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TRIBUTE TO CYRUS WESTERN

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Cyrus Western for his hard work as an intern in the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Cyrus is a native of Sheridan, WY. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with a bachelor of arts in environmental science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:19 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:

H.R. 3187. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation.

H.R. 6582. An act to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mrs. GILLIBRAND).

At 5:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 829. Resolution to respectfully return to the Senate the bill (H. R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, 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-8547. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buprofezin Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9371-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8548. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9371-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8549. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirodiclofen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9371-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9360-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8551. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8552. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BC57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8553. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Crescent City Fourth of July Fireworks Event, Crescent City, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0141)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8554. 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 "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Yellowstone National Park - Winter Use" (RIN1024-AE10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8555. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a report entitled "Revised Guidance of Treatment of Tenants under CERCLA'S BFPF Provision"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8556. 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; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9760-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8557. 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; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Charleston Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9759-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8558. 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; The 2002 Base Year Inventory for the Baltimore, Maryland Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9759-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8559. 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; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Washington County, Maryland Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9760-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8560. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard and Diesel Sulfur Programs" (FRL No. 9758-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8561. 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; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9759-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8562. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Performing the Integrated Assessment for External Flooding" (JLD-ISG-2012-05) received in the Office of the President of