

winner of the West Coast Black Publishers Association's "Publisher of the Year" award. As well as the national recognitions are local well-earned accolades that further demonstrate what the Skanner means to readers across the Northwest.

Behind the success of this historic publication is a hard-working team that has been instrumental in building the Skanner these past four decades and positioning it for success for decades to come. I would like to especially acknowledge cofounders Bobbie and Bernie Foster, two people I consider the heart and soul of this operation. Beyond the publication, they created the Skanner Foundation, which runs a scholarship program that awards \$1,000 each to the best and brightest young people to help them accomplish their educational goals. Bobbie and Bernie's passion for giving back is a key component of what makes them and the Skanner so special.

In addition to all this great work, the foundation organizes an annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., breakfast that is renowned in Oregon as being an event that justly honors one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time. I have been privileged to attend the breakfast and know full well what a huge impact it has.

The Skanner News Group is an institution that serves to better our community, by inspiring, uplifting, and informing. I would like to congratulate the staff on reaching their 40th anniversary and wish them the best in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING DICK ANDERSON

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Richard "Dick" Anderson on receiving the United Service Organization, USO, Volunteer of the Year award. USO Las Vegas proudly offers two locations within McCarran International Airport for our Nation's servicemembers and their families to relax and feel at home. Open 24 hours and staffed by volunteers like Mr. Anderson, each location offers these brave men and women a place to enjoy free electronic stations, entertainment, and food service. I am grateful for all USO Las Vegas does for Nevada's servicemembers, and it gives me great pleasure to see a fellow Nevadan, Mr. Anderson, receive this national award in recognition for volunteering to make this operation a reality.

Mr. Anderson has been an incredible contributor to this organization, dedicating countless volunteer hours to help military families. He serves as volunteer outreach team leader and welcome home/deployment assist team leader. Throughout the past year, USO Las Vegas has undergone great change with the installment of an additional location at McCarran International

Airport. During this time, Mr. Anderson offered a great amount of support to the organization and even created the volunteer outreach team to meet the extra need for volunteers at the new location.

Throughout his time volunteering, Mr. Anderson has worked tirelessly to plan numerous events, recruit volunteers, and further expand the organization. His determination has proven to be successful, helping to bring in more than 500 new volunteers since July 2014. From Easter events to fundraising and recruiting, Mr. Anderson has truly put our military community first. Our State is fortunate to have someone like Mr. Anderson—a man of great selflessness and commitment—working to help our Nation's heroes and their families.

There is no way to adequately thank our servicemembers who put their lives on the line in defense of our freedoms. Mr. Anderson is a shining example of the manner in which we should respect our men and women in uniform. He deeply cares for our veterans, working to make each moment he volunteers count. Without a doubt, his work brings greater happiness to Las Vegas' military community.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing all of Mr. Anderson's hard work and congratulating him on receiving this much deserved award. Nevada is lucky to have this incredible community member working to support our military men and women, and I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING MARCH FARM

• Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate March Farm, a fourth generation family farm from Connecticut, on its 100-year anniversary. Since 1915, when Thomas and Rose Marchukaitis put down \$2,500 to buy 114 acres of land, the March family has worked hard to produce delicious and healthy fruits and vegetables for the people of Connecticut.

March Farm, like many of Connecticut's nearly 6,000 farms, is small and family owned. Situated in beautiful Bethlehem, CT, they have a growing community supported agriculture business that now has about 90 members receiving regular crates of produce. They have worked hard to implement efficient, modern farming practices, even as they eschew chemical pesticides and use environmentally sensitive pest management practices. These practices and the bucolic setting they are located in are part of the reason they were recently named Connecticut's "best farm/orchard experience" by Connecticut Magazine.

Many of my colleagues may be surprised to think of Connecticut as a farming state, but I am glad to report that farming is alive, well, and growing at home. The movement towards locally produced fruits and vegetables and a growing awareness among con-

sumers about healthy, sustainable food choices has supported a nearly 60 percent increase in the number of farms in Connecticut since the 1980s. And many young people, like Ben March, are leaving desk jobs to rediscover the fulfillment of farming, reinvigorating this vital sector.

These farms are an integral part of the fabric of our communities, but they need our help to continue to thrive. Although small farms like March Farm make up fully 90 percent of all farms in the United States, large operations account for the vast bulk of production and sales of produce nationwide. Small family farms face a number of challenges, not least slimmer profit margins and higher risk. I will continue to fight for small, local farm supports such as beginning farmer and rancher grants and robust farm safety net programs.

March Farm is an example of the best of Connecticut, and I wish them continued success over their next 100 years.●

RECOGNIZING ARROWROCK DAM

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of Arrowrock Dam, situated in the great State of Idaho and its own "eighth wonder of the world." This landmark is a testament to the vision and hard work of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in both the initial building of the structure and keeping it operational over the past 100 years.

Formerly, the site of a private irrigation venture helmed by Arthur De Wint Foote, the Arrowrock Dam was the grandest project undertaken by the Bureau of Reclamation when it began in 1912. The dam stands at 350 feet high and spans 1,150 feet with a record breaking 527,300 cubic yards of concrete laid on the dam.

The magnificent dam was dedicated 100 years ago on October 4, 1915. It set many records, standing as the tallest dam in the world until a taller one was built in Switzerland in 1924. Arrowrock proved to be a popular tourist attraction in that first year, drawing approximately 12,000 visitors in its first week of operation. The Arrowrock Dam received acclaim from across the country and even the world.

Arrowrock Dam has allowed Idahoans to not only preserve our lands, but also thrive by providing needed irrigation water for agricultural uses. Caring for the land shows a commitment to future generations while using the resources provided for the needs of today. In addition, thousands of people a year enjoy the many recreational activities provided by the dam. We have enjoyed 100 years of protection from Arrowrock, and I look forward to continued improvement of the dam and its service to the people of Boise and other Idahoans.

I congratulate everyone involved in its building, as well as the continued maintenance of this landmark. I wish

them all the best as we all celebrate the past and look ahead to the future of Arrowrock Dam.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13067 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1997—PM 30

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2015.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13067 with respect to Sudan.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 28, 2015.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:32 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. 597. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1090. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes.

At 5:56 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 amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1090. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 597. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 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-3319. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Peppers From Ecuador Into the United States" ((RIN0579-AE07) (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0086)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3320. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3321. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3322. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of

Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulations: Export Control" (RIN1991-AB99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3323. 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, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Horse Management" (RIN1024-AE27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3324. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for State Disability Examiner Authority To Make Fully Favorable Quick Disability Determinations and Compassionate Allowance Determinations" (RIN0960-AH77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3325. 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 "Supplement to Rev. Proc. 2014-64, Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2015-50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3326. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—November 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3327. 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 for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2015-71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3328. 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 "Morehouse v. Commissioner, 769 F.3d 616 (8th Cir. 2014), rev'g 140 T.C. 350 (2013)" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3329. 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 "Request for Comments on Definitions of Section 48 Property" (Notice 2015-70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3330. 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 "2015 National Pool"