

charitable foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting Jewish heritage globally. Among other initiatives, Leonid founded a research center at Hebrew University in Jerusalem that adopts a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Jewish history. He has carried his commitment to education and cross-cultural exchange beyond universities and continues to have a meaningful impact on Jewish communities worldwide through the Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, the Birthright Israel and Masa Israel Journey Programs, and his leadership in the redevelopment of Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People, in Tel Aviv.

The Torah tells us that “Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world.” Leonid Nevzlin has built a strong foundation for so many Jewish communities around the world through his deeds of giving. He inspires us with his philanthropic and entrepreneurial spirit, and I congratulate him today on a well-deserved appointment.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1713. An act to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins.

H.R. 3246. An act to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1243. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1713. An act to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3246. An act to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1687. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from awarding contracts, grants, or other agreements to, providing any other Federal funds to, or engaging in activities that promote the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

#### 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-3024. A communication from the Senior Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Track Safety Standards; Continuous Welded Rail (CWR)” (RIN2130-AB90) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3025. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State Highway—Rail Grade Crossing Action Plans” (RIN2130-AC05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3026. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs” (RIN2105-AD89) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3027. A communication from the Senior Attorney and Advisor, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administrative Wage Garnishment” (RIN2105-AD78) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3028. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Door Locks and Door Retention Components” (RIN2127-AK35) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3029. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Requirements and Procedures for Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program” ((RIN2127-AK54)(49 CFR Part 599)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3030. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Requirements and Procedures for Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program” ((RIN2127-AK53)(49 CFR Parts 512 and 599)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3031. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Air Brake Systems” (RIN2127-AJ37) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3032. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Cargo Screening” (RIN1652-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3033. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States Merchant Marine Academy’s Board of Visitors; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3034. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration’s intent to enter into a contract with Trinity Technology Group, for screening services at (7) Montana airports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3035. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the clarification of license requirements for transfers (in country) to persons listed on the Entity List; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3036. A communication from Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the OMB’s request for the Board’s views on H.R. 3371, the “Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3037. A communication from the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to

the Ocean Policy Task Force report regarding the nation's ocean policy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1679. An original bill to make quality, affordable health care available to all Americans, reduce costs, improve health care quality, enhance disease prevention, and strengthen the health care workforce.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada.

Nominee: David C. Jacobson.

Post: Ambassador to Canada.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Donor, Recipient, date, and amount:

David Jacobson: SNR PAC, 3/2/2000, \$265; Wesley Clark, 11/25/2003, \$1,000; Wesley Clark, 10/31/2003, \$250; Barack Obama, 3/5/2004, \$250; John Kerry, 4/26/2004, \$1,000; Kerry Victory 2004, 7/20/2004, \$1,600; John Kerry, 10/22/2004, \$1,000; Barack Obama for Illinois, 2/24/2005, \$1,000; Matthew Brown, 3/28/2005, \$500; Debbie Stabenow, 3/31/2005, \$250; DSCC, 9/6/2005, \$2,000; Citizens for Joe Biden, 11/22/2005, \$2,000; Claire McCaskill, 12/31/2005, \$1,000; Matthew Brown, 1/25/2006, \$500; Nick Lampson, 2/15/2006, \$250; SNR PAC, 3/15/2006, \$1,400; Dan Seals, 3/19/2006, \$250; Dick Durbin, 6/28/2006, \$1,000; Joe Biden, 6/30/2006, \$900; DSCC, 10/13/2006, \$2,500; Dan Seals, 11/4/2006, \$250; Dan Seals, 11/4/2006, \$250; Dick Durbin, 3/29/2007, \$1,100; Dick Durbin, 3/29/2007, \$900; Barack Obama, 3/30/2007, \$2,300; Harry Reid, 3/31/2007, \$1,000; Tom Udall, 12/30/2007, \$1,000; Dick Durbin, 1/8/2008, \$500; Dick Durbin, 5/16/2008, \$900; Senate 08/Bruce Lunsford, 5/16/2008, \$1,000; Joe Biden, 6/23/2008, \$300; Joe Biden, 6/23/2008, \$200; Obama Victory Fund, 7/1/2008, \$2,300; Hillary Clinton, 7/14/2008, \$500.

Julie Jacobson: Barack Obama, 7/14/2004, \$500; Debbie Stabenow, 8/9/2005, \$500; Progressive Choices PAC, 7/24/2006, \$250; Barack Obama, 6/28/2007, \$1,000; Barack Obama, 12/17/2007, \$1,300; Obama Victory Fund, 7/1/2008, \$2,300.

Wynne Jacobson: None.

Jeremy Jacobson: None.

Winifred Jacobson: Deceased.

Jerry Jacobson: Deceased.

Jamie Wainwright: None.

David Wainwright: None.

Robin Nichols: DSCC, 10/17/2006, \$500; Dan Seals, 3/3/2006, \$300; Dan Seals, 10/20/2007, \$500; Wesley Clark, 11/25/2003, \$500; Wesley Clark, 1/27/2004, \$200; Dan Seals, 6/16/2006, \$500; Dan Seals, 7/24/2008, \$500; Dan Seals, 6/30/2008, \$500; Joe Biden, 11/18/2005, \$200; Barack Obama, 6/28/2007, \$1,000; John Kerry, 5/25/2004, \$500.

Jay Nichols: Dan Seals, 6/30/2008, \$500; Dan Seals, 9/21/2008, \$500; Obama Victory Fund, 7/1/2008, \$500; Obama Victory Fund, 9/18/2008, \$500; Barack Obama, 7/31/2008, \$500; Barack Obama, 9/30/2008, \$500.

\*Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Andorra.

Nominee: Alan D. Solomont.

