

COMPLETION OF THE SERIES CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION OF CHINA

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the completion of the series, "Culture and Civilization of China," published jointly by Yale University and China International Publishing Group. Having been published since the early 1990s, the award winning series will be concluded this year with its final volume, "Chinese Silks." The series has brought together leaders from both the United States and China. Former President George H. W. Bush and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger have each head consulting committees.

I congratulate everyone who worked to make this series happen, in particular the Director of Yale University Press John Donatich, the President of China International Publishing Group Zhou Mingwei, and U.N. Under Secretary General Joseph V. Reed.

I ask that Under Secretary General Reed's remarks at a September 19, 2012, event to celebrate the completion of this series be printed in the RECORD.

The remarks follow.

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED AT THE CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHINESE CULTURE & CIVILIZATION PUBLISHING PROJECT WITH YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS AND THE CHINESE INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING GROUP, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

We have come a long, long way with the great publishing project known as CCC . . . started in 1988 and completed with our final volume (our ninth) on "Silks" this autumn.

In President Levin's words—"CCC is the "Crown Jewel" of Yale University".

I have been very proud to have been associated with the Press and CIPG on this historic publishing adventure.

Our Honorary Chair President George H.W. Bush has declared:

"I have been privileged to serve as Honorary Chair for the Culture & Civilization of China project. The CCC project has had a profound impact on international relations between China and the United States in a way that no other undertaking has accomplished. The achievement of collaboration in the development of this superb series of beautiful volumes examining the cultural and artistic heritage of China will serve as a model of cooperation for the future generations committed to building an enduring bond between our two great countries".

The Chair of the Advisory Council Dr. Henry A. Kissinger has called CCC—a "seminal work".

China has recognized the effort with bestowing the highest Award—"The Special Book Awards of China" to President Levin and yours truly in the Great Hall of the People, by Madame Liu Yangdon, a member of China's Politburo and State Councilor.

CCC has published nine volumes—several having been awarded distinguished honors the volume on painting {Three Thousand Years of Chinese Painting} (1997) won The Hawkins Prize, the highest award in the publishing industry. This volume was the State Gift of the People's Republic to the United States during President Jiang Zeming's State Visit in 1997. President Jiang Zeming gave a copy of this work and the volume on Chinese Architecture to President Bush for the Bush Presidential Library in 2002.

President Hu Jintao visited Yale University in 2006 and donated a large number of

Chinese books to the University including the Culture & Civilization series. President Hu also introduced the newly published Chinese Sculpture to Yale faculty, staff and students.

The publishing effort was arduous and not without many differences and difficulties. It is a miracle that we published the volumes in such a cooperative manner. How can one forget the drama with our very first volume on "Painting"? The map of China caused great review/discussion—back and forth for weeks—the borders, the provinces, the islands. There were other "to and froes" but, in the end we have had "a splendid and cooperative result".

There are so many to salute and thank for their efforts starting with President Levin, Vice President Linda Lorimer, former Yale University Press Director John G. Ryden (the godfather of CCC), current YUP Director John Donatich and, of course, all our colleagues at CIPG led by Vice Minister Cai Mingzhao, President Zhou and the distinguished and brilliant Editor Huang Youyi.

To the donors to CCC a special vote of appreciation and admiration for their generosity.

CCC involved 435 specialists including 56 authors, 39 translators and 340 consultants. 348 Museums and research institutes from around the globe provided images, line-drawings, photographs and maps.

I thank Julianne Griffin and Taiping Chang Kneeknes and Mary Pasti and Cynthia Forbes for their signal contributions. A special salute to Charles Hill who first introduced me to the Press for work on the CCC project and to James Watt of the Metropolitan Museum for superb counsel.

All in all, CCC was a splendid effort. It has truly contributed to the mutual understanding of the People's Republic and the United States as well as having provided a platform for education for citizens from around the world.

CCC is an historic publishing project. It is a gift for future generations.

