

installed flowers, holiday decorations, and banners in the Diamond District. It also recently undertook an initiative to keep the district clean—an initiative which is now one of the highest-rated sanitation programs in all of New York City. Additionally, the 47th Street BID developed and operates the Diamond District's website, which has become a key resource for shoppers and merchants alike, who rely on the site for referrals.

New York's Diamond District is an incredible example of how an industry can continuously grow and thrive in a competitive economic climate, and the 47th Street BID has played a large role in helping to make the Diamond District—and the people who work there—a tremendous success. By promoting the Diamond District, facilitating trade, and keeping the district clean and safe for customers, merchants, and traders alike, the 47th Street BID has ensured that this critical New York industry remains a power house within New York, a major economic engine for the city and State, and an international hub for this global industry.●

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-5700. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-309, "Skyland Town Center Omnibus Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5701. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-319, "Comprehensive Planning and Utilization of School Facilities Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5702. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-310, "Driver's Safety Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5703. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-311, "Transportation Infrastructure Mitigation Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5704. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-312, "Department of Parks and Recreation Fee-based Use Permit Authority Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5705. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-308, "Condominium Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5706. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-321, "Tobacco Product Manufacturer Reserve Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5707. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-320, "Kelsey Gardens Redevelopment Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5708. 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 Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5709. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders" (Docket No. AMS-DA-07-0059; AO-388-A22, AO-356-A43, and AO-366-A51; DA-07-03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5710. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0071; FV13-920-2 FIR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5711. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Appalachian and Southeast Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders" (Docket No. AMS-DA-09-0001; AO-388-A17 and AO-355-A46; DA-05-06-A) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5712. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program; Amendment of Procedures and Notification of Request for Referendum" (Docket No. AMS-LPS-13-0066) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5713. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mancozeb, Maneb, Metiram, and Thiram; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 9909-80-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5714. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricul-

tural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin Regulations; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. APHS-2009-0070) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5715. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2014; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-5716. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5717. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5718. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William L. Conant, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5719. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5720. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments and Correction to Petitions for Waiver and Interim Waiver for Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment" (RIN1904-AC70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5721. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Washington State Implementation Plan; Update to the Solid Fuel Burning Devices Regulations" (FRL No. 9910-54-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5722. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Redesignation of the Rome, Georgia, 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9910-65-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5723. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 58" (FRL No. 9910-72-OSWER) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5724. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Redesignation of the Macon, Georgia, 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9910-64-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5725. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9910-48-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5726. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting for Affordable Insurance Exchanges" ((RIN1545-BL42) (TD 9663)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5727. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 67 Limitations on Estates or Trusts" ((RIN1545-BF80) (TD 9664)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5728. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction; Part II" ((RIN0938-AR49) (CMS-3267-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5729. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

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. BROWN:

S. 2323. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2325. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the expansion of emergency planning zones and the development of plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2326. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with State and local governments, the consideration of State and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2327. A bill to make continuing appropriations for certain programs that benefit sportsmen in the event of a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2328. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to preclude law firms and licensed attorneys from the definition of a debt collector when taking certain actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2329. A bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2330. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to improve futures and swaps trading, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2331. A bill to establish the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Innovation Fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 442. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REID, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 443. A resolution recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr.

CORKER, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VIITER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 444. A resolution relative to the death of Harlan Mathews, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms.