

at base station. Today, under the direction of current owner Wayne Presby, most locomotives are powered by state-of-the-art biodiesel technology. The new trains are faster, quieter, cleaner, and more efficient, but the Cog Railway still uses a couple of steam locomotives for those who want to experience the trip as it was years ago.

While the locomotives may change with the times, one feature of the Cog Railway has remained a constant: Personnel must maintain a resilient system capable of withstanding extreme and unpredictable weather. Winters come early and leave late atop the Northeast's highest peak, often burying the mountain in several feet of snow. Mount Washington is famous as the site of one of the fastest recorded wind speeds in history: 231 miles per hour in 1934. The Cog Railway weathers torrential rain, heavy snow, blustering winds, and even hurricanes. A severe hurricane battered the mountain in 1938 and destroyed Jacob's Ladder, a steep, curving trestle near the top of the mountain. It was quickly rebuilt with the help of Dartmouth College.

The White Mountains are a majestic site, and there are few better places to behold this beauty than the Mount Washington Cog Railway. It offers spectacular views and brings you to a summit where you can see up to five States and into Canada on a clear day. Moreover, riding the Cog Railway is an experience that ties riders to Sylvester Marsh and a century and a half of steam, steel, and many unforgettable memories.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, we ask our colleagues and all Americans to join us in congratulating the Mount Washington Cog Railway on 150 years of service and wishing its staff and many supporters all the best in the coming years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 299. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 10:39 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. 3253. An act to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, 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-1657. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "24-Epibrassinolide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL 9993-15-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1658. 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 Subspecies Plantarum Strain FZB42; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL 9994-90-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1659. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Housing Direct and Guaranteed Loan Programs" (RIN0575-AD13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1660. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Robert B. Neller, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1661. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael G. Dana, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1662. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2018 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1663. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Single Issuer Exemption for Broker-Dealers" (RIN3235-AM47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1664. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Timing Requirements for Filing Reports on Form N-Port" (RIN3235-AL42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1665. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans; Delay of Compliance Date; Correcting Amendments" (RIN3170-AA95) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

June 17, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1666. 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 "Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; Removal of Outdated Regulations" (RIN1024-AE46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1667. 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; Illinois; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS; Interstate Transport" (FRL No. 9995-30-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1668. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of Commerce's investigation into the effects of imports of automobiles and certain automobile parts on the national security of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1669. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report relative to the views of the Department on H.R. 3151, the "Taxpayer First Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1670. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "June 2019 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1671. 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 "Guidance Providing a Safe Harbor Under Section 164 for Certain Individuals Who Make a Payment to or for the Use of an Entity Described in Section 170(c) in Return for a State or Local Tax Credit" (Notice 2019-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1672. 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 "2019 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2019-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1673. 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 "Reference Price for Section 451 Credit for Production of Natural Gas from Marginal Wells During Taxable Years Beginning in Calendar Year 2018" (Notice 2019-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1674. 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 "2019 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2019-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1675. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to