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Eisenhower's favorite staff member. He was a diminutive little fellow who took shorthand, gave good advice, wrote good speeches, and everybody loved him. And he told me this story of Bob Eisenhower at a cabinet meeting. The Eisenhower cabinet was meeting one day in the cabinet room in the White House right off the Oval Office where the president and his cabinet members sat. Mac had a particularly difficult decision to make.

Now, Eisenhower as we know, was a sophisticated man. He was a five-star general. He was in charge of troops during World War II, the Allied forces, in fact. He was president of a university, he was the head of NATO and now he was the president of the United States. He was a sophisticated fellow who knew how to operate in a tough world, who even knew how to win world wars. So he put an issue on the table, and asked the cabinet members what to do. The secretary of state said, "Oh, Mr. President, as a matter of foreign policy, we should do x." The secretary of defense said, "No, we couldn't do either one of those two options, because it would hurt economy." And so all the way around the table and down the line, every single member of the cabinet pointing out a problem with the option on the table that would affect their particular department.

So, finally, President Eisenhower asked this question of his cabinet: "What would be the right thing to do?" The secretary of state said, "Oh, Mr. President, the right thing to do would be x." and the secretary of the treasury said, "Mr. President, that's right, the right thing to do would be x." And so said the secretary of defense and the secretary of commerce and down the line. So the president, this sophisticated man who had worked his way up the ranks, said, "What would be the right thing to do," heard from his cabinet what it would be, turned to his press secretary and said, "Mr. Hagerty, then go out and tell the press that's what we'll do." The moral of the story, I think, is whether you're a Boy Scout trying to learn about life, that the lessons you learn in scouting are lessons that are good for the rest of your life. Another lesson, think particularly for this group today, as we honor and salute the volunteers and the supporters and the scouts in Wilson County, and throughout the Walton Trail district, is that it is hard to think of anything more important that you could be doing with your time and with your money for your community and for our country than teaching these lessons of life that help these boys become men. Thank you very much.

REMEMBERING BOB "MAC" McQUILLEN

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Bob "Mac" McQuillen, who passed away on February 4, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH, at the age of 90. Bob was a veteran of two wars, a nationally renowned musician, a respected teacher, a police chief and a friend to all who had the joy of knowing him. He was an icon in New Hampshire and in the folk music world.

Mac was a native of New Hampshire, born in Massachusetts in 1923 shortly before the Great Depression and moved north with his mother to New Boston, NH, as a teenager. In 1943, he answered his country's call in World War II, joining the U.S. Marine Corps and serving in the South Pacific. Although he came from a musical family, it was only when he befriended a guitar player during the war that he came to appreciate the folk music scene. In 1946, that love of music grew immeasurably as he traveled around Cheshire and Hillsborough counties in the southwest part of the State, attending contra dances in town halls and churches in love with contra dancing and the rhythm of the music, taking up the accordion and piano in a local band. He even met his wife-to-be, Priscilla Scribner from Dublin, NH, at a contra dance. Mac re-enlisted in the Marines in 1951, and for a time before fighting in Korea, he taught marksmanship at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia. It was a critical experience for him as it was in this capacity that he discovered one of his life passions, teaching.

After his time in Korea, Mac attended an esteemed institution in New Hampshire, Keene State College, graduating in 1959 with a degree in education. Mac put his education to good use right away, teaching shop class and weightlifting at Peterborough High School, which is now called ConVal Regional High School. He was also one of the bus drivers, and it didn't take long for him to become one of the most popular teachers in the school.

Throughout Mac's 35 years of teaching, he played music constantly and composed over 1,500 of his own tunes. He also created a fund to teach young people contra dance music. In 2002, for his impact on traditional music and dance in New England, Mac received the Nation's highest honor in traditional and folk art, the National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mac's ability to find the good in everyone, his upbeat outlook on life will be sorely missed. His dedication to his community, his Nation, and to traditional folk music will always be remembered; and his songs, his jokes, and his spirit will live on in the hills, barns, churches and town halls of New Hampshire.

