

of Wisconsin Community Services, Inc., WCS. I am proud to honor its service and recognize that the many ways this organization has contributed to the State of Wisconsin.

WCS is the State's oldest and largest nonprofit criminal justice system organization. Founded in 1912 as the Wisconsin Society of the Friendless, WCS has never faltered in its mission to provide innovative opportunities for individuals to overcome adversity. For 100 years, this organization has provided individuals involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system with the tools they need to stay out of trouble and become productive members of their communities.

This organization provides more than 40 programs for Wisconsinites in need. Through its outpatient clinic, for example, WCS provides mental health treatment and ancillary support such as housing assistance to mentally ill individuals who are at risk of entering or have already been incarcerated. Through its policy and workforce development program, WCS provides vocational training to individuals with criminal records and helps them secure jobs. With mental health treatment, housing, and employment, these individuals can live crime-free lives and contribute to society.

With nearly 300 employees and serving more than 15,000 individuals in 2011 alone, WCS continues to change the lives of individuals in need. WCS's longstanding efforts have helped lower recidivism rates and saved taxpayer dollars, while giving Wisconsinites the tools and resources to overcome challenges such as mental illness and substance abuse. I am proud to honor the work of this outstanding organization and its continuing service to the State of Wisconsin.●

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 Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 9. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for

domestic business income of qualified small businesses.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 9. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2327. A bill to prohibit direct foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt until the President makes certain certifications related to treatment of nongovernmental organization workers, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2338. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

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-5758. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reintegration of Security into the Reactor Oversight Process Assessment Program" (Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-XX) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5759. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Range Extension for Endangered Central California Coast Coho Salmon" (RIN0648-XV30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5760. 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; North Carolina; Annual Emissions Reporting" (FRL No. 9662-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5761. 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; Alabama; Removal of State Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for the Birmingham Area" (FRL No. 9662-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5762. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting for Facilities Located in Indian Country and Clarification of Additional Opportunities Available to Tribal Governments under the TRI Program" (FRL No. 9660-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5763. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address for Region 4, State and Local Agencies; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9660-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5764. 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; Georgia; Atlanta; Ozone 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9662-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5765. 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; Tennessee; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9663-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5766. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Hawaii State Implementation Plan, Minor New Source Review Program" (FRL No. 9661-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5767. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5768. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Millennium Challenge Corporations activities during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5769. A communication from the Solicitor of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and Related Statutes" (RIN1290-AA25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5770. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazard Communication" (RIN1218-AC20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5771. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition

Regulation; Justification and Approval of Sole-Source 8(a) Contracts” (RIN9000-AL55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5772. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Representation Regarding Export of Sensitive Technology to Iran” (RIN9000-AL91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5773. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments” (FAC 2005-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5774. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5775. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Biobased Procurements” (RIN9000-AM03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5776. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-58, Introduction” (FAC 2005-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5777. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5778. A communication from the Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exemption of Privacy Act System of Records of the Department-wide notice: Debt Collection Enforcement System, (DCES), DOJ-016” (CPCL0 Order No. 009-2012) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5779. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed legislation to harmonize security threat assessment procedures applicable to transportation worker populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5780. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed legislation to amend

and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5781. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “United States Department of Transportation 2012 Report to Congress on Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee Recommendations”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5782. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Locomotive Safety Standards Amendments” (RIN2130-AC16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5783. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief for Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “The Proposed Extension of Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding Outage Reporting To Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service Providers and Broadband Internet Service Providers” (PS Docket No. 11-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5784. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; and Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund” (WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; WT Docket No. 10-208, DA 12-298) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5785. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Amendment to Cuba Airport List: Addition of Recently Approved Airports” (CBP Dec. 12-08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5786. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Packages Intended for Transport by Aircraft” (RIN2137-AE32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5787. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0982) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. LEVIN:

S. 2328. A bill to extend and modify the temporary reduction of duty on 4-methoxy-2-methyldiphenylamine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2329. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain direct injection fuel injectors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2330. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain hybrid electric vehicle inverters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2331. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on stator/rotor parts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2332. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain power electronic boxes and static converter composite units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2333. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain motor generator units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2334. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on lithium ion electrical storage batteries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2335. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain high pressure fuel pumps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2336. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on 4'-methoxy-2,2',4-trimethyl diphenylamine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2337. A bill to require that Federal regulations use plain writing that is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices appropriate to the subject or field and intended audience; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2338. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 219

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 434

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.