

Lawrence are seeking to make their invention available to other major commercial vehicles on the road. Recognizing the merits of North East Wipers' product, the Maine Technology Institute recently announced it will be providing the company with a seed grant to support further development and commercialization of the wiper blades. Such capital is critical for the success of a project like this, and it recognizes the value and practicality of this unique invention. Gerard and Ray's ultimate goal is to work with a truck manufacturer on making the wipers standard equipment for its big rigs.

Maine is home to scores of groundbreaking entrepreneurs and creative thinkers, and clearly Gerard Dubois and Ray Lawrence fit that bill. I am extremely proud of the ingenuity they have demonstrated and the dedication they have shown in making their product a reality. I thank them for their inventiveness, and wish them much success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Rules and Administration, and referred as indicated:

S. 126. A bill to reduce the amount of financial assistance provided to the Government of Mexico in response to the illegal border crossings from Mexico into the United States, which serve to dissipate the political discontent with the higher unemployment rate within Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Finance, and referred as indicated:

S. 109. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 289. A bill to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and the FISA Amendments Act of 2008

until December 31, 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 290. A bill to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, and for other purposes.

S. 291. A bill to repeal the sunset provisions in the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and other related provisions and permanently reauthorize the USA PATRIOT Act.

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-417. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-418. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Huntsville, AL" (MB Docket No. 08-194, DA 11-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 1, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-419. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preserving the Open Internet; Broadband Industry Practices" ((FCC 10-201)(GN Docket No. 09-191)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-420. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sculpins, Sharks, Squid, and Octopus in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA156) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-421. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passenger Weight and Inspected Vessel Stability Requirements" ((RIN1625-AB20)(Docket No. USCG-2007-0030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-422. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-651 "Closing and Dedication of Portions of a Public Alley in Square 5260, S.O. 10-13494, Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-423. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-652 "Corrupt Election Practices Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-424. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 18-653 "Sustainability Energy Utility Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-425. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-654 "Thelma Jones Way Designation Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-426. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-655 "Closing of Public Streets, Dedication of Land for Street Purposes, and the Elimination of Highway Plan Encumbrances, in and abutting Squares 3655, 3656, and 3657, S.O. 09-10589, Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-427. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-656 "District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-428. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-679 "Prohibition on Government Employee Engagement in Political Activity Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-429. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-680 "Human and Environmental Health Protection Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-430. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-681 "Private Fire Hydrant Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-431. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-682 "Health and Safety 911 Abuse Prevention Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-432. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-683 "Adams Morgan Main Street Group Clarification Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-433. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-684 "Transportation Infrastructure Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-434. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-685 "Returning Citizen Public Employment Inclusion Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-435. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-686 "Ballpark Fee Clarification Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-436. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 18-687 "Perry Street Affordable Housing Tax Exemption and Relief Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-437. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-688 "Kelsey Gardens Redevelopment Project Real Property Limited Tax Abatement Assistance Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-438. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-689 "Rhode Island Avenue Metro Plaza Revenue Bonds Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-439. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-690 "Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation Personnel Administration Temporary Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-440. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-691 "Southeast Federal Center Yards Non-Discriminatory Grocery Store Temporary Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-441. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-692 "Rent Administrator Hearing Authority Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-442. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-696 "Residential Tranquility Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-443. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-697 "Lead Hazard Prevention and Elimination Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-444. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-698 "Green Building Technical Corrections, Clarification, and Revision Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-445. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-699 "Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-446. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-700 "Open Meetings Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-701 "Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-702 "Residential Housing Tax

Abatement Clarification Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 23. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Amy Totenberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Paul Kinloch Holmes III, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Edward J. Davila, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Diana Saldana, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Marco A. Hernandez, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Steve C. Jones, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Amy Berman Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 262. A bill to repeal the excise tax on medical device manufacturers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 263. A bill to provide for child safety, care, and education continuity in the event of a presidentially declared disaster; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 264. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 265. A bill to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 266. A bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 267. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a lifetime income disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 268. A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 269. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 270. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 271. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 272. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify and confirm the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites for the discharge of dredged or fill material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 273. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 274. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to medication therapy management services under the Medicare prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 275. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline