

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act into the bipartisan sportsmen's package would add a new element of game species conservation that will help ensure the presence of important game and fish species for generations of hunters and anglers and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

I urge my colleagues to support this simple reauthorization of this cost-effective, budget-friendly program that has been highly successful.●

TRIBUTE TO GREGORY LEACH

● Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I wish to commend the courageous actions of Gregory Leach, a transportation security specialist-explosives at Lihue International Airport and a resident of Hawaii. Mr. Leach helped to rescue three swimmers who were in danger of drowning. His heroism and selflessness deserve to be recognized on the Senate floor today.

Mr. Leach moved to Hawaii from Arkansas earlier this year to work as a transportation security specialist-explosives at Lihue International Airport. As a transportation security specialist-explosives, he supports screening operations to protect our transportation system from explosive threats.

This past March, on the beach in Wailua, Kauai, Mr. Leach noticed three swimmers who were struggling to return to shore. He acted quickly and decisively, grabbing a rescue buoy and swimming out to the group. One of the swimmers was unconscious, and Mr. Leach brought the man back to shore. He returned to the water to help the remaining two swimmers, and once all the swimmers were safely on the beach, Mr. Leach conducted chest compressions on the unconscious man until rescue personnel arrived. Mr. Leach's selfless efforts ensured that two of the swimmers survived. Unfortunately, the unconscious man later passed away.

According to Mr. Leach's supervisor, lead transportation security specialist-explosives Duane Samiano:

Transportation Security Specialist-Explosives Leach did not hesitate to render aid in a life threatening situation to individuals he did not know. His actions speak greatly to his courage, selflessness and dedication to others. I am very proud to have him on my team. He is a great asset as a Transportation Security Specialist-Explosives and represents himself and this agency with excellence.

I commend Mr. Leach for his actions, and I hope that his courage serves as an example for others.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

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-1542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paleontological Resources Preservation" (RIN0596-AC95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1543. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Information Order; Assessment Rate Increase" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0045) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1544. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado and Imported Irish Potatoes; Relaxation of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 and Import Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0073; FV13-3 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1545. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0051; FV14-915-1 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1546. A communication from the Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Portland, ME, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AN11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1547. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subpart J—Value Added Producer Grant Program" (RIN0570-AA79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1548. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1A.105 Pro-

tein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9926-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1549. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Reinstatement of Exemptions Related to Temporary Exports, Carnets, and Shipments Under a Temporary Import Bond" (RIN0607-AA53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1550. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-82; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1551. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Enhancements to Past Performance Evaluation Systems" (RIN9000-AM79) (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1552. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1553. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-82; Introduction" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1554. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Review and Justification of Pass-Through Contracts" (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1555. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities" (RIN9000-AM76) (FAC 2005-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1556. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; to the