

long way to combat the effects of isolation that many older Vermonters face, especially if they live alone or in a more rural community. Without this social interaction, seniors are more likely to have feelings of loneliness and depression, which puts them at higher risk for dementia, chronic disease, falls, and hospitalization.

The regular visits by Meals on Wheels volunteers serve another purpose, as well. The drivers check to make sure that the seniors are safe, secure, and warm. They know each person they visit and recognize immediately if something doesn't seem right. It is no exaggeration to say that Meals on Wheels volunteers have averted tragedies and even saved lives after finding seniors who have fallen or are in the midst of a medical emergency.

Last month was "March for Meals," when Meals on Wheels programs across the country commemorate the March 1972 signing into law of an amendment to the Older Americans Act of 1965 to create a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. As we often do, many of my Vermont staff rode along with Meals on Wheels volunteers across the State to see the wonderful work they are doing and highlight the importance of Meals on Wheels in the lives of thousands of Vermonters.

Let me end by thanking the Meals on Wheels staff and volunteers in Vermont for their remarkable work.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, 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 and a withdrawal 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 11:24 a.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. 1644. An act to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1644. An act to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission.

H.R. 1957. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and im-

prove the Internal Revenue Service, 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-969. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-970. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-971. 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; West Virginia: Fairmont, City of, Marion County" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2019-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-972. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Release of Information from Department of Veterans Affairs' Records" (RIN2900-AQ27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2019; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-973. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2018 Report to Congress: Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program"; to the Committees on Finance; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-974. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing the Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act; Technical Amendment" (RINs 0910-AG10, 0910-AG35, 0910-AG36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-975. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Security, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act; Implementation" (RIN0991-AC10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-976. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Factors Considered When Evaluating a Governor's Request for Individual Assistance for a Major Disaster" (RIN1660-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-977. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments" (RIN3245-AH03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the Town Commission of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida expressing the Commission's opposition to legislation prohibiting local regulation of vacation rentals; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, California, relative to new Title X regulations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-32. A petition from a citizen of the State of Ohio relative to the Ohio State Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. CASIDY):

S. 1140. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the treatment under section 351(k)(7) of such Act (relating to exclusivity for reference products) of certain products deemed to have a biological product license pursuant to section 7002 of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1141. A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1142. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for energy storage technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1143. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve testing and inspections for lead on military installations, in Department of Defense housing and schools, and in military dependent children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.