

It is not hard to see the span of influence Paul has had on his students, who are now scattered across the globe. He has nearly 2,000 Facebook friends, mainly made up of past and current students. A quick Internet search of his name will turn up blog post after blog post of former students stating that Paul—or “Mr. Parets”—“changed my life,” “made a difference,” and that A.I. will “never be the same” without him. I think all of us who have experienced the thrills of any of the A.I. duPont bands echo these sentiments. As they say at A.I., “You cannot hide that Tiger Pride,” and I know I share that feeling of pride every time I turn on my TV and see the A.I. duPont Tigers marching down the streets of Pasadena, London or New York. Up and down Delaware, we certainly can’t hide our overwhelming pride for Paul Parets, nor will we be able to hide our heartbreak when he is not on the director’s podium this fall.

Upon Paul’s retirement, he will leave behind a legacy that is a testament to the importance of music in public education and the pure joy—and thrill—of music. His lessons inside and outside of the classroom will remain with his students, our community, and with future generations of A.I. duPont band members. I thank him for his contribution to music education and for his commitment to public service through years as an elected member to the Delaware City Council. I also thank him for the pride he has brought to the First State and for the generations of musicians he has nurtured—a gift that will give time and time again. I wish him, his children, Tim and Meredith, and two grandchildren, Aaron and Abigail, and the rest of his family only the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them. As we say in the Navy, “Bravo Zulu!” to Paul Parets. You are one of a kind, and we are blessed to have known you all of these years.●

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT BLANCHARD

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Scott Blanchard, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Scott is a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School in Aberdeen, SD. Currently, he is attending Northern State University, where he is majoring in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Scott for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO SHILOH DAY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Shiloh Day, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past couple of months.

Shiloh is a graduate of Highmore High School in Highmore, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Shiloh for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KELLY HERRMANN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kelly Herrmann, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Kelly is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending South Dakota State University, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelly for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA REITER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Rebecca Reiter, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Rebecca is a graduate of Watertown High School in Watertown, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in political science and criminal justice. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rebecca for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN ROBB

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kevin Robb, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Kevin is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in political science and philosophy. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kevin for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO SHELBY SCHOON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Shelby Schoon, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Shelby was home schooled and is a native of Brandon, SD. Currently, she is a graduate of Northwestern College where she majored in business administration and biology health professionals. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Shelby for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:11 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4480. An act to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4480. An act to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 1379. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service (Rept. No. 112-178).

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. PAUL:

S. 3337. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the elimination of the Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula to ensure access to physicians' services for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 3338. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 3339. A bill to allow certain Indonesian citizens to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3340. A bill to improve and enhance the programs and activities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding suicide prevention and resilience and behavioral health disorders for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 503. A resolution designating June 2012 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 504. A resolution expressing support for the International Olympic Committee to recognize with a minute of silence at the 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony the athletes and others killed at the 1972 Munich Olympics; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 697

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Services for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 703

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 703, a bill to amend the Long-Term Leasing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons.

S. 1806

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1806, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund.

S. 1929

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from South

Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1929, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 2189

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2189, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal anti-discrimination and antiretaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 2239

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2239, a bill to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 2342

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2342, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.