Jen Tyll, who own and operate Pat's Pizza Old Port located in Portland, ME.

Chris and Jen Tyll are graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy. Chris is a former Navy SEAL and platoon leader, and served four tours in Iraq. Chris and Jen have 23 years of military experience between them and have completed six deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Chris first visited Maine at the age of 18 while visiting with his Naval Academy roommate. He fell in love with the State and believed Maine would be a great place to raise a family. After moving around the country and living in eight States, the Tylls decided to establish roots in Maine. As Chris transitioned out of the military, he knew he wanted to own a business. Subsequently, he opened a Pat's Pizza in the heart of Portland's Historic Old Port in 2009.

The original Pat's Pizza, located in Orono, is an undeniable favorite of University of Maine students. It has been said that an education at the University of Maine at Orono is not complete without sampling a pizza from Pat's. Pat's Pizza is known for its sauce, developed by the founder, which gives its pizza a distinct home-grown flavor. The dough is made fresh daily, delivering customers the same authentic taste in every location. Pat's Pizza Old Port offers the same great Pat's taste and all of the amenities Mainers and their families have come to enjoy.

While Pat's Pizza Old Port provides Chris the opportunity to be a successful business owner, he has not forgotten his former comrades and finds time to reach out to veterans. Chris understands the challenges that await current veterans as they transition from the military into civilian life. He is the chairman of the new Portland Veterans Network, a Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce program. The network offers free career assistance to veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, including mentoring, wellness services, resume writing and interview skills training, and chamber membership. At its heart, the program consists of pairing 50 Portland-area veterans with business leaders who will act as mentors, introducing the veterans at networking events and guiding them in their job search.

I applaud Chris and Jen Tyll for demonstrating the leadership and can-do attitude that are truly a reflection of the talent and entrepreneurial spirit found in my home State of Maine. As we pay tribute to our servicemembers on Veterans Day, I offer my gratitude and congratulations to our Nation's veteran-owned small businesses and extend my best wishes to Chris, Jen, and Pat's Pizza Old Port for their continued growth and success.●

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 2:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

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.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6371. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the General Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

H.R. 6586. An act to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia.

At 4:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2606) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6371. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the General Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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–7921. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; ordered to lie on the table.

EC–7922. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9360–9) received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7923. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Residues of Fatty Acids, Tall-Oil, Ethoxylated Propoxylated; Tolerance Exemption'' (FRL No. 9365–4) received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7924. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Calcium Gluconate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 9362–4) received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7925. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Additional Changes to the Schedule of Operations Regulations'' (RIN0583–AD48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7926. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change by the Air Force Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2011 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7927. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E); Final Rule'' ((RIN3170–AA15) (Docket No. CFPB–2011–0009)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Oct 31, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7928. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E)''

((RIN3170–AA15) (Docket No. CFPB–2011–0009)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Oct 31, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7929. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defining Larger Participants of the Consumer Debt Collection Market'' ((RIN3170–AA30) (Docket No. CFPB–2012–0040)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Oct 31, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7930. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Assessments, Large Bank Pricing'' (RIN3064–AD92) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7931. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Stress Test'' (RIN3064–AD91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7932. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Enforcement of Subsidiary and Affiliate Contracts by the FDIC as Receiver of a Covered Financial Company'' (RIN3064–AD94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7933. 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 during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7934. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules of Practice and Procedure; Rules of Practice and Procedure in Adjudicatory Proceedings; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustments'' (RIN1557–AD61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7935. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Iranian Financial Sanctions Regulations; Final Rule'' (31 CFR Part 561) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7936. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Iranian Transactions Regulations; Final Rule'' (31 CFR Part 560) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7937. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to credit availability for small business; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7938. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7939. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7940. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7941. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7942. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Clearing Agency Standards'' (RIN3235–AL13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7943. 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 ''Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential Dishwashers, Dehumidifiers, and Conventional Cooking Products'' (RIN1904–AC01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7944. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7945. 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, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District'' (FRL No. 9736–9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7946. 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 for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard'' (FRL No. 9748–2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7947. 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; Michigan; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particle Standard for the Detroit-Ann Arbor Nonattainment Area'' (FRL No. 9748–8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7948. 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; Michigan; Detroit-Ann Arbor Nonattainment Area; Fine Particulate Matter 2005 Base Year Emissions Inventory'' (FRL No. 9748–9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7949. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances'' (FRL No. 9366–7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7950. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation, Exportation, and Transportation of Wildlife; User Fee Exemption Program for Low-Risk Importations and Exportations'' (RIN1018–AZ18) 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–7951. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, an alterations in leased space prospectus for the Southern Maryland U.S. Courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7952. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Interim Staff Guidance Augmenting NUREG–1537, 'Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Applications for the Licensing of Non-Power Reactors,' Parts 1 and 2, for Licensing Radioisotope Production and Aqueoous Homogenous Reactors'' (NUREG–1537) 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–7953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP), Georgia and South Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7954. 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 ''Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula'' (Rev. Rev. Rul.

2012–27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7955. 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 2012–64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7956. 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 ''2012 National Pool'' (Revenue Procedure 2012–42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7957. 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 ''2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Certain Tax Items'' (Rev. Proc. 2012–41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7958. 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 ''2012–2013 Special Per Diem Rates'' (Notice 2012–63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7959. 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 ''Joanne Wandry v. Commissioner'' (AOD 2012–05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7960. 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 ''Cost Segregation Audit Techniques Guide—Chapter 8—Electrical Distribution System'' (LBandI–4–1012–012) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7961. 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 2012'' (Rev. Rul. 2012–30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7962. 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; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Quality Incentive Program, and Bad Debt Reductions for all Medicare Providers'' (RIN0938–AR13) 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–7963. 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; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2013, Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements, and Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Home Health Agencies'' (RIN0938–AR18) 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–7964. 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 ''Unpaid Losses Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2012'' (Rev. Proc. 2012–44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7965. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9361–8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7966. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL No. 9358–3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7967. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fluridone; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL No. 9366–8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fluazinam; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9366–6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9364–8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7970. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9365–7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7971. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''a-(p-Nonylphenyl)poly(oxypropylene) block polymer with poly(oxyethylene); Tolerance Exemption'' (FRL No. 9365–3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7972. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Xylenesulfonic Acid, Sodium Salt; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 9361–3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7973. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Dinotefuran; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL No. 9366–3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7974. A communication from the Director of Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Expansion of 911 Access Loans and Loan Guarantees'' (RIN0572–AC24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7975. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Requirements for Official Establishments to Notify FSIS of Adulterated or Misbranded Product, Prepare and Maintain Written Recall Procedures, and Document Certain Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System Plan Reassessments'' (RIN0583–AC34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7976. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the retirement of Lieutenant General William E. Ward, United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7977. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, ''Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account''; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7978. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suspension of Community Eligibility'' ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA–2012–0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7979. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7980. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7981. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7982. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Student Loan Ombudsman; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7983. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''2011/2012 Economic Dispatch and Technological Change''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7984. A communication from the Director of the Sustainability Performance Office, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1307. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey real property, including improvements, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Ketchikan, Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112–239).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 183. A bill to clarify the applicability of certain maritime laws with respect to the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon.

S. 692. A bill to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 911. A bill to establish the sense of Congress that Congress should enact, and the President should sign, bipartisan legislation to strengthen public safety and to enhance wireless communications.

S. 1449. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1980. A bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures.

S. 2279. A bill to amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to provide additional protection for the R.M.S. Titanic and its wreck site, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2388. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

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 Mr. KERRY:

S. 3627. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 3628. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery regarding, the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 3629. A bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to promote the availability of affordable, clean-burning natural gas to North American markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3630. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the ''Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 592. A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. Res. 593. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for in the withdrawal of forces from Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 594. A resolution establishing a select committee of the Senate to make a thorough and complete investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding, and the response of the United States Government to, the September 11, 2012, terrorist attacks against the United States consulate and personnel in Benghazi, Libya, and to make recommendations to prevent similar attacks in the future; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 595. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REED, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 596. A resolution permitting the solicitation of donations in Senate buildings for the relief of victims of Superstorm Sandy; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1131

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to establish and implement a birth defects prevention, risk reduction, and public awareness program.

S. 1832

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1832, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 2074

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2074, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2247

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2247, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee, and for other purposes.

S. 3061

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3061, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on women's sports bras of stretch fabric with textile or polymer-based electrodes knit into or attached to the fabric and that incorporate connectors designed to secure an electronic transmitter that transmits physiological information from the electrodes to a compatible monitor.

S. 3062

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.