

was steadfast. His hard work and commitment helped provide real, tangible, and ongoing benefits to the Native shareholders of Chugach Alaska. He strove tirelessly to help fulfill the promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. His work in opening up the 8(a) program to meaningful participation by Alaska Natives, Lower 48 Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiians is recognized throughout the Native American contractor community.

Barney Uhart will be remembered as a leader, a friend and a champion of doing the right thing and doing things right. I express my condolences to his wife Randi, his children Jordan, Abigail and Jacob, and the shareholders of Chugach Alaska Corporation on the loss of this exemplary Alaskan.●

COAST GUARD PAY AND PERSONNEL CENTER

● Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center in Topeka, KS. The Coast Guard's Pay and Personnel Center was first established in 1979 in the greater Washington, DC, area. In 1982 the center permanently moved to the Frank Carlson Federal Building in Topeka. My staff and I have the honor of working with this dedicated team of leaders on a regular basis.

The Pay and Personnel Center offers a specific and imperative service to more than 100,000 men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard. Spanning from human resources, to processing, disbursement, and other services, the Pay and Personnel Center has continued to operate without much attention or fanfare but with the goal of providing the compensation and services necessary to keep our Coast Guardians focused, secure, and dedicated.

Today, I offer congratulations and accolades to the Pay and Personnel Center on 30 years of hard work and superior service to our men and women in the U.S. Coast Guard. The center is a shining example of the Coast Guard motto, *Semper Paratus*, Always Ready.●

AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of Air Force Space Command. And of course, I offer my deep respect and thanks to the 42,000 men and women who keep constant watch over our most distant skies. These great Americans are responsible for a staggering range of essential missions, and this week, I join them in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the command's creation.

Air Force Space Command was established in 1982 as our national leaders recognized the growing need to dominate the space domain to enhance our warfighting capabilities and to better protect our servicemembers. The command's responsibilities and capabilities have steadily increased over the past 30 years to keep pace with technology and

foreign threats, and from the outset, those missions have been a critical part of our national defense architecture.

All day, every day, Air Force Space Command personnel provide our warfighters with the space-based assets they require at the speed of need. And at the same time, they keep a major portion of our economy, travel, and transportation on track. They fly the GPS satellites that make modern computing, air travel, and precision munitions possible. Air Force Space Command provides our Nation with global ballistic missile early warning and defense. Without Air Force Space Command, there would be no military satellite communications and our meteorological and navigational data would be far less advanced and accurate. These airmen and civilians of Space Command demonstrate amazing technical and scientific proficiency as they conduct space based surveillance, land-based intercontinental ballistic missile operations, and most recently, prosecute a cyber space mission that is growing more essential to our security every day. Their capabilities have strengthened our Nation's homeland defense, allowed disaster relief efforts to be more timely and efficient, and enhanced America's military operational capabilities in all stages of warfare. Simply put, without Air Force Space Command, the strategic and technological advantages enjoyed by both the military and civilian communities in the United States would not be possible.

Of course, all of these tremendous accomplishments are due to the remarkable devotion to duty, sacrifice, and dedication displayed by Space Command personnel around the world every day. As we all know, our service men and women, both active duty and those in the Reserve component, aren't simply serving in the military—they are our military. Additionally, civilian members of Air Force Space Command provide the stability and corporate knowledge that's essential to the command's enduring success. Yes, it's a true total force effort. Colorado is the proud home of Air Force Space Command headquarters, but right now, their personnel are deployed to every corner of the globe, providing unparalleled space and cyber space expertise to combatant commanders in every theater of operations. As they celebrate yet another milestone, I would like to honor these patriots for their selfless service and dedication to our Nation's security. On behalf of all Coloradans and to every member of Air Force Space Command, past and present: happy 30th anniversary.●

REMEMBERING EDWARD D. PARE

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, the State of Rhode Island has lost a dear and dedicated public servant. Captain Edward D. Pare was a sworn officer of the Rhode Island State Police for 2½ decades, from 1959 until his retirement in 1986.

Captain Pare was a true son of Rhode Island, born in Coventry, RI. In addition to serving our State, he also served his country in the U.S. Navy, sailing appropriately enough aboard the USS Pawcatuck, named for the river that flows across the southern part of our State.

Captain Pare left an indelible mark on the force. He was captain of detectives for many years prior to his retirement. In this important role, Captain Pare had his hand in every major investigation undertaken by the State police during that period. His leadership and commitment were the hallmarks of his stint with the department and set an example for a generation of officers. Even beyond his retirement, Captain Pare was known in law enforcement circles and across Rhode Island as simply "The Captain."

During his tenure with the State police, Captain Pare acted as both the head of the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles and the director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation. There had been concerns raised about mismanagement and corruption at these agencies. Captain Pare, as the "gold standard" of competence, rigor, and integrity, provided public assurance that any such problems would be met and mastered.

Captain Pare's sense of public service was a family value, carried on by his sons, Ed and Steven. During our Rhode Island banking crisis, I had the pleasure of working alongside Ed at the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, where he worked for the people of Rhode Island for many years in a number of roles, including superintendent of banking and superintendent of the securities division. Steven followed his father's path into the State police, rising in his 26 years to the rank of colonel and serving as State trooper, detective, and superintendent of the force. Steven continues his work in law enforcement and homeland security today as commissioner of public safety for the city of Providence.

Captain Pare is survived by his beloved wife Phyllis, and in addition to Ed and Steven, he leaves behind his daughter Diane, son Gary, and 12 grandchildren. The captain's impact on our communities was profound, and his legacy of integrity and service to others will be remembered by Rhode Islanders for a long time to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

At 9:48 a.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. 733. An act to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.

H.R. 1461. An act to authorize the Mesquero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights.

H.R. 3319. An act to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe.

H.R. 3783. An act to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4158. An act to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions.

H.R. 6060. An act to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019.

H.R. 6118. An act to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspensions, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification.

H.R. 6433. An act to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

At 1:03 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. 2827. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2903. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

H.R. 4124. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

H.R. 4212. An act to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5044. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans.

H.R. 5910. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to produce a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5912. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.

H.R. 5948. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6163. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

H.R. 6296. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide the interest rate for certain disaster related loans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6324. An act to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6361. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6368. An act to require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a joint report to Congress on the Departments' ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence.

H.R. 6375. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6410. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

H.R. 6431. An act to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3245. An act to extend by 3 years the authorization of the EB-5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

S. 3552. An act to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 118. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human

Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

MEASURES REFERRED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

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

H.R. 2827. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2903. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3319. An act to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 4124. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4212. An act to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5044. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 5948. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6060. An act to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6163. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 6324. An act to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6361. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6368. An act to require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a report to Congress on the Departments' ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and