

reunion alumni banquet, and fireworks display. In addition, the community will host a tractor drive and ethanol plant tour to conclude the celebration.

Monroe and its residents embody the small town values that make South Dakota a great State to live and work in. I am proud to join with the community of Monroe in celebrating the last 125 years, and look forward to what is, no doubt, a promising future.●

PIERPONT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of Pierpont, SD. The residents of Pierpont exemplify the strong sense of community and welcoming spirit that are defining traits of South Dakotans.

Pierpont is a tranquil town nestled at the foot of the Coteau Hills, in Day County. The early settlers of Pierpont tenaciously petitioned the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad for a side track, so that farmers would have a nearby market for their grain. Charles Sheldon, a homesteader who later became the second governor of South Dakota, was the spokesman for the Pierpont farmers. Sheldon's negotiation was successful, and the farmers paid \$500 to the railroad for the construction of the side track.

In 1887, the first structures of what would become the town of Pierpont were built by the Empire Elevator Company. By 1888, the Post Office had opened and families began settling in the town. The turn of the century found a thriving, booming community with businesses that lined Main Street.

To celebrate Pierpont's historical achievement, residents will join together for a weekend full of fun activities. An all-school alumni reunion, parade, car show, and a children's carnival are just a few of the exciting events that will take place.

I am proud to recognize Pierpont on reaching this milestone and wish them nothing but the best in the future. Pierpont continues to be a prime example of the successful pioneer spirit that built South Dakota.●

SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED WAY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the South Dakota United Way. This is the 125th anniversary of the United Way and I would like to specifically acknowledge the South Dakota chapters on this special day. The local United Way has been active in South Dakota since 1929 and has made outstanding contributions to the communities they serve.

There are 11 United Way locations in South Dakota providing services such as educational opportunities, lower income community aid, and health awareness programs. The United Way partners with many local businesses, furthering their community impact.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this monumental day to this

program and to all the great men and women whose generosity and service make the United Way a success.●

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-6626. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA)" (RIN0572-AC23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6627. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sedaxane; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9345-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6628. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change by the Air National Guard to the Fiscal Year 2012 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6629. 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; Only One Offer" (RIN0750-AH11) (DFARS Case 2012-D013) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6630. 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; Applicability of Hexavalent Chromium Policy to Commercial Items" ((RIN0750-AH39) (DFARS Case 2011-D047) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6631. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "National Park System Critical Authorities Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6632. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligible Obligations, Charitable Contributions, Non-member Deposits, Fixed Assets, Investments, Fidelity Bonds, Incidental Powers, Member Business Loans, and Regulatory Flexibility Program" (RIN3133-AD98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6633. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Workouts and Nonaccrual Policy, and Regulatory Reporting of Troubled Debt Restructured Loans" (RIN3133-AE01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6634. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to amending the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6635. 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; State of Mississippi; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9691-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6636. 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; Indiana; Central Indiana (Indianapolis) Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9689-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6637. 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; South Carolina; Emissions Statements" (FRL No. 9689-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6638. 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; South Carolina; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9691-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6639. 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; State of Alabama; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9691-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6640. 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; State of Iowa; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9687-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6641. 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; State of Missouri; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9688-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6642. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal of Significant New Use Rule" (FRL No. 9353-2) received in the Office of the President of the