

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Matthew for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ENID WONNACOTT

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President today, I would like to recognize an extraordinary Vermonter, Enid Wonnacott, on her more than 30 years as executive director of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, NOFA-VT. For three decades, Enid has worked tirelessly to build the organic agriculture movement and develop a sustainable, resilient, and accessible food system in our State of Vermont and across the United States.

During Enid's tenure at NOFA-VT, Vermont has grown from 50 organic farms to more than 700, and many of those farmers, as well as countless consumers and agricultural advocates, have benefitted greatly from technical assistance and training provided by NOFA-VT under Enid's guidance.

Recognizing that those farmers need good market opportunities to be viable businesses, Enid helped foster the growth of farmers' markets, community supported agriculture, and initiatives for institutions to procure locally grown food. She helped develop Vermont's farm-to-school program that provides students with healthy food and connects them to local agriculture through educational programming. I especially appreciate Enid's long-held belief, which I share, that healthy local food should be accessible to all people regardless of income, and I applaud NOFA-VT's efforts to make good food affordable through subsidized farmers' market coupons, CSA shares, and more.

Enid has worked on many Federal and State policies to promote sustainable agriculture. She was instrumental in developing Federal organic standards and was an early advocate for agricultural systems whereby farmers enhance the quality of the soil and environment while they also produce healthy food. Enid has been mentor to many agriculture and food system leaders throughout the State and region and has served on the Vermont Sustainable Agriculture Council. It should come as no surprise to anyone who knows her, Enid received the Vermont Agriculture Hall of Fame Award this year for her many contributions to our State.

Of course, Enid did not do these things alone. First, she has an excellent and committed staff, but perhaps even more important, she has the unwavering support of her husband Harry Frank and their wonderful children, Lila and Eli. Her family is a large part of Enid's success, including the countless hours they spent working alongside her at NOFA events, more than a few of which involved staffing a portable, wood-fired pizza hearth.

I am not only enormously grateful for all of Enid's many contributions

over the years, but I am also proud to count her as a good friend. At a time when there is a growing recognition of the profound impact agriculture and food have on our health and the health of the planet, it is heartening to know that we have people like Enid Wonnacott fighting for a more environmentally sound and fundamentally just food system.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:16 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 1768. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3389. An act to redesignate a facility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1567. An act to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

H.R. 4591. An act to impose sanctions with respect to Iranian persons that threaten the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq.

H.R. 5273. An act to reduce global fragility and violence by improving the capacity of the United States to reduce and address the causes of violence, violent conflict, and fragility, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6207. An act to support democracy and accountability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6622. An act to designate the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 6793. An act to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the States of Illinois and Indiana, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7120. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend through 2023 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission.

H.R. 7163. An act to designate the outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Ogden, Utah, as the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 390) to provide emergency relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, and for other purposes, and that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the aforementioned bill.

The message also announced the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4254) to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National

Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 140) to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 51. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 140.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:32 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 bills:

H.R. 390. An act to provide relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes who are members of religious and ethnic minority groups in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4254. An act to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1567. An act to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4591. An act to impose sanctions with respect to Iranian persons that threaten the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5273. An act to reduce global fragility and violence by improving the capacity of the United States to reduce and address the causes of violence, violent conflict, and fragility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6207. An act to support democracy and accountability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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H.R. 7163. An act to designate the outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Ogden, Utah, as the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on

Foreign Relations by motion, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1546a, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 54. Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

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-7177. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “De Minimis Exception to the Swap Dealer Definition” (RIN3038-AE68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7178. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “*Bacillus Amyloliquefaciens* Strain ENV503; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9985-98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7179. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9977-14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7180. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate” ((7 CFR Part 906) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0044; SC18-906-1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7181. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Preparedness of the Department of Defense to Provide Support to Non-Contiguous States and Territories in Response to Disasters, Threats, and Emergencies”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7182. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a correspondence relating to the report on the amount of Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7183. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, “Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account” and a semiannual listing of personal property contributed by coalition partners; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7184. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to

Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7185. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7186. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office’s 2018 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7187. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule Amending the Democratic Republic of the Congo Sanctions Regulations” (31 CFR Part 547) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7188. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility; North Carolina: Charlotte, City of, Mecklenburg, et al.” ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2018-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7189. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Affordable Housing Program Amendments Final Rule” (RIN2590-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7190. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7191. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s Annual Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7192. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards” ((RIN1902-AF48) (Docket No. RM17-13-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7193. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Three Plant Species on Hawaii Island” (RIN1018-AZ38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7194. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassifying Tobusch Fishhooks Cactus from Endangered to Threatened and Adopting a New Scientific Name” (RIN1018-BB90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7195. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Foreign Species and Delisting, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Black-Capped Vireo From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants” (RIN1018-BB79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7196. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Lesser Long-nosed Bat from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife” (RIN1018-BB91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7197. A communication from the Conservation Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2018-2019 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations” (RIN1018-BC07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7198. 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; Alaska; Fine Particulate Matter Infrastructure Requirements” (FRL No. 9986-49-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7199. 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; Connecticut; Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Consumer Products and Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings” (FRL No. 9983-32-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7200. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area State Implementation Plan Requirements” ((RIN2060-AS82) (FRL No. 9986-53)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7201. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,