

students are now exposed to real-world experiences while providing business and industry with essential new ideas and out-of-the-box thinking.

These kinds of partnerships and innovations will carry Ohio into the next era of progress and development, and Kent State will be an important part of that success. Already, 10 start-up companies have been created in the last 6 years to capitalize on Kent State faculty research and add to the economic growth in the region. This is real-world research that benefits society, consumers, and the university.

Under Carol Cartwright's leadership, Kent State was named by the Association of University Technology Managers as fourth in the Nation for the number of start-up companies formed per \$10 million in research spending. Kent State also plays an important leadership role in JumpStart Inc., a new organization to help advance technology commercialization and foster economic development in Ohio.

Overall, President Cartwright's presidency has been marked by a commitment to developing students who are leaders and experts in innovation and service. Kent State has launched degree programs in high-demand and emerging fields, including an interdisciplinary undergraduate program in biotechnology that is unique in the State of Ohio; an interdisciplinary bachelor's program in American Sign Language; a baccalaureate program in paralegal studies; and the first graduate programs in Russian and Japanese at a public university in northeast Ohio. The revolutionary joint doctoral program in biomedicine with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation matches some of America's best and brightest students with world-class medical training opportunities, and Kent State is a partner in the Nation's only joint, 4-year doctoral program in audiology.

Her commitment to preparing students for the future and working with regional economic growth initiatives should be a model for colleges and universities across the country to emulate.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and commending President Cartwright on an excellent job of leading Kent State through an age of innovation and extraordinary achievement during her tenure. I wish her well on her upcoming retirement. ●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2603. A bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2611. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

S. 2612. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform 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-6341. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to Remove the Arizona Distinct Population Segment of the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Withdrawal of the Proposed Rule to Designate Critical Habitat; Removal of Federally Designated Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-AU22; 1018-A148) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6342. A communication from the Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart A" (RIN1018-AT81) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6343. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements for the Import of Halon-1301 Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Vessels" (RIN2060-AM46) (FRL No. 8157-5) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6344. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL No. 8054-8) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6345. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and/or Defer Sanctions, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL No. 8054-9) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6346. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8053-2) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6347. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets" (RIN3041-AC02) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6348. A communication from the Legislative Affairs Branch Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Healthy For-

ests Reserve Program Interim Final Rule" (7 CFR Part 625) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6349. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7770-4) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6350. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service—Student Program" (RIN3206-AK59) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6351. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on the Proposed Richard Nixon Library; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6352. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parental Information and Resource Centers—Notice of Final Priorities and Eligibility Requirements" received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6353. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Charter School Facilities Incentive Program" received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6354. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of 2 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-291. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to international trade; to the Committee on Finance.

ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

Whereas, The trade liberalization efforts of the early 1990s and trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization Uruguay Round agreements have increased the role of state policymakers in international trade decisions; and

Whereas, Trade liberalization has transformed the historical state-federal division of power and taxed state agency resources in dealing with the world marketplace; and

Whereas, Recent trade agreements have proceeded beyond discussion of tariffs and quotas and now address government regulation, taxation, procurement, and economic development policies that are implemented at state and local levels; and

Whereas, States often lack a clearly defined institutional trade policy structure,