

As I have said so many times before, Americans enjoy the safest, most affordable and most abundant food supply of any country in the world. That is due to the efforts of farmers in Missouri and across the Midwest. AFA is producing leaders who will help us maintain this position as a world leader in production agriculture.

I want to thank the leaders of AFA and its members for their commitment to agriculture. They understand why it is important we continue to support this vital industry. The U.S. food system is the largest industry in the U.S. and is the leading export sector of our economy. Few things are as important to America's future as the health and safety of our food system.

Agriculture is also one of the leading industries in Missouri; more than 14,000 jobs are directly created by agriculture. This number doesn't even include the thousands of jobs supporting this industry. Thankfully, AFA is there to help men and women who are interested in agriculture realize their potential in an exciting and vital industry.

Congratulations to AFA members and leadership on this landmark occasion. I look forward to working with you as an organization and as agriculture leaders in the future.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the city of Tea, which is celebrating its centennial this year.

The community of Tea began as a small German agricultural village originally named Byron. However, when a railroad was built between Sioux Falls and Yankton, a stop was added in the community and the residents decided to establish a local post office. The Postal Service advised the residents that the name "Byron" was already taken by several other locations and suggested that they come up with a new town name. At a town meeting, the residents had listed several possibilities when they decided to take a tea break. The name "Tea" was offered and eventually selected as the town's name. Now, 100 years later, the community of Tea continues to be a place where residents make everyone feel welcome.

It gives me great pleasure to rise with the citizens of Tea in celebrating their centennial anniversary and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:21 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4894. An act to provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children.

H.R. 5117. An act to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 372. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System.

H. Con. Res. 408. Concurrent resolution commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan.

H. Con. Res. 421. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress and support for Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GO-STEM) programs.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1445. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 372. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H. Con. Res. 421. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress and support for Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GO-STEM) programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-7123. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NM-272)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7124. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318-100 and A319-100 Series Airplanes; Model A320-111 Airplanes; and Model A320-200, A321-100, and A321-200 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-097)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7125. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospaciale Model ATR72 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-059)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7126. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318-100 and A319-100 Series Airplanes, A320-111 Airplanes, A320-200 Series Airplanes, and A321-100 and A321-200 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-189)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7127. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200 and -300 Series Airplanes; and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NM-206)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7128. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135 Airplanes and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-003)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7129. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, and -900 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NM-114)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7130. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A321-100 and -200 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-128)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7131. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, -103, -106, -201, -202, -301, -311, and -315 Airplanes"