasn't slowed down. Her recent efforts to highlight local Black businesses struggling to weather the storm of this pandemic speaks to the depth of her lifelong passion for shining the spotlight on others. While her name has already been inscribed on the aptly renamed Cathy Hughes School for Communications at Howard University where she once worked, her story is still being written.●

#### 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-6107. A communication from the Counsel for Regulations and Legislation, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Counseling Program: Revision of the Certification Timeline" (RIN2502-ZA34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6108. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the International Criminal Court that was declared in Executive Order 13928 of June 11, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6109. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6110. 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 "Changes to Certain Alcohol-Related Regulations Governing Bond Requirements and Tax Return Filing Periods" (RIN1513-AC30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6111. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2021-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6112. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2021-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6113. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2019-002, Recreational Services on Federal Lands" (RIN9000-AN85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6114. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2018-023, Taxes-Foreign Contracts in Afghanistan" (RIN9000-AN81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6115. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2020-006, Documentation of Market Research" (RIN9000-AO09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December

11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6116. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2018-021, Reserve Officer Training Corps and Military Recruiting on Campus" (RIN9000-AN79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6117. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2019-019, Update to Excess Personal Property Procedures" (RIN9000-AO02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6118. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2020-002, Removal of Obsolete Definitions" (RIN9000-AO05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6119. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2020-003, Removal of FAR Appendix" (RIN9000-AO06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6120. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment" (Docket No. OAG 168) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6121. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PTAB Rules of Practice for Instituting on All Challenged Patent Claims and All Grounds and Eliminating the Presumption at Institution Favoring Petitioner as to Testimonial Evidence" (RIN0651-AD40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6122. 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 Tehachapi Mountains Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6123. 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 Candy Mountain Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6124. 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 "Establish-

ment of the Royal Slope Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6125. 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 Tualatin Hills and Laurelwood District Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6126. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Mesa, Arizona" (MB Docket No. 20-331) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6127. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Portland, Oregon" (MB Docket No. 20-334) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6128. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Minneapolis, Minnesota" (MB Docket No. 20-340) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6129. A communication from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protecting Consumers from One-Ring Scams, Report and Order" ((CG Docket No. 20-93) (FCC 20-171)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2716. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-324).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on the Budget:

Report to accompany S. 2765, A bill to improve Federal fiscal controls and the congressional budget process (Rept. No. 116-325).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2757. A bill to waive the imposition of a civil fine for certain first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns (Rept. No. 116-326).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1730. A bill to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that

protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-327).

S. 2979. A bill to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities (Rept. No. 116-328).

S. 3303. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to promote transportation career opportunities and improve diversity in the workforce (Rept. No. 116-329).

S. 3734. A bill to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology (Rept. No. 116-330).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 3958. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects (Rept. No. 116-331).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4286. A bill to authorize appropriations for offsetting the costs related to reductions in research productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic (Rept. No. 116-332).

S. 1166. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to make grants for the establishment or expansion of internet exchange facilities, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1341. A bill to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1858. A bill to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 2535. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis relating to the decline in the business formation rate in the United States.

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4159. A bill to amend the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act to accommodate emerging technologies.

S. 4472. A bill to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program to include eligible telecommunications carriers and providers of educational broadband service, and for other purposes.

S. 4719. A bill to provide, temporarily, authority for the Secretary of Commerce to waive cost sharing requirements for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 4884. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, and for other purposes.