

“to reach a safer future, we will need the resources of everybody here. The scientists, the policy makers, and the industrialists, all working together towards a common goal. And that goal is a planet that can continue to support life, including all of us.”

These words are even more powerful knowing that they came from a man who contributed the most precious resource available to him—the small number of days he had remaining in his life—toward the common goal he speaks of.

We would do well to follow the advice of Piers and to follow his heroic example.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 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. 302. An act to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

H.R. 304. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services.

H.R. 309. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with a complex metabolic or autoimmune disease, a disease resulting from insulin deficiency or insulin resistance, or complications caused by such a disease, and for other purposes.

H.R. 315. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

H.R. 353. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, 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. 302. An act to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 304. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 309. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with a complex metabolic or autoimmune disease, a disease resulting from insulin deficiency or insulin resistance, or complications caused by such a disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 315. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity

care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-273. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Propiconazole; Extension of Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions” (FRL No. 9956-54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-274. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Methyl Isobutyrate and Isobutyl Isobutyrate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9955-82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-275. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Isobutyl acetate and isobutyric acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9950-40) received during adjournment of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-276. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Butanedioic acid, 2-methylene-, telomer with sodium phosphinate (1:1), acidified, potassium salts; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 9954-53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-277. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acequinocyl; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9956-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-278. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Tetraconazole; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9955-74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-279. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal years 2006 through 2010 Air Force Operations and Maintenance funds, and was assigned case number 12-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-280. A communication from the Executive Secretary, Board of Actuaries, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the 2016 Report of the Department of Defense (DoD) Board of Actuaries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-281. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commerce Control List: Updates Based on the 2015 and 2016 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Plenary Meetings; Conforming Changes and Corrections to Certain Nuclear Nonproliferation (NP) Controls” (RIN0694-AH20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-282. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Alaska; Subsistence Collections” (RIN1024-AE28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-283. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State of Kentucky Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II Program; Withdrawal of Primacy Approval” (FRL No. 9925747-OW) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-284. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State of Kentucky Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II Program; Primacy Approval” (FRL No. 9957-48-OW) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-285. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Deadline for Action on the November 2016 Section 126 Petition From Maryland” (FRL No. 9957-29-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-286. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Deadline for Action on the November 2016 Section 126 Petition From Delaware” (FRL No. 9957-28-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-287. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clean Water Act Methods Update Rule for the Analysis of Effluent” (FRL No. 9957-24-OW) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-288. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, South Coast Air Quality Management District” (FRL No. 9955-94-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in