

philanthropist. His many contributions to Southern Nevada's development and quality of life are truly remarkable and will be felt by Nevadans all across the State for years to come.

Prior to his tenure at Cox Communications, Steve established a strong reputation as a journalist, earning multiple Emmy Awards, two National Freedom Foundation Awards and an Armstrong Award for Broadcasting. He was also inducted into the inaugural class of the Nevada Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame. During his time as vice president of public and government affairs for Cox Communications, Steve has been a tireless advocate for community development and economic growth. As a business executive, he has contributed to the expansion of his company, working closely with local, State and Federal Governments on issues that were critical to Nevada's private sector.

In addition to his commitment to excellence in broadcasting and in business, Steve has consistently exemplified the very highest standards of community service. He has devoted his time to improving education in Nevada, as an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Greenspun School of Communications. Steve Schorr Elementary School in Las Vegas is named in his honor. In addition, he has been honored with the U.S. Department of Justice J. Pat Finley Lifetime Achievement Award for his work on behalf of missing children in Southern Nevada. He also devotes his time as a member of numerous civic boards and organizations, and has received the Governor's "Point of Light" Award for his exceptional volunteerism.

I want to acknowledge and thank Steve for his many years of dedicated service to Nevada as an educator, journalist, business executive and philanthropist. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Steve on his retirement, and in wishing him many successful and fulfilling years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 and two withdrawals 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 10:04 a.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. 2609. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1292. A bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2609. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

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-2255. A communication from the Acting Deputy 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; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish Complex" (RIN0648-XC714) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2256. 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 Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions Nos. 4 and 5" (RIN0648-XC705) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2257. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XC702) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2258. 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; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC722) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2259. 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; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC724) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2260. A communication from the Acting Deputy 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; 2013 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish" (RIN0648-XC671) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2261. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 4 to the Corals and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates Fishery Management Plan of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Seagrass Management" (RIN0648-BC38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2262. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 94 to the Gulf of Alaska Fishery Management Plan and Regulatory Amendments for Community Quota Entities" (RIN0648-BB94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2263. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Adjusted Closure of the 2013 Gulf of Mexico Recreational Sector for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC715) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2264. 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; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 9" (RIN0648-BC58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.