

to compete in front of passionate and knowledgeable fans.

After World War II, there were more than 22 short tracks in the State of Vermont. With only three tracks remaining, Thunder Road stands out as the largest spectator sports venue in the State.

Today, some drivers at Thunder Road can recall watching their grandfathers drive the same track. "Thunder Road is just about racing—there's no politics, no marketing—it's just racing and it's always been that way," said Steve Letarte, a Maine native and crew chief for NASCAR star Jeff Gordon.

Vermonters appreciate Thunder Road for its longtime contributions to its community. For 50 years, this short track has been an invaluable institution for the people of Vermont and throughout the Northeast.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize White, SD. The town of White will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Located in Brookings County, White was founded as an agricultural town in 1884. Now, 125 years later, the town still relies on agriculture, but has also expanded into a destination for hunting, fishing, and outdoor adventures. White continues to be an excellent example of what makes South Dakota such a great place to live and do business. The town will celebrate this milestone during their annual "Pioneer Days" July 17 through 19 with a number of activities for residents and visitors to enjoy.

I would like to offer my congratulations to White on its 125th anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-2301. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Modification of the Yellowtail Flounder Landing Limit for the U.S./Canada Management" ((RIN0648-XP50) (Docket No. 080521698-9067-02)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2302. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 Monkfish Research Set-Aside Program" ((RIN0648-XP54) (Docket No. 080626787-8788-01)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2303. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Determination of Endangered Status for the Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Salmon" (RIN0648-XJ93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2304. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for Atlantic Salmon (Salmo salar) Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment" (RIN0648-AW77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2305. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunication and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program" (RIN0660-ZA29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2306. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8421-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2307. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8424-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2308. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8422-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2309. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National De-

fense Stockpile Annual Materials Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 and for the Succeeding 4 Years"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the quarterly reporting of withdrawals or diversions of equipment from Reserve component units; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2311. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2312. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2313. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2314. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2315. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report entitled "2008 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2316. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Small Electric Motors" (RIN1904-AB71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2317. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test Procedures for General Service Fluorescent Lamps, Incandescent Reflector Lamps, and General Service Incandescent Lamps" (RIN1904-AB72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2318. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" ((WV-115-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2009-0006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2319. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties" ((RIN1028-AC61)(Docket No. OSM-2009-0004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the