

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