

Vermillion is celebrating its sesquicentennial with a variety of events including tours of the newly completed Vermillion City Hall, a community barbeque, school reunions and dances, a 5K Fun Run/Walk, an airshow, and a concert by Ratingen Youth Wind Orchestra from Vermillion's Sister City of Ratingen, Germany. These activities will serve as a reminder of the shared history of the community and bring the tight-knit people of Vermillion even closer together. Vermillion is holding a flag design contest to pay additional tribute to this historic milestone. The city has previously unveiled its official sesquicentennial logo, designed by Erin Helsa, a 2006 graduate of Vermillion High School.

As a native of Vermillion, I am pleased to publicly honor the achievements of this wonderful South Dakota community as they reach this juncture. I congratulate the citizens of Vermillion on their accomplishments over the last 150 years and look forward to seeing their future endeavors.●

ANNIVERSARY OF FARMERS STATE BANK IN HOSMER, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, with great honor, I wish to recognize the 90th anniversary of Farmers State Bank in Hosmer, SD.

After being chartered in 1919, Farmers State Bank opened its doors to the public on August 2, 1920. In the following years, Farmers State Bank was able to withstand the Great Depression and operate on a sound basis. In 1931, it consolidated with Hillview State Bank and stayed under the Farmers State Bank name. John, Arthur, and Helen Haerter were among the bank's first stockholders and served as the first president, vice president, and cashier, respectively. Throughout its history, the bank has remained within the Haerter family. Today, the current members of the board of directors are Bruce Haerter, Joyce Haerter, John A. Haerter, Doris Haerter, and John Schwan.

After 90 years of growth, Farmers State Bank still embodies the entrepreneurial health of South Dakota and the spirit of community in our local lending institutions. I strongly commend all the Farmers State Bank's employees on their years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that the institution and its people are being publicly honored and celebrated on this memorable occasion.●

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH WEINSTEIN

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Deborah Weinstein, executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs, for her leadership and commitment to the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations.

On July 29, the coalition will honor Ms. Weinstein for her extraordinary 30-

plus years of advocacy work on a wide range of issues at both the State and Federal level. Throughout her distinguished career, Debbie Weinstein has been a tireless advocate for children, families, and those Americans most in need. She has been an architect of various coalitions, which is essential in promoting and enacting good public policy.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with Debbie and the Coalition on Human Needs on programs of mutual interest and concern like the earned income tax credit, child support enforcement, child nutrition, child care, and temporary assistance for needy families, TANF. The outreach and work of the coalition under Ms. Weinstein's strong leadership has played an important role in educating grassroots advocates and helping them convey their beliefs to policymakers on the Hill. It is an important role that has been done quite well for many years by Debbie Weinstein.

As executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs, Debbie has earned the respect and support of her colleagues. Recognition by ones peers is a strong endorsement indeed. It is my honor and privilege today to recognize Debbie Weinstein's compassion for the most vulnerable among us, and I thank her for that commitment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:01 p.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. 1121. An act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1376. An act to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2770. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3155. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3219. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1121. An act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1376. An act to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2770. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3155. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3219. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' 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-2478. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dichloromid; Time Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8422-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2479. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethylene oxide adducts of 2,3,7,9-tetramethyl-5-decynediol, the ethylene oxide content averages 3.5, 10, or 30 moles; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8425-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2480. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate, Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8420-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2481. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "N,N,N',N'-Tetrakis-(2-

Hydroxypropyl) Ethylenediamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8429-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2482. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium-N-oleoyl-N-Methyl taurine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8426-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2483. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium monoalkyl and dialkyl (C6-C16) phenoxybenzendisulfonates and related acids; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8421-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2484. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a Selected Acquisition Report relative to the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2485. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2486. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regulations SHO—Rule 204—Rule to Make Permanent Temporary Rule that Enhances Close-out Requirements for all Equity Securities" (RIN3235-AK22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2487. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Capital—Residential Mortgage Loans Modified Pursuant to the Making Home Affordable Program" (RIN1557-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2488. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2489. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government National Mortgage Association's (Ginnie Mae) commitment authority; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2490. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Reg-

ulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation: Technical Amendment; Final Rule" (RIN1991-AB62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2491. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a legislative proposal relative to improving the way that the Nation raises the revenues needed to cover the non-Federal share of the capital costs of inland and intracoastal waterways projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2492. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities of the Economic Development Administration for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2493. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Guidance on Technical Direction" (FRL No. 8935-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2494. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans Alabama: Birmingham 1997 8-Hour Ozone Contingency Measures" (FRL No. 8937-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2495. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Iowa; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8933-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2496. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Implementation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8933-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2497. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8936-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2498. A communication from the Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Attorney Advisor Program Sunset Date Extension" (RIN0960-AH01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2499. 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 "Notification Requirement for Tax-Exempt Entities Not Currently Required to File" (RIN1545-BG37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2500. 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 "Cargo Container and Road Vehicle Certification Pursuant to International Conventions: Designated Certifying Authorities" (RIN1651-AA78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of the S-70A Helicopter for Japan in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of T64 engine parts for end use by Japan in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed export of defense articles in support of the transfer of title of one commercial communications satellite to Canada in the amount of \$100,000,000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, defense services, and hardware for the manufacture of major and minor components of the J-85 Turbine Engine used in the F-5 for the Republic of Korea in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 81. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted: