

air their grievances, and have school boards focus more resources on trying to resolve those issues. This will help teachers attain and deliver the curricula they desire by coordinating cost saving measures, all without breaking the town budgets. The students of America, our future generation, deserve an education without interruption.

We need to have teachers and leadership communicate constantly to get the schools and outcomes we desire. By engaging in productive, civil and persistent dialogue between all parties, teachers serve as models in promoting the behaviors they want to instill in their students, like myself, and the community: standing up against injustice, making difficult decisions, and insisting on being treated with dignity and respect—despite such actions being perceived as very difficult and unpopular. In essence, continual dialogue among all parties is a more productive, and instructive, model for our teachers and leadership to follow. The process of continual dialogue will help all parties involved identify areas in the system that need funding by communicating and pinpointing the specific areas of interest: materials, professional development, and teacher contracts. This allows leadership to make informed choices about budgeting, which is a more effective use of limited funds.

Education is an essential service, and as such we must strive to make it better. As President John F. Kennedy said, “The race between education and erosion, between wisdom and waste has not run its course.” We are still in the race, and by having teachers, state, and national leadership continue to work together, we can place ourselves in the best position to win the race. As Americans, it is critical for citizens to support the educators that shape our communities into the melting pot of growth and creativity that they are today.

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During this first year of the Donald Trump presidency, we have witnessed many questionable decisions being made for our country that not only affect us, but also those around the world in a negative way. One particular decision, however, has set our country on a path to continue the horrific damage being done to Earth. President Trump’s adjudication to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement has left us as the only nation in the world to oppose it since Syria signed to join in November. The main objective for this agreement was to restrict levels of CO2 emissions from each country. The consequences of Trump’s withdrawal are grave, as CO2 levels in the atmosphere have risen past 400 parts per million—levels that are already superseding what Earth can handle to support the flora and fauna living on it. Continuing this trend will most likely result in a mass extinction event.

Hearing the White House argue that removing us from the agreement will help boost our economy filled much of the American public as well as climate experts around the globe with a sense of outrage. We have already accumulated a surplus of evidence that manmade climate change is having a drastic negative impact. In the past two decades, sea levels have risen at a rate of .13 inches, which is twice the rate of the past century. From 1992 to 2011, Greenland lost 152 billion tons of ice per year, West Antarctica lost 65 billion per year, and the Antarctic Peninsula lost 20 billion per year. Increased intensity in extreme weather including hurricanes, floods, and snowstorms has been recorded since the 1950’s. These are just a fraction of the plethora of examples. Given the massive amount of damage that has already been done, how can it be justified to place the economy as a higher priority?

This choice is especially irresponsible when considering the fact that the United States produces more excess CO2 than any other country. While there are many factors to blame, one of the largest and least necessary of these is the use of fossil fuels. They provide 81% of the energy in the United States, yet they are both incredibly harmful and incredibly easy to replace. A change needs to be made.

It is imperative that we as a global superpower begin to invest in renewable energy such as wind and solar. Many economists agree that the long term benefits from switching to renewable energy would outweigh the short term costs, improving the economy through more environmentally sound means. Certainly a more competent course of action than removing ourselves from the Paris Agreement. Though the cost of installation for these methods are pricier than more conventional ones, they have no fuel costs once they are functioning and the maintenance costs are cheaper. The United States has not only the resources, but the duty to fight against these issues. We need to combat this now, because we will not be given a second chance later.●

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

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals 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 3:03 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4292. An act to reform the living will process under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4292. An act to reform the living will process under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1551. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production from advanced nuclear power facilities.

H.R. 2372. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the rules re-

lating to veteran health insurance and eligibility for the premium tax credit.

H.R. 2579. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage.

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-4137. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions” (FRL No. 9971-94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4138. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9971-95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4139. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Calcium Salts of Phosphorous Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9970-96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4140. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “*Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry51Aa2.834 16; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9972-62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4141. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Procurement of Commercial Items” ((RIN0750-AJ01) (DFARS Case 2016-D006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4142. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Repair of Naval Vessels in Foreign Shipyards”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4143. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: State Sponsor of Terrorism—North Korea” ((RIN0750-AJ68) (DFARS Case 2018-D004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4144. 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 “Addition of Certain Entities; Removal of Certain Entities; and Revisions of Entries on the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4145. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4146. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4147. A communication from the Chief Counsel, United States Mint, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exchange of Coin” (31 CFR Part 100) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4148. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Annual Update of Filing Fees” ((RIN1902-AF47) (Docket No. RM18-3-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4149. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onshore Oil and Gas; Annual Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments” (RIN1004-AE51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4150. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2018” ((RIN3150-AJ83) (NRC-2016-0166)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4151. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations” (FRL No. 9972-89-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4152. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9970-88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4153. 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; Maryland; Nonattainment New Source Review Require-

