

It is my pleasure to submit this statement in recognition of the Benton County Fair and Rodeo's 101st year. I look forward to the Fair's continued success for many more years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1799. An act to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

At 1:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 3896. An act to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act.

H.R. 4315. An act to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4626. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4709. An act to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4809. An act to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5062. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4028. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom.

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

At 5:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law.

H. Con. Res. 111. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the com-

mittee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3230) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4315. An act to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4709. An act to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5062. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2685. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4626. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2709. A bill to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

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-6638. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to open the skill identifier associated with attending the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course to women; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6639. 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: Domestically Nonavailable Articles-Elimination of DoD-Unique List" ((RIN0750-A111) (DFARS Case 2013-D020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6640. 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: Use of Military Construction Funds in Countries Bordering the Arabian Sea" ((RIN0750-AI33) (DFARS Case 2014-D016)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6641. 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: Application of Certain Clauses to Acquisitions of Commercial Items" ((RIN0750-A113) (DFARS Case 2013-D035)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6642. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6644. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of HOPE for Homeowners Program Regulations" (RIN2501-AD68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6645. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species: Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Upper Columbia River Spring-run Chinook Salmon in the Okanogan River Subbasin, Washington, and Protective Regulations" (RIN0648-BD51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6646. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basis of Indebtedness of S Corporations to their Shareholders" ((RIN1545-BG51) (TD 9682)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6647. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the