

member of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the Maine Forest Products Council, and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. Today, with brothers Eldon and Rudy Pelletier at the helm, Gerald Pelletier Inc. has over 100 employees during the frigid winter months that, in addition to logging, build and maintain roads and bridges throughout Maine.

Gerald Pelletier Inc. has become a very attractive operation thanks in large part to the television show *American Loggers*, which airs on the Discovery Channel. This popular show has catapulted the company into a bright spotlight, and thrust the family into a form of reality-stardom. Produced by a native son of Maine, the show portrays the struggles and successes of the family as it continues its work in one of Maine's most remarkable and historic industries.

With this newfound nationwide appeal, Gerald Pelletier Inc. was recently able to undertake another entrepreneurial endeavor, the Pelletier Loggers Family Restaurant in Millinocket. Their restaurant serves up hearty Maine meals prepared from scratch to an array of locals and visitors alike. Customers can order from a wide variety of creatively titled menu items like the Moose on the Loose, a 10 oz. filet mignon, or for those interested in sampling fresh seafood, the Triple Trailer, which is a seafood medley of lobster, scallops and shrimp.

While at the restaurant, customers from across the country can also get a true visual taste of the Maine logging experience. In front of the building, a tractor trailer truck can be seen bursting from the second floor. Inside, various tools used in the logging trade adorn the walls, including a rugged chainsaw that is stuck through one of the beams. Clearly, the Pelletiers have invested a great deal of effort in providing visitors with a thorough and fulfilling traditional experience.

Truly, Gerald Pelletier Inc. embodies the entrepreneurial spirit that makes America so great. The Pelletier family has shown that a small business can succeed through hard work and personal sacrifice. I extend my congratulations to Rudy and Eldon Pelletier, the two coowners, and everyone at Gerald Pelletier Inc. for their remarkable enterprises, and offer my best wishes for their future success.●

TRIBUTE TO LYDIA SAND

● Mr. THUNE, Mr. President, today I recognize Lydia Sand, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Lydia is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending Bethel University, where she is majoring in international relations. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Lydia for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5552. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 10:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revisions of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law.

The joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 65. Concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, late a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 293. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the LI Senate.

At 7:15 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 report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5623. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the home-buyer tax credit for the purchase of a principal residence before October 1, 2010, in the case of a written binding contract entered into with respect to such principal residence before May 1, 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5552. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 30, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law.

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-6467. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers" (RIN0560-AI08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6468. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6469. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correspondence with the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition and Removal of Certain Persons on the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States; Removal of Person Based on Removal Request"

(RIN0694-AE92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6471. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Multiyear Contract Authority for Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources" (DFARS Case 2008-D006) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6472. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2010-11 and 2011-12 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations; Subsistence Taking of Fish on the Yukon River Regulations" (RIN1018-AW30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6473. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Flying Earwig Hawaiian Damselfly and Pacific Hawaiian Damselfly as Endangered Throughout Their Ranges" (RIN1018-AV47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6474. A communication from the Branch Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Changes in the Regulations Governing Migratory Bird Rehabilitation" (RIN1018-AX09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6475. 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 "Extended Carryback of Losses to or from a Consolidated Group" ((TD 9490) (RIN1545-BJ12)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6476. 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 "Disaster Relief" (Notice No. 2010-48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6477. 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 "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, and Patient Protections" ((TD 9491) (RIN1545-BJ61)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6478. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's response to the GAO report entitled "Information Security: Agencies Need to Implement Federal Desktop Core Configuration

Requirements"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6479. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, and Patient Protections; Interim Final Rule" (RIN1210-AB43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6480. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Management, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Information to the Public" (RIN1880-AA84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6481. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTCs)—Improved Outcomes for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities" (CFDA No. 84.133B-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6482. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dental Devices: Classification of Dental Amalgam, Reclassification of Dental Mercury, Designation of Special Controls for Dental Amalgam, Mercury, and Amalgam Alloy; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0163) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6483. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rules Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Regarding Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Prohibition on Discrimination in Favor of the Highly Compensated, and Patient Protections" (RIN0991-AB69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6484. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6485. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carol M. White Physical Education Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 84.215F" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to

the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6486. A communication from the Acting Director of Interpretations and Regulatory Affairs Division, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Labor Regulations, Orders and Statements of Interpretation" (RIN1215-AB70 and RIN1245-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6487. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Bismuth Citrate; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2008-C-0098) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6488. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2009 performance report to Congress relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6489. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Railroad Unemployment Insurance System Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6490. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classified National Security Information" (RIN3095-AB63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6491. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act Inventory Summary as of June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6492. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the GAO report entitled "Information Security: Agencies Need to Implement Federal Desktop Core Configuration Requirements (FDCC)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6493. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2010-0978); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6494. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Remedy Program: Exception to Initial Filing Procedures" (RIN1120-AB59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6495. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trademark Technical and Conforming Amendments" (RIN0651-AC39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6496. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance Loan Program" (RIN3245-AF98) as received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2010; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6497. 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 "1-Naphthaleneacetic Acid; Time-Limited Tolerance, Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8831-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6498. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Army and was assigned case numbers 06-03 and 07-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6499. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-008, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-056, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6501. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to terrorist threats to military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6502. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6503. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the remaining obstacles to the efficient and timely circulation of \$1 coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6504. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Bank's system of internal controls for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of New Export Control Classification Number 6A981 Passive Infrasonic Sensors to the Commerce Control List of the Export Administration Regulations, and Related Amendments" (RIN0694-AE44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6506. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Manage-

ment, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annular Casing Pressure Management for Offshore Wells" (RIN1010-AD47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6507. 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 "Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8833-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6508. 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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Petroleum Refineries" (FRL No. 9169-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6509. 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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" (FRL No. 9169-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6510. 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 "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program" (FRL No. 9169-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6511. 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; California; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 9112-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6512. 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 Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9170-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6513. 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 "Temporary Suspension of Certain Oil Spill Response Time Requirements to Support Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill of National Significance (SONS) Response" (RIN1625-AB49 and RIN2050-AG63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6514. 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 California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9169-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6515. 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 "Finding of Attainment for PM10 for the Mendenhall Valley PM10 Nonattainment Area, Alaska" (FRL No. 9171-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 111-1 Tax Convention with Malta with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 111-3); and Treaty Doc. 111-3 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with New Zealand with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 111-4)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolutions of advice and consent to ratification are as follows:

111-1: TAX CONVENTION WITH MALTA

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to a Declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 111-1), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

The Convention is self-executing.

111-3: PROTOCOL AMENDING TAX CONVENTION WITH NEW ZEALAND

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to a Declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on December 1, 2008, at Washington (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 111-3), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

The Protocol is self-executing.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. LINCOLN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.