

great courage and dignity—and he was one of the most influential leaders in the history of Mississippi higher education,” Keenum said.

Salter said he and his late wife, Paula, who also had multiple sclerosis, were friends with Zacharias and his wife of 53 years, Tommie.

“They took an interest in Paula, and, ironically, he would later be diagnosed with MS,” Salter said. “He had a tremendous impact on me. He was a solid guy and a man of great integrity.”

Zacharias brought Mississippi State to a new level of prominence during his 12½ years of service.

He raised MSU’s visibility and reputation nationally, and enrollment climbed to the largest in the state at almost 16,000. African-American enrollment more than doubled to 2,200, 15 percent of the student body and the highest percentage among SEC schools, according to a Sunday news release from the university.

Enrollment, private contributions, research and athletic achievement all grew significantly as part of Zacharias’ legacy.

“Dr. Donald Zacharias was a transformative figure at Mississippi State University,” Keenum said. “He really helped bring MSU into the modern era, and he did so by developing a broad vision for the leadership that Mississippi needed from a land grant university.”

Zacharias, upon his retirement from MSU, said: “I saw things in Mississippi State University that others might not have seen. I felt that I had made the right decision to be at this university because I liked both what it stood for and its overall character. I liked its mission, and I liked the students and alumni. I saw the potential.”

Gary Harris, a coach and educator at Heritage Academy in Columbus who graduated from MSU in the early 1990s, said he remembers Zacharias as someone who was able to connect with everyone, regardless of their backgrounds.

“Because of my involvement in several campus organizations, I was around Dr. Z many times,” he said. “He was a very kind, knowledgeable man who always seemed to know how to make everyone in the room seem important. He was a tremendous leader for our campus during some very difficult financial times.”

Salter said many of Zacharias’ dreams for the university continue to be fulfilled.

“He had a long reach, and his influence extended past his own tenure as president.”

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but the Zacharias family will communicate details through the university. A public memorial service is tentatively planned for Thursday on the Starkville campus of MSU.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STEVEN ELLIOT

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Judge Elliot as he retires from the bench having honorably served on Nevada’s Second Judicial District Court for 16 years. Judge Elliot’s wisdom and temperance has made him an extremely effective and admirable judge. His distinguished career as an attorney, judge, and public servant in Nevada is worthy of our appreciation.

After graduating from Stanford University and earning his juris doctor from the University of Denver, Judge Elliot was first elected Sparks City Attorney in 1979 and held that position until his election to the district court. While working as city attorney for

Sparks, he founded the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force and supported the Washoe County DUI Task Force. Judge Elliot also crafted legislation requiring land developers to dedicate water rights to local governments, saving taxpayer dollars.

In 1997, Judge Elliott assumed his position as district judge where he was assigned in the family division and general jurisdiction dockets working on civil and criminal cases. As chairman of the Employee Relations Committee, he led a year-long task force to revise the employee manual. He also served on the Nevada Statewide Court Security Task Force to improve security for judges and the public in courthouses throughout Nevada.

In addition to his responsibilities in the court, he has also been very active in many community organizations. He has tirelessly worked to improve the life of Nevada’s young people and abused and battered women, as well as promoted clean and safe communities in Nevada. I applaud Judge Elliot’s commitment to upholding the law of the land as well as the betterment of his community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Elliot for his accomplishments and contributions to Nevada and his retirement from the Second Judicial District Court of Nevada. He is a truly exceptional Nevadan.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 10:59 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. 749. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.

H.R. 1035. An act to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, 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. 592. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1035. An act to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 558. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity outside the United States.

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-796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Maximum Interest Rates on Guaranