

his family and spoiling his grandkids. Bob and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters: Stephanie Alsip lives in Louisville with her husband Rick and their two sons, Trenton and Ethan. Jennifer Mitchell lives in Corbin with her two daughters, Tori Beth and Taelor Jade.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to join me in saluting Mr. Robert Mitchell for over three decades of service to the people of my State. He is admired and respected across the Commonwealth as an ambassador, not just for Congressman ROGERS, but for everything we're proud of in southern and eastern Kentucky. I wish Bob well in his retirement, and I rest assured he will find success in whatever endeavors lie ahead.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 177. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

#### 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-217. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-218. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-219. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings" (RIN3133-AD86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Troubled Condition" (RIN3133-AD97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-221. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prompt Corrective Action, Requirements for Insurance, and Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations" (RIN3133-AE07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-222. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Fi-

ancial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E) Temporary Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN3170-AA33) (Docket No. CFPB-2012-0050)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-223. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2013 Commercial and Recreational Quotas for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC388) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-224. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Roseau River, Minnesota Flood Damage Reduction Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-225. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessing the Radiological Consequences of Accidental Releases of Radioactive Materials from Liquid Waste Tanks in Ground and Surface Waters for Combined License Applications" (DC/COL-ISG-014) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-226. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessing the Radiological Consequences of Accidental Releases of Radioactive Materials from Liquid Waste Tanks for Combined License Applications" (DC/COL-ISG-013) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-227. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pattern of Violations" (RIN1219-AB73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-228. A communication from the 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 "Current Good Manufacturing Practice Requirements for Combination Products" (Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0435) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-229. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Remaining Service-Life Indicator Performance Requirements" (RIN0920-AA38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-230. A communication from the Program Manager, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules Under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act; Other Modifications to the HIPAA Rules; Final Rule" (RIN0945-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-231. A communication from the Program Manager, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules Under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act; Other Modifications to the HIPAA Rules" (RIN0945-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-232. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Unallowability of Costs Associated with Foreign Contractor Excise Tax" (RIN9000-AM13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-233. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations" (RIN9000-AM22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-234. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Free Trade Agreement—Colombia" (RIN9000-AM24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-235. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Extension of Sunset Date For Protests of Task and Delivery Orders" (RIN9000-AM26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-236. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy 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 2005-65; Introduction" (FAC 2005-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-237. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy 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 2005-65; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-238. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### 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. CORNYN:

S. 178. A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 179. A bill to prevent gun trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 180. A bill to delay the enforcement of any rulings of the National Labor Relations Board until there is a final resolution in pending lawsuits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 181. A bill to authorize the establishment of the Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridors in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 182. A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 183. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in hospital payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 184. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 185. A bill to eliminate the automatic inflation increases for discretionary programs built into the baseline projections and require budget estimates to be compared with the prior year's level; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 186. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins,

Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 187. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit the distribution of any check or other negotiable instrument as part of a solicitation by a creditor for an extension of credit, to limit the liability of consumers in conjunction with such solicitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 188. A bill to prevent certain individuals purportedly appointed to the National Labor Relations Board from receiving salaries, and to prevent an unconstitutional quorum of the Board from taking agency actions, until there is a final decision in pending lawsuits regarding the constitutionality of certain alleged recess appointments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 189. A bill to establish an employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish a business in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. Res. 21. A resolution designating February 14, 2013, as "National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. Res. 22. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 29, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

S. 32

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 32, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCHE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 43, a bill to require that any debt limit increase be balanced by equal spending cuts of the next decade.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to protect Social Security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 47

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 47, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 51

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

S. 63

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 63, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 124

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.