Post: Spain and Andorra.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date and donee: \$2,300.00, 2/16/2007, Allen, Tom for Senate; \$1,000.00, 6/17/2005, Allen, Tom for Congress; \$2,000.00, 5/4/2007, Ameripac: The Fund for a Greater America; \$2,300.00, 6/8/2007, Born Fighting PAC; (\$1,900.00), 6/1/2006, Brown, Matt for US Senate (Refund); \$900.00, 6/12/2005, Brown, Matthew for US Senate; \$2,000.00, 4/13/2005, Brown, Matthew for US Senate; \$2,000.00, 9/20/2005, Byrd, Friends of Robert C; \$5,000.00, 3/30/2005, Campaign for Our Country; \$2,100.00, 3/9/2005, Cantwell, Friends of Maria; \$2,000.00, 6/12/2005, Capuano for Congress; \$1,500.00, 9/6/2006, Cardin, Ben for Senate; \$1,000.00, 5/10/2005, Carper for Senate; (\$300.00), 1/18/2006, Casey, Bob for Pennsylvania (Refund); \$2,500.00, 5/22/2005, Casey, Bob for Pennsylvania—\$2,100 Casey, Bob for Pennsylvania; \$400 Casey, Bob for Pennsylvania; \$1,000.00, 5/1/2008, Childers for Congress; (\$200.00), 7/26/2005, Clinton, Friends of Hillary (Refund)\*; (\$1,600.00), 7/13/2005, Clinton, Friends of Hillary (Refund)\*\*; \$200.00, 6/20/2005, Clinton, Hillary, Friends of; \$1,000.00, 11/27/2005, DeLahunt for Congress; \$250.00, 6/29/2007, Democracy for America; \$25,000.00, 3/31/2005, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; \$28,500.00, 3/31/2007, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; \$5,000.00, 6/14/2005, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$10,000.00, 5/17/2007, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$10,000.00, 6/20/2005, DNC Services Corp/Democratic National Committee; \$10,000.00, 6/29/2007, DNC Services Corp/Democratic National Committee; \$10,000.00, 4/3/2007, DNC Services Corp/Democratic National Committee; \$2,500.00, 4/15/2005, Durbin, Friends of Dick Committee; \$1,000.00, 6/6/2005, Emily's List; \$1,000.00, 6/29/2007, Feder, Judy for Congress; \$1,000.00, 3/29/2007, Finegold, Barry for Congress; \$1,300.00, 6/26/2007, Finegold, Barry for Congress; \$2,300.00, 6/9/2007, Footlik for Congress; \$1,000.00, 7/6/2006, Frank, Barney Frank for Congress; \$1,000.00, 11/15/2008, Franken, Al; \$2,100.00, 10/9/2005, Harkin, Citizens for\*\*; \$300.00, 3/1/2007, Harkin, Citizens for; \$2,300.00, 5/10/2007, Hodes, Paul for Congress; \$5,000.00, 12/16/2005, Hopefund, Inc.; \$2,000.00, 3/3/2005, Kennedy for Senate 2012; \$4,200.00, 1/11/2007, Kerry, John for Senate; \$500.00, 10/23/2005, KIDSPAC; (\$2,100.00), 9/18/2006, Lampson, Nick for Congress (Refund); \$4,200.00, 8/16/2006, Lampson, Nick Lampson for Congress; \$1,000.00, 5/11/2007, Levin, Carl Friends of; \$2,100.00, 6/1/2005, Lieberman, Friends of Joe; \$2,300.00, 3/29/2007, Markey Committee; \$2,000.00, 6/24/2005, Markey Committee; (\$2,000.00), 12/26/2005, Markey Refund; \$5,000.00, 2/14/2005, McAuliffe, Friends of Chairman; \$2,000.00, 4/24/2005, McGovern, Re-Elect Committee; \$1,000.00, 5/5/2006, McCaskill, Claire for US Senate; \$2,000.00, 5/5/2006, Meehan, Marty for Congress; \$1,000.00, 5/8/2008, Merkley, Jeff for Oregon; \$1,000.00, 5/15/2006, Moore, Bean Moore JT. Committee—\$500 Melissa Bean, \$500 Dennis Moore; \$1,000.00, 11/1/2005, Nadler for Congress; \$1,000.00, 4/17/2005, Neal, Richard E. Committee; \$1,000.00, 11/21/2005, Nelson, Bill for US Senate; \$2,100.00, 1/26/2007, Obama Exploratory Committee; \$2,500.00, 3/30/2007, Obama

for America; (\$248.12), 11/3/2008, Obama Refund; \$2,000.00, 6/4/2005, Obey, Dave, A Lot of People for; \$1,000.00, 4/2/2007, O'Brien, David for Congress; \$2,300.00, 3/5/2007, Olver, John Citizens for; \$4,200.00, 11/1/2005, Pelosi, Nancy for Congress; \$4,200.00, 1/4/2006, Pelosi, Nancy for Congress (Refund); \$2,300.00, 5/13/2007, Reed Committee; \$1,000.00, 2/15/2007, Richardson for President; \$1,300.00, 6/26/2007, Richardson for President; \$2,300.00, 8/24/2007, Schwartz, Allyson for Congress\*\*; \$1,000.00, 3/7/2005, Schwartz, Allyson for Congress; \$2,000.00, 6/1/2005, Stabenow for US Senate\*\*; \$1,000.00, 3/31/2007, Tsongas, Nicki for Congress; \$1,000.00, 6/20/2005, Udall for Colorado; \$1,300.00, 6/26/2007, Udall for Colorado; \$1,000.00, 3/31/2007, Udall for Colorado; \$2,100.00, 1/22/2007, Vilsack, Tom for President; \$1,000.00, 11/25/2007, Warner, Friends of Mark\*\*; \$500.00, 11/13/2005, Welch for Congress; \$1,000.00, 4/25/2007, Welch for Congress.

\*Recorded incorrectly on FEC website as (\$100).

\*\*Recording incorrectly on FEC website as a contribution made by Susan Solomont; should be attributed to Alan Solomont.

