

no doubt bring about a lot of memories. I hope it will give them a deep sense of pride also.

What they achieved together almost 70 years ago was remarkable. That memorial is a testament to the fact that a grateful nation will never forget what they did nor what they sacrificed. To us, they were the greatest generation. They left the comforts of their family and their communities to confront evil from Iwo Jima to Bastogne. Together, they won the war in the Pacific by conquering an empire and liberated a continent by defeating Hitler and the Nazis.

To them, they were simply doing their jobs. They enlisted in unprecedented numbers to defend our freedoms and our values. They represented the very best of us and made us proud.

From a young age I remember playing the bugle at the memorial services of veterans of the first two world wars. It instilled in me a profound sense of respect I will never forget.

Honoring the service of every generation of American veterans is a Montana value. I deeply appreciate the work of the Big Sky Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization that made this trip and the first trip in June possible.

To the World War II veterans making the trip, I salute you. We will always be grateful, and we will never forget your service or sacrifice.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING THE NEVADA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate one of my home State's local leaders in charitable giving, the Nevada Community Foundation, on obtaining its National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Foundation's commitment to the highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity, and accountability has continuously provided the citizens of southern Nevada with invaluable services and leadership in their neighborhoods.

In the fall of 1988, the Nevada Community Foundation was incorporated as the first community foundation of Nevada. Designed to be a center of philanthropy for Nevada, the foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of current and future generations of southern Nevadans. By encouraging philanthropy, providing leadership, and promoting grant lending, the Nevada Community Foundation has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of southern Nevada. The foundation is committed to supporting local services, including education, social services, health, arts and culture, and the environment.

Serving the southern region of the Silver State for more than 24 years, the Nevada Community Foundation has re-

mained a trusted philanthropic partner and champion for community investment. I applaud the Foundation's values of community, humility, and stewardship that have helped to enrich our communities and hope that they serve as an example for others within the state.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Nevada Community Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation. On behalf of the residents of southern Nevada, I congratulate the Nevada Community foundation on this accomplishment and commend the foundation's dedication to my home State. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McCathran, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3857. An act to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include as an eligible use the sustainment of specialized operational teams used by local law enforcement under the Transit Security Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5544. An act to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5865. An act to promote the growth and competitiveness of American manufacturing.

H.R. 5949. An act to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 6336. An act to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue de-

picting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3857. An act to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include as an eligible use the sustainment of specialized operational teams used by local law enforcement under the Transit Security Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5544. An act to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 5865. An act to promote the growth and competitiveness of American manufacturing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5949. An act to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years.

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-7441. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems for 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7442. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7443. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-439, "Compulsory/No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7444. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-440, "Automated Traffic Enforcement Amendment Act of 2012"; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7445. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-441, "Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7446. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-442, "Immigration Detainer Compliance Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7447. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-443, "Access to Selective Service Registration Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7448. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-444, "DOC Inmate Processing and Release Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7449. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-445, "Block Party Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7450. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-446, "Pesticide Education and Control Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7451. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-447, "Anacostia Waterfront Environmental Standards Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7452. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-448, "Regulation of Body Artists and Body Art Establishments Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7453. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7454. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7455. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Administrative Funding Allocations" (RIN0584-AD85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7456. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's amended Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report on The Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation

Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7457. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7458. A communication from the Director of the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR); Revision Initiative" (RIN1601-AA28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7459. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3345-EM in the State of West Virginia having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7460. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to three violations of the Antideficiency Act occurring in an Indian Health Services (IHS) account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7461. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction, September 2012"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7462. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AF78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7463. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2012-0119-2012-0122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7464. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specifications for Medical Examinations of Underground Coal Miners" (RIN0920-AA21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7465. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "World Trade Center Health Program; Addition of Certain Types of Cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions" (RIN0920-AA49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7466. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acqui-

sition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-61, Introduction" (FAC 2005-61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7467. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Closure and Consolidation of 23 D.C. Public Schools"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7468. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Quarterly Report for July 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7469. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Debt Collection Recovery Activities of the Department of Justice for Debts Referred to the Department for Collection Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7470. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CPI Adjustment of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2013" (RIN0651-AC55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7471. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Criminal Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7472. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7473. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Academy's activities during the year ending December 31, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7474. A joint communication from the Chair and Vice Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 budget request; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7475. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7476. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sharing Information Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense" (RIN2900-AN95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7477. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans

Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guide and Service Dogs" (RIN2900-AN51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7478. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment"; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-7479. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cover letter, without the listed attachment, relative to the report entitled "Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment"; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-7480. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Charleston Zone, SC" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0384) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7481. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Rocketts Red Glare Fireworks, Ancarrow's Landing Park, James River, Richmond, VA" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0114) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7482. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Baltimore Air Show, Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0076) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7483. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; America's Cup World Series, East Passage, Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1172) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7484. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiny Lobster Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Amendment 11" (RIN0648-BB44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7485. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Arrowtooth Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Manage-

ment Area" (RIN0648-XC129) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7486. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Trawl Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-BC00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7487. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2012 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications" (RIN0648-XA920) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7488. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Revised Swordfish Trip Limits in the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery" (RIN0648-BB48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7489. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan" (RIN0648-BA34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7490. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XB045) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7491. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 47 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2012" (RIN0648-BB62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7492. 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 "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures" (RIN0648-BB91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7493. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XA882) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7494. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment Supplement" (RIN0648-BB93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7495. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2012 and 2013 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; Correction" (RIN0648-XA711) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7496. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 32 Supplement" (RIN0648-AY56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7497. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic Swordfish Quotas and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BB75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7498. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Electronic Dealer Reporting Requirements" (RIN0648-BA75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7499. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Amendment 88; Correction" (RIN0648-BC23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7500. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XC055) received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7501. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC056) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7502. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Gulf of Mexico Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Shark Fishery" (RIN0648-XC080) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7503. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2012 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XC076) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7504. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chinook Salmon Bycatch Management in the Gulf of Alaska Pollock Fishery; Amendment 93" (RIN0648-BB24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7505. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; 'Other Rockfish' in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC167) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7506. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; White Hake Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XC153) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7507. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Squid in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC119) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7508. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fish-

eries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2012-2013 Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf King Mackerel in Western Zone" (RIN0648-XC160) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7509. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC142) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7510. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2012 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish" (RIN0648-XC025) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Temporary Change for Recurring Fireworks Display within the Fifth Coast Guard District, Pamlico River and Tar River; Washington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0097)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Classification Societies" ((RIN1625-AB35) (Docket No. USCG-2007-27668)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7513. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Validation of Merchant Mariners' Vital Information and Issuance of Coast Guard Merchant Mariner's Licenses and Certificates of Registry (MMLs)" ((RIN1625-AA85) (Docket No. USCG-2004-17455)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7514. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternate Tonnage Threshold for Oil Spill Response Vessels" ((RIN1625-AB82) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0966)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7515. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swim Events in the Captain of the Port New York Zone; Hudson River, East River, Upper New York Bay, Lower New York Bay; New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No.

USCG-2011-1000)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7516. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AB86) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0306)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7517. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Validation of Merchant Mariners' Vital Information and Issuance of Coast Guard Merchant Mariner's Documents (MMDs)" ((RIN1625-AB81) (Docket No. USCG-2003-14500)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7518. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbon Dioxide Fire Suppression Systems on Commercial Vessels" ((RIN1625-AB44) (Docket No. USCG-2006-24797)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2170. A bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act" to eliminate the provision preventing certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title (Rept. No. 112-211).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2389. A bill to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3537. A bill to require all recreational vessels to have and post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3538. A bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 3539. A bill to encourage the adoption and use of certified electronic health record