

Texas—Greg Sherman, professor of physics, Collin College;

Utah—Michael Christiansen, professor of music, Utah State University;

Virginia—Robert Swap, associate professor, University of Virginia;

Washington—Karl Fields, professor of politics and government and Asian studies, University of Puget Sound;

Wisconsin—Gregory S. Aldrete, Frankenthal professor of history and humanistic studies, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; and

West Virginia—Dan Hollis, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, Marshall University.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:06 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5934. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

H.R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6570. An act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:25 p.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 bills:

S. 743. An act to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1956. An act to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2606. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construc-

tion and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4114. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5934. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct appeals to the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-7985. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards" (FRL No. 9706-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7986. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9731-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to Open Burning Regulations" (FRL No. 9732-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: General and Transportation Conformity and New Source Review Prevention of Significant for Fine

Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})" (FRL No. 9731-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7989. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland-Revision for the Control of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions from Vehicle Refinishing" (FRL No. 9731-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Adhesives and Sealants Rule" (FRL No. 9731-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Revised RD/RA Negotiations Timeline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7992. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; Determinations of Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9749-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7993. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Idaho; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9750-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7994. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Reasonably Available Control Technology Update to Address Control Techniques Guidelines Issued in 2006, 2007, and 2008" (FRL No. 9749-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7995. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Requirements for Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review; Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})" (FRL No. 9747-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7996. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan Pesticide Element" (FRL No. 9723-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7997. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District; Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9726-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7998. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources" (FRL No. 9746-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7999. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Indiana; Michigan; Minnesota; Ohio; Wisconsin; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2006 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Indiana NSR/PSD" (FRL No. 9742-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8000. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9744-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8001. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Amendments to West Virginia's Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9745-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8002. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Attainment Demonstration for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City Moderate Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9746-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8003. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Fredericksburg 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9746-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8004. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9737-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8005. 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 New Source Review (NSR) Program for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers (PM_{2.5}): Amendment to the Definition of 'Regulated NSR Pollutant' Concerning Condensable Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9742-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8006. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP); Anticbacksliding of Major NSR SIP Requirements for the One-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); Major Nonattainment NSR (NNSR) SIP Requirements for the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS; and Major NSR Reform Program" (FRL No. 9743-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8007. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements for Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9745-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8008. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Motor Vehicle Inspection" (FRL No. 9747-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8009. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Maricopa County Air Quality Department" (FRL No. 9740-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8010. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Deferral for CO₂ Emissions from Bioenergy and other Biogenic Sources Under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program" (FRL No. 9745-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8011. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Washington DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9746-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8012. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Determination of Attainment of the One-Hour Ozone Standard for the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester and Manchester Areas" (FRL No. 9744-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8013. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9746-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8014. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the South Coast Portion of the California State Implementation Plan, CPV Sentinel Energy Project AB 1318 Tracking System" (FRL No. 9751-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8015. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, 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 Gray Wolf in Wyoming from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Removal of the Wyoming Wolf Population's Status as an Experimental Population" (RIN1018-AX94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8016. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Broward County Water Preservation Areas project in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8017. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the Administration's Annual Report of Payment Recapture Audits; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8018. 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 "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2012-66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8019. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Electronic Reporting Pilot; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Quality Reporting Program; Revision to Quality Improvement Organization Regulations" (RIN0938-AR10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8020. 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 "Salvage Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2012" (Rev. Proc. 2012-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8021. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, DME Face-to-Face Encounters, Elimination of the Requirement for Termination of Non-Random Prepayment Complex Medical Review and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2013" (RIN0938-AR11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8022. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Payments for Services Furnished by Certain Primary Care Physicians and Charges for Vaccine Administration under the Vaccines for Children Program" (RIN0938-AQ63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8023. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the June 25, 2012 through August 23, 2012 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8024. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-121); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8026. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8028. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period June 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8030. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a correspondence from the President of the Lebanese National Assembly; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8031. A communication from the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting, a report entitled "Raising the Profile of HIV and AIDS in Your Parliament"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8032. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-140); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-0138); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-133); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8035. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8036. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-146); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8037. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of

proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-144); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-136); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, certification of proposed issuance of an export license pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (Transmittal No. DDTC 12-131); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8041. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 12-135, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8042. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 12-126, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8043. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Ventrone Corporation in Beverly, Massachusetts, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8044. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge; Phase 2 Notice of Final Requirements" (RIN1810-AB15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8045. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8046. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford

Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8047. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the completion and release of the Department of Defense (DoD) Agency Financial Report (AFR); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8048. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8049. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8050. A communication from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8051. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2012 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8052. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Quarterly Report for the period through October 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8053. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-467, "Meridian Public Charter School-Harrison Campus Property Tax Exemption Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8054. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-470, "Career and Technical Education Plan Establishment Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8055. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-478, "Verizon Center Graphics and Entertainment Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8056. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-479, "Compassionate Release Authorization Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8057. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-471, "Health Benefits Plan Grievance Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8058. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-473, "District of Columbia School Reform Extension of Time Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8059. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-472, "Cogeneration Equipment Personal Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8060. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-474, "District of Columbia Public Schools Partnership Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8061. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-468, "Department of Health Functions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8062. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-469, "District Department of Transportation Bicycle Sharing Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8063. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-480, "Retention Incentives for Chief of Police Cathy L. Lanier Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8064. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on a proposed archival depository for the Presidential records, artifacts and other historical materials of the George W. Bush administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 3631. A bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3632. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to provide for the increased purchase of Kosher and Halal food and to modify the labeling of the commodities list under the emergency food assistance program to enable Kosher and Halal food bank operators to identify which commodities to obtain from local food banks; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3633. A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3634. A bill to require a report on the establishment of a joint Army-Navy storage and preservation facility at the United States Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3635. A bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 597. A resolution to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 598. A resolution commending and congratulating the San Francisco Giants for winning the 2012 World Series; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr.

KIRK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KIKULSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BURR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REED, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 599. A resolution expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Con. Res. 60. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of