

Senator Grassley has not received responses to those letters. We request that you respond and that you ensure that the Acting Inspector General responds as well. We further request that the preservation described in the letters be implemented, and that it be applied as well to all subsequent records related to the Executive Director's termination and all matters then pending involving his Office.

Second, Senator Grassley's letters requested documents related to the personnel action against the Executive Director and related matters. We request your support in ensuring that Congress receives the documents described in the letters as well as subsequent documents related to the process by which the Executive Director was terminated.

Finally, we urge that all personnel decisions made by the OIG since the nomination of Mr. Atkinson, including the termination of the Executive Director, be stayed pending his confirmation. (Mr. Atkinson's nomination has been favorably reported by both the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence and is awaiting final Senate action on the Calendar.) Upon his confirmation, the new Inspector General should have the unfettered authority to consider both personnel and policy matters de novo without being hindered by preemptive actions taken by the current acting leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

CHARLES GRASSLEY,  
U.S. Senator.  
RON WYDEN,  
U.S. Senator.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARCILLEA SCHAEFER

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, I would like to take a few moments of the Senate's time this evening to recognize servicemembers who take time away from core missions serving our Nation to support Members of Congress to facilitate a healthy and balanced exchange with the Department of Defense. We work in an environment in which we are surrounded by these dedicated individuals in our Armed Forces. They educate us, prepare us, and do their very best to make sure the members of this body can strive to do their work in the most effective way possible. The vast majority of their efforts go without proper acknowledgement. I speak today to ensure that we recognize one of the hardest working and dedicated individuals among them, LTC Charcillea Schaefer. As an American soldier, she has dedicated her life to serving our country, and for the past 3 years, she has successfully supported me and other Members of Congress.

I have been able to work with Charcy by virtue of the U.S. Army Congressional Fellowship Program. Through this program, she was assigned to the U.S. Army's congressional budget liaison office, where she worked alongside Senate appropriators and Army leaders in the Pentagon. Charcy directly improved the relationships between Members of Congress, their staffs, and Army leaders with her ability to build trust and gain confidence among those who

relied on her. Her accurate and timely responses to the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies had a significant impact on the subcommittee's ability to establish priorities and craft appropriations legislation that better serves our military, their families, and our veterans.

Charcy was skilled in translating the military construction needs of the Army such as military hospitals, barracks, and clean energy initiatives. She also helped Members understand the impact new construction and facility upgrades would have in direct support of combatant commands and their missions. Charcy was influential in assisting the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies support one of our Nation's most sacred and cherished treasures, the Arlington National Cemetery.

Charcy is trustworthy and dependable, she made a difference, and I am grateful for her support.

On behalf of Kansans and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, I offer sincere gratitude to Charcillea Schaefer of Centreville, VA.

Charcy, ma'am, thank you for a job well done. I wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors and service to our Nation.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 4790. An act to amend the Volcker rule to give the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System sole rulemaking authority, to exclude community banks from the requirements of the Volcker rule, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4790. An act to amend the Volcker rule to give the Board of Governors of the

Federal Reserve System sole rulemaking authority, to exclude community banks from the requirements of the Volcker rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2667. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for State and Tribal regulation of hemp production, 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-4872. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetraconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (40 CFR Part 180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4873. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfentrazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (40 CFR Part 180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4874. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (40 CFR Part 180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4875. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerances" (40 CFR Part 180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4876. 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 "Rinderpest; Update of Communicable Animal Disease Provisions" (Docket No. APHIS-2017-0070) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4877. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2018 report on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems, and command and control systems (OSS-2018-0437); to the Committees on Armed Services; Appropriations; and Foreign Relations.

EC-4878. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the Army and Air Force Major Defense Acquisition Programs