

As the saying goes, all politics is local. The foundations of our democratic system do not lie in the Halls of the Capitol but in the neighborhoods and cities spread across our great country. The critical progress we must make as a nation only occurs when groups of dedicated citizens selflessly contribute their time and efforts toward improving the lives of their families and communities. Domingo was one of these committed citizens.

As a resident of Union City, Domingo chose to give back to his neighbors through the political process. He spent many hours organizing neighborhoods and people in support of issues he believed would make his city and State a better place for people to live and work. Domingo did the hard, behind-the-scenes job of organizing communities at the grassroots level. I am eternally grateful for the effort Domingo gave on my behalf; it is because of his loyal public service that I am able to do my work on behalf of the citizens of New Jersey today.

My thoughts and prayers are with Domingo's family at this difficult time. I am proud to have called Domingo a friend. Though he may have passed, the goodness he brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten. ●

#### REPORT OF THE VETO OF S. 1, THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE APPROVAL ACT—PM 6

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 1, the "Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act." Through this bill, the United States Congress attempts to circumvent longstanding and proven processes for determining whether or not building and operating a cross-border pipeline serves the national interest.

The Presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously. But I also take seriously my responsibility to the American people. And because this act of Congress conflicts with established executive branch procedures and cuts short thorough consideration of issues that could bear on our national interest—including our security, safety, and environment—it has earned my veto.

BARACK OBAMA,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 24, 2015.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 13, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a

message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on February 12, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 534. A bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

S. 535. A bill to promote energy efficiency.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 24, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

#### 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-644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9922-07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9921-89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-646. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-647. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management

Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-648. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy, Plans and Programs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-649. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-650. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-651. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 FAIR Act Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-652. 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 "Section 501(c)(29) Organization Application Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2015-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-653. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1515-AD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-654. 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 "Gracia v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-147" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-655. 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 "Estate of Martinez v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-150" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-656. 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 "Price v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-149" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.