Along with his many admirers and mentees, Mac is survived by two of his three children: his son, Daniel; his daughter, Rebecca; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and also his former students, colleagues and lifelong friends. He is predeceased by his wife, Priscilla, and his son, William. The generosity of this patriot, mentor, musician and friend will be dearly missed by all.

I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring Bob "Mac" McQuillen and his rich life of service.

RXIMPACT DAY

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the sixth annual RXIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill. This is a special day where we recognize the contributions of pharmacists to the American health care system. This year's event, organized by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, takes place this week. Nearly 400 individuals from the pharmacy community—including practicing pharmacists, pharmacy school faculty and students, State pharmacy leaders and pharmacy company executives—will visit Capitol Hill. They will share their views with Congress about the importance of supporting legislation that protects access to community and neighborhood pharmacies and that utilizes pharmacists to improve the quality and reduce the costs of providing healthcare.

Advocates from 40 States have traveled to Washington to talk about the important role that over 40,000 community pharmacies nationwide play in big cities and small towns all over the country. Patients have always relied on their local pharmacist to meet their healthcare needs. The local pharmacist is a trusted, highly accessible healthcare provider deeply committed to providing the highest quality care in the most efficient manner possible.

As demand for healthcare services continues to grow, pharmacists have expanded their role in healthcare delivery, partnering with physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers to meet their patients' needs. Innovative services provided by pharmacists do even more to improve patient healthcare. Pharmacists are highly valued by those that rely on them most—those in rural and underserved areas, as well as older Americans, and those struggling to manage chronic diseases. Pharmacy services improve patients' quality of life as well as healthcare affordability. By helping patients take their medications effectively and providing preventive services, pharmacists help avoid more costly forms of care. Pharmacists also help patients identify strategies to save money, such as their understanding of their pharmacy benefits, using generic medications, and obtaining 90-day supplies of prescription drugs from local pharmacies.

Pharmacists are the Nation's most accessible healthcare providers. In many communities, especially in rural areas, the local pharmacist is a patient's most direct link to healthcare. Eighty-nine percent of Americans reside within a 5-mile radius of a community pharmacy, such as local pharmacies that serve as the primary provider for patients living in rural and underserved areas, as well as older Americans, and those struggling to manage chronic diseases. Pharmacy services improve patients' quality of life as well as healthcare affordability. By helping patients take their medications effectively and providing preventive services, pharmacists help avoid more costly forms of care. Pharmacists also help patients identify strategies to save money, such as their understanding of their pharmacy benefits, using generic medications, and obtaining 90-day supplies of prescription drugs from local pharmacies.

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As we continue to implement healthcare reform and seek new strategies to improve patient care, pharmacists will play a critical role. As the chairman of the Senate Community Pharmacy Caucus, I believe Congress should look at every opportunity to make sure that pharmacists are allowed to utilize their training to the fullest to provide the services that can improve care and lower costs. In recognition of the sixth annual NACDS RXIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill, I congratulate pharmacy leaders, pharmacists, students, executives, and the entire pharmacy community represented by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, for their contributions to the good health of the American people.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, March 11, 2014; that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, and that the time be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first hour and the Republicans controlling the next hour; that at 11:30 a.m. the Senate proceed to executive session, as provided under the previous order; and that following the cloture vote on the Parker nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, at 11:30 a.m. there will be a series of four cloture votes on the Leitman, Levy, Michelson, and Parker nominations, all to be district judges for the Eastern District of Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TODAY

Mr. NELSON. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:54 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

EBRIA LIZABETH MORIBISU, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE PETER A. KOVAR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ESTVAN B. LÓPEZ, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION, VICE MICHAEL L. CONNOR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

MONICA C. REAGALDO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT), VICE DINES R. THIAY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANDREW H. SCHAPIRO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 717(d): To be rear admiral

LINDA L. FAGAN
THOMAS W. JONES
STEVEN D. POULIN
JAMIS B. BENDON

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 691: To be general

LT. GEN. JOHN E. WITTEN

LT. GEN. DARREN W. MCNIRW

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 697: To be major general

COL. KATHLEEN A. COOK

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 691: To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. JOHN W. MILLER

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 10, 2014 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

NAN A. COLORETTI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE DANIEL M. TANGHERLINI, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 8, 2014.