2. Spouse: Susan Lewis Solomont; \$1,000.00, 9/28/2007, Allen, Tom for Senate; \$1,000.00, 3/21/2006, Allen, Tom for Congress; \$1,000.00, 1/29/2006, Bingham, Jeff A Lot of People For; \$1,000.00, 9/25/2005, Brown, Matt for US Senate\*\*; \$250.00, 1/29/2006, Brown, Matt Friends of (RL); \$1,000.00, 12/16/2006, Campaign for Our Country; \$2,000.00, 3/21/2006, Cardin, Ben for Senate; (\$1,500.00), 9/6/2006, Cardin, Ben for Senate (Refund); \$2,100.00, 5/1/2005, Clinton, Hillary, Friends of\*\*\*; \$25,000.00, 3/7/2006, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee—\$9,000 Dem. Congressional Campaign Comte, \$6,000 Dem. Congressional Campaign Comte; \$10,000 Dem. Congressional Campaign Comte; \$28,500.00, 6/18/2007, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; \$7,500.00, 3/20/2008 Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; \$10,000.00, 2/28/2006, DNC Services Corp/Democratic National Committee; \$28,500.00, 3/28/2008 DNC Services Corp/Democratic National Committee; \$1,000.00, 2/7/2008 Durbin, Friends of Dick; \$1,000.00, 9/28/2007, Footlik for Congress; \$2,000.00, 2/21/2006, Ford, Harold Ford Jr. for Tennessee; \$2,300.00, 11/2/2007, Franken, Al for Senate; \$2,000.00, 9/19/2005, Harkin, Friends of Tom; \$4,600.00, 3/1/2007, Harkin, Friends of Tom; \$1,000.00, 3/21/2006, Hodes, Paul for Congress; \$1,000.00, 10/5/2007, Hodes, Paul for Congress; \$5,000.00, 3/21/2006, Hopefund Inc.; \$20,000.00, 9/29/2006, House and Senate Victory Fund\*\*—\$10,000 DSCC, \$10,000 DCCC, —\$2,000.00, 3/3/2005, Kennedy for Senate 2012; \$1,000.00, 3/7/2006, Kennedy, Friends of Patrick; \$2,300.00, 7/26/2007, Kennedy, Friends of Patrick; \$4,200.00, 1/11/2007, Kerry, John for Senate; \$4,200.00, 12/31/2005, Lampson, Nick for Congress—\$2,100 Lampson, Nick for Congress, \$2,100 Lampson, Nick for Congress; (\$4,200.00) 9/6/2006, Lampson, Nick for Congress (Refund); \$2,000.00, 12/22/2005, Markey Committee; \$2,000.00, 3/29/2006, Nelson, Bill for U.S. Senate; \$2,100.00, 1/26/2007, Obama Exploratory Committee; \$2,500, 3/30/2007, Obama for America; \$2,000.00, 6/4/2005, Obey, Dave, A Lot of People For; \$2,000.00, 3/12/2005, Olver, Citizens for John for Congress; \$4,200.00, 12/31/2005, Pelosi, Nancy for Congress; \$1,000.00, 9/28/2007, Pingree for Congress; \$1,000.00, 10/26/2007, Polis, Jay for Congress; \$2,300.00, 7/12/2007, Reed Committee; \$1,000.00, 11/21/2007, Reed Committee; \$2,300.00, 9/30/2007, Richardson for President; \$2,300.00, 11/19/2007, Rockefeller, Friends of Jay; \$1,000.00, 12/29/2006, Sanders, Congressman Bernie for Senate; \$250.00, 3/21/2006, Schultz, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz for Congress; \$2,000.00, 8/29/2005, Schwartz, Allyson for Congress; \$2,300.00, 9/20/2007, Shaheen, Jeanne for Senate; \$2,300.00, 11/26/07, Shaheen, Jeanne for Senate; \$2,000.00, 12/28/2005, Stabenow, Debbie for U.S. Senate;