

life of the ISU campus. They do so thanks to the quality of their art works and artifacts. Just as importantly, they do so by inviting the community to participate in special conferences, lectures, panel discussions, gallery walks, and gallery talks. University Museums has reinvented the idea of the museum as an educational and intellectual center, reaching out beyond the campus to the wider Ames community, including K-12 schools, with a wide range of cultural programs and activities.

Accreditation by the American Association of Museums does not come easily. It involves a rigorous process in which a museum demonstrates its commitment to the highest professional standards, public service, and excellence in education. University Museums at Iowa State University now joins an elite group of 778 AAM-accredited institutions spanning the United States.

I congratulate University Museums for this hard-earned recognition. And I salute all the outstanding museum professionals and volunteers whose vision and tireless efforts have contributed so much to the campus and to the entire Ames community.●

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate the University of Northern Iowa Museums and Collections for being selected to participate in the rigorous Museum Assessment Program sponsored by the American Association of Museums.

I know that the university and the entire Cedar Falls community take great pride in the University Museum, the Marshall Center School, and the various collections that they encompass. The University Museum's collections and temporary exhibits focus on the natural world and traditional cultures. The Marshall Center School is a restored one-room schoolhouse, with a permanent exhibit celebrating Iowa's rural schools.

These museums and collections make a powerful contribution to the cultural life of the UNI campus. They do so thanks to the quality of their exhibits and artifacts. Just as importantly, they do so by inviting the community to participate in special conferences, lectures, panel discussions, and other activities. The university views its museums not as static institutions but as active educational and intellectual centers, reaching out beyond the campus to the wider Cedar Falls community, including K-12 schools.

The UNI Museums and Collections have been accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1975—an honor that is bestowed on fewer than 10 percent of museums in the United States. As this institution now begins participation in the Museum Assessment Program, it looks forward to an

extended period of self-examination and peer review designed to improve its operations and programming, and to identify current and future challenges.

I congratulate the UNI Museums and Collections for taking this important step forward in its development as an institution. And I salute all the outstanding professionals and volunteers whose vision and tireless efforts have contributed so much to the campus and to the entire Cedar Falls community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3123. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1772. A bill to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate.

H.R. 3548. An act to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3590. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1776. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula, 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-3305. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Puget Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0752)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3306. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Calcasieu River, Hackberry, Louisiana" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USG-2009-0317)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3307. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; IJSBA World Finals, Lower Colorado River, Lake Havasu, Arizona" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0194)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3308. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "San Clemente Island Northwest Harbor October and November Training; Northwest Harbor San Clemente Island, California" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0747)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3309. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Robert Moses Causeway Bridge State Boat Channel, Captree, New York" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0755)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3310. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cape Charles Tomato Festival Fireworks Event, Chesapeake Bay, Cape Charles, Virginia" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0529)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3311. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Parker US Open Nationals; Parker, Arizona" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0474)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3312. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone and Regulated Navigation Area, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Romeoville, Illinois" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USG-2009-0767)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3313. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department