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TRIBUTE TO ISAAC HARRINGTON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Isaac Harrington, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Isaac is a graduate of Mitchell High School in Mitchell, SD and the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in computer science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Isaac for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ISAIAH WONNENBERG

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Isaiah Wonnemberg, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Isaiah is a graduate of Gregory High School in Gregory, SD. Currently, he is attending University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Isaiah for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:45 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. 1447. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3458. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

H.R. 3509. An act to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the status of post-earthquake recovery and development efforts in Haiti.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304.

The message further announced that the House concurs in the Senate amendment to the title of the bill (H.R. 3304) to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; concurs in the first three amendments to the text of the bill, without amendment; and concurred in the fourth amendment to the bill, with an amendment.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, for a term expiring on December 31, 2015: Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

The message further announced that effective December 16, 2013, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975 note), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2019: Mr. Peter N. Kirsanow of Cleveland, Ohio.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1447. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3509. An act to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the status of post-earthquake recovery and development efforts in Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1824. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 13, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1471. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities during the 112th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs" (Rept. No. 113-125).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

* Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

* Rhonda K. Schmittlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2021.

* John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2017.

* Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1823. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1824. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux that contain brass; read the first time.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1825. A bill to improve the management of the Job Corps program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. LANDRIEU,