

Colorado. Charlie loved politics, and he believed in a higher standard for those who hold the public's trust. His writing was steeped in the history of Colorado and the Nation, which helped make his columns touchstones in our political dialogue. Like many in this country, he was disappointed in recent years at the vitriol and extremism that has crept into our debates. He bemoaned the decline of respectful opposition. Colorado lost a wise voice with the passing of Charlie Roos. Many, including myself, lost a mentor. But we should use his example to remind ourselves that the American people deserve the best that we can give. Our actions will always be measured against the high bar he set.

I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering Charlie Roos for his passion for reporting, his political wisdom and his dedication to Colorado. He will be missed.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 the Judiciary.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 185. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2251. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building".

H.R. 3588. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

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

##### ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 1881. A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, 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-3962. A communication from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Label Approval System: Generic Label Approval" (RIN0583-AC59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3963. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additive Regulations; Incorporation by Reference of the Food Chemicals Codex, 7th Edition" (Docket No. FDA-2010-F-0320) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3964. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3965. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endothall; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3966. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tall Oil, Polymer with Polyethylene Glycol and Succinic Anhydride Monopolyisobutylene derivs.; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9903-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3967. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Decem-

ber 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3969. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3970. 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" (44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3971. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Risk Management Initiatives: New Manual Underwriting Requirements" (RIN2502-AJ07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3972. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Mortgage Definition for HUD Insured and Guaranteed Single Family Mortgages" (RIN2502-AJ18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3973. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards" (RIN2502-AI71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3974. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Reliability Organization Proposal to Retire Requirements in Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM13-8-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3975. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2-Contingency Reserve" (Docket No. RM13-13-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3976. 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; State of Oregon; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9900-70-