

Chrysler, Ford Motor, and General Motors employ more than 35,000 people and operate 10 facilities in Macomb County. There are more than 1,600 manufacturers in Macomb County employing more than 69,000 individuals. I am so proud to represent these hard-working Michigan workers.

The county is also an important defense hub for both Michigan and the United States. It is home to Selfridge Air National Guard Base, which was established in 1917 and, today, is home to operations of all branches of the U.S. military, as well as several Department of Homeland Security agencies. In the 10 years immediately following September 11, 2001, approximately 3,816 Michigan Air National Guard airmen from Selfridge deployed to locations around the world. Macomb County is also home to the Detroit Arsenal, the first ever mass-production tank plant in the United States and a vital part of our Nation's "Arsenal of Democracy" during World War II. The Detroit Arsenal now hosts the headquarters of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, called TARDEC, and the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, or TACOM, Life Cycle Management Command.

Numerous events and celebrations are planned in the county throughout this year to mark this special historical milestone. Congratulations to the people of Macomb County on 200 years of distinguished history. We all look forward to many years of prosperity and success in the years ahead.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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.)

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-3866. 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; Sector Key West COTP Zone Post Storm Recovery, Atlantic Ocean, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1067)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3867. 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; Mamala Bay, Oahu, HI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0982)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3868. 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; Savannah River, Savannah, GA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0977)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3869. 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; Delaware River, Marcus Hook, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0935)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3870. 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; Delaware River, Pipeline Removal, Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1053)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3871. 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; Humboldt Bay Bar, Eureka, CA, Noyo River Entrance, Ft. Bragg, CA, and Crescent City Harbor Entrance Channel, Crescent City, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0042)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3872. 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; Atlantic Ocean, Rehoboth Beach, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3873. 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; Port of Ponce Turning Basin, Bahia de Ponce, Ponce, PR" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1034)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3874. 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; City of Oswego Fireworks Display; Oswego River, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0990)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3875. 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, Delaware River; Pipeline Removal" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-

2017-1011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3876. 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; Delaware River, Pipeline Removal, Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1053)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3877. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Nanticoke River, Seaford, DE" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0162)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3878. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Reynolds Channel, Lawrence, NY" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0048)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3879. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Washington, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0976)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3880. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Upper Mississippi River, IA" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0561)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3881. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Jamaica Bay, Queens, NY" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0595)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3882. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Atlantic Ocean, Ft. Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0552)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3883. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Mavericks Surf Competition, Half Moon Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0427)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3884. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Gulf of Mexico; Englewood, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No.