

critical thinking and problem-solving skills, research and reading skills, oral and written communication and presentation skills, self-esteem and confidence, and a sense of responsibility for and involvement in the democratic process. With schools spending more resources and time focusing on English language arts and mathematics education, it is important that programs like National History Day are recognized and supported to ensure students receive a quality history and civics education.

The impact of National History Day is also supported by data. A recent comprehensive study by Rockman et al found that students who participate in National History Day develop a range of college and career-ready skills, and outperform their peers on State standardized tests across all subjects—including science and mathematics.

National History Day is much more than a day, it is an evidence-based history education program that gives our young people skills to succeed in school and post secondary careers as well as a valuable understanding of how the world they live in has been shaped by people and events of the past. National History Day is a unique program that has benefited over 15 million students since 1982. I congratulate them on winning the 2011 National Humanities Medal and wish them many more years of continued success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 21, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3630. An act to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1173. An act to repeal the CLASS program.

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 5055. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure to Investor in System-wide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System" (RIN3052 AC77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Feb-

ruary 15, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 5056. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nutritional Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs" (RIN0584 AD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 5057. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting" ((Docket No. AMS DA 10 0089; DA 11 01) (RIN0581 AD12)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 5058. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 (Scotch) and Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2011 2012 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS FV 10 0094; FV11 985 1A FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 5059. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP); Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops and Processing)" ((Docket No. AMS NOP 10 0079; NOP 09 02FR) (RIN0581 AD06)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 5060. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Cotton Futures Classification Procedures" (Docket No. AMS CN 10 0073; CN 10 005) (RIN0581 AD16)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 5061. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a request for an extension of the delivery date of an annual report on the current and future military strategy of Iran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC 5062. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5063. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of the Indian HOME Investment Partnerships Program Regulation" (RIN2577 AC87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5064. 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 2011 0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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EC 5067. 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 in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5068. 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 February 23, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5069. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5070. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Libya declared in Executive Order 13566; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5071. 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 "Amendment to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations for Applied Materials (China), Inc., Boeing Tianjin Composites Co. Ltd., CSMC Technologies Corporation, Lam Research Corporation, and Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation in the People's Republic of China, and for GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd. in India" (RIN0694 AF26) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 5072. 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 "Updated Statements of Legal Authority To Reflect