ments for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard” (FRL No. 9973-37-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4154. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Massachusetts; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference” (FRL No. 9972-53-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4155. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan National Priorities List: Deletion of the Hatheway and Patterson Superfund Site” (FRL No. 9973-52-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4156. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Nonattainment Plans for the Lemont and Pekin SO2 Nonattainment Areas” (FRL No. 9973-48-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4157. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS” (FRL No. 9973-49-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4158. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisors Program” (RIN0960-AI26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4159. 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 “Additional Guidance Under Section 965 and Guidance Under Sections 863 and 6038 in Connection with the Repeal of Section 958(b) (4)” (Notice 2018-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4160. 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 “Revenue Procedure Modifying Revenue Procedure 2018-5” (Rev. Proc. 2018-10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4161. A communication from the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting, a report relative to the Annual 2017 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4162. 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 state-

ments of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2018-0007—2018-0009); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4163. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects: Delay of the Revisions to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects” (34 CFR Part 97) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4164. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4165. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment of Civil Penalties” (RIN1212-AB33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4166. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4167. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the Provision of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 Relating to the Dispensing of Narcotic Drugs for Opioid Use Disorder” ((RIN1117-AB42) (Docket No. DEA-450)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4168. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from April 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017; to the Committees on the Judiciary; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-4169. A communication from the Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of five recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 68th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4170. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-97; Introduction” (FAC 2005-97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4171. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish

and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments” (RIN1024-AE40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4172. A communication from the Associate Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-4173. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment” (OAG 159) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4174. 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; First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4175. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Trade Agreements Thresholds” (RIN9000-AN60) (FAC 2005-97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4176. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-97; Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005-97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4177. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V.” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1182) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4178. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1183) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4179. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1170) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4180. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1178) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4181. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1177) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4182. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0627) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4183. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4184. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1181) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4185. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0807) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4186. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0251) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4187. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0519) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4188. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthi-

ness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0698) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4189. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0500) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4190. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0910) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4191. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0660) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4192. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation Turbofan Engines” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0750) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4193. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0513) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4194. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1173) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4195. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Enstrom Helicopter Corporation Helicopters” (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1191) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4196. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (previously Eurocopter France)” (RIN2120-AA64)

(Docket No. FAA-2017-0671) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4197. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Truckee, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0565)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4198. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenwood/Wonder Lake, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0459)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4199. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Eaton Rapids, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0209)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4200. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Madras, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0615)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4201. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Pueblo, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0666)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4202. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 537" (RIN2120-AA63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4203. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (55); Amdt. No. 3777" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4204. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-

off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 3778" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4205. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (97); Amdt. No. 3779" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4206. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (71); Amdt. No. 3780" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4207. 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-2017-0973)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4208. 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; Oregon Inlet, Dare County, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0964)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4209. 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; Spa Creek, Annapolis, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0994)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4210. 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; Quantuck Canal, Westhampton Beach, NY" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0311)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4211. 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; Ashley River, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0776)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4212. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment to Civil Penalty Amounts" (16 CFR Part 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Janu-

ary 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4213. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties—2018 Adjustment" (Docket No. EP 716) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4214. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform" (RIN2132-AB33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4215. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maritime Security Program" (RIN2133-AB85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4216. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Highway Corridor Expansion, Revision of the America's Marine Highway Program Regulations" (RIN2133-AB84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4217. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements to Document U.S.-Flag Fishing Industry Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length" (RIN2133-AB86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4218. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement" (RIN2126-AC03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4219. 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 "Importation of Orchids in Growing Media From Taiwan" (RIN0579-AE28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4220. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4221. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN0790-AK09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for sporting events during calendar year 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4223. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4224. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Strategic Plan for the period of 2018 through 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4225. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects: Delay of the Revisions to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects" (24 CFR Part 60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4226. A communication from the Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restoring Internet Freedom" (WC Docket No. 17-108) (FCC 17-166) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4227. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 1.80(b) of the Commission's Rules; Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation" (DA 18-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4228. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Giant Manta Ray as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XE390) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4229. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Consensus Standards Update; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products" (FRL No. 9972-68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4230. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidate Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance Action Orders, and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits; Procedures for De-

cisionmaking; Correction" (FRL No. 9971-52-OARM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4231. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Right-to-Know; Adopting 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes for Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting; Final Rule" ((RIN2070-AK32) (FRL No. 9970-02)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4232. 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; Arkansas; Approval of Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revisions for NOx for Electric Generating Units in Arkansas" (FRL No. 9973-30-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4233. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS; Multistate Transport" (FRL No. 9973-59-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4234. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9973-58-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4235. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2018; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4236. A communication from the General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees" (25 CFR Part 514) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2018; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 118. A bill to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-203).

S. 701. A bill to improve the competitiveness of United States manufacturing by designating and supporting manufacturing communities (Rept. No. 115-204).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1887. A bill to grant expedited hiring authority to the head of an agency to appoint college graduates and post-secondary students (Rept. No. 115-205).

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. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2366. A bill to provide an adjustment to the discretionary spending limits for appropriations for the 2020 decennial census; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2367. A bill to provide relief from removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States before reaching the age of 18, improve border security, foster United States engagement in Central America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2368. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce the rate of the corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, deliver additional benefits to retired and disabled Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2369. A bill to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2370. A bill to better support our early childhood educators and elementary school and secondary school teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2371. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of municipal solid waste; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2372. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2373. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credit for production of refined coal; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2374. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.