Once again, a salute and vote of thanks to one and all.●

RECOGNIZING THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, for half a century after its formation in the 1820s, the Hudson River School was the dominant movement in American art. Its 10 celebrated painters were inspired by the scenery of the Catskills Mountains and the Hudson Valley, with its panoramic vistas and natural landscapes. These artists helped create a conservation and environmental movement whose legacy lives on today. The Hudson River School paintings helped inspire the development of the National Park Service.●

RECOGNIZING HYDRO-PHOTON, INC.

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, 70 percent of the earth is covered by water. Of that, 98 percent can be found in our oceans, which makes it unusable for drinking due to the salt content. Only about 2 percent of the world's water is fresh and, once polar ice caps and glaciers are subtracted, it is a very small percentage that is available for human consumption. Here in the United States we are blessed with, and rely on,

an abundance of available clean drinking water. However, even here, mechanical failures, natural disasters, and remoteness of location, can diminish the availability of this vital resource.

I rise today to recognize Hydro-Photon, located in Blue Hill, ME, a company that has identified this problem and works diligently to supply innovative, accessible solutions. By harnessing and shrinking the ultraviolet—UV—technology used by many municipal water treatment plants, Hydro-Photon founder Miles Maiden created the SteriPEN which offers the same safe, efficient water purification used by the treatment plants in a portable, personal device.

The SteriPEN, originally patented in 1999, was the first portable UV water purifier on the market. The product kills viruses, bacteria, and protozoa by emitting UV light that is absorbed by the microbes, preventing their reproduction. With this compact purifier, users are able to have safe drinking water anywhere.

A company conscious of the need to preserve and protect our natural beauty and resources seems right at home in my home State where we are blessed with serene mountains and foothills, dense untouched wilderness, and a shoreline both beautiful and bountiful. Hydro-Photon is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our natural splendors and with the clean water supplied by their SteriPEN, they are making it easier and safer for all to enjoy the great outdoors not only in Maine but around the world.

Not only useful to the active outdoorsmen, the SteriPEN finds use in a vast array of situations and locations. One example is the recent hurricane Sandy that had devastating affects along the northeastern coast. Hydro-Photon recognized the necessity of clean water in such dire situations and selflessly stepped up to help, donating SteriPENS to those affected by the storm in New York and New Jersey.

For their inventiveness, dedication, and compassion for supplying an element so basic to human life, Hydro-Photon is truly a remarkable company. I am proud to extend my congratulations on their success and offer my best wishes for the future.●

TRIBUTE TO KELSEY LUCKHURST

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kelsey Luckhurst, an intern in my Aberdeen, 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 months.

Kelsey is a native of Garden City, SD and a graduate of Clark High School. Currently, she is attending Northern State University, where she is pursuing degrees in history and political science. She is a very 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 Kelsey for

all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:48 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5913. An act to create an independent advisory panel to comprehensively assess the management structure and capabilities related to the Department of Homeland Security and make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the management of the Department.

H.R. 5997. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

H.R. 6025. An act to provide for annual reports on the status of operational control of the international land and maritime borders of the United States and unlawful entries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6328. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 915) to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2453. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain.

H.R. 6063. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses.

H.R. 6118. An act to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification.

H.R. 6131. An act to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6570. An act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5913. An act to create an independent advisory panel to comprehensively assess the management structure and capabilities related to the Department of Homeland Security and make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the management of the Department; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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#### 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-8179. A communication from the Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Existing Privacy Act—NASA Regulations" (RIN2700-AD86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8180. 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; Updates to Contract Reporting and Central Contractor Registration" (RIN9000-AL99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8181. 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; Interagency Acquisitions: Compliance by Nondefense Agencies with Defense Procurement Requirements" (RIN9000-AM36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8182. 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; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-62; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC2005-62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8183. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-62; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC2005-62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8184. 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; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-62; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC2005-62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8185. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Coverage for Certain Intermittent Employees" (RIN3206-AM74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8186. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Benefit Payments Under Certain District of Columbia Retirement Plans" (RIN1505-AC02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8187. A communication from the Director of Management, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8188. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2012 and the Summary of Performance and Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8189. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8190. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General and the Director's Semiannual Report to Congress on Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations for the periods from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 and October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8191. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8192. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Election Commission Fiscal Year 2012 Performance and Accountability Report"; to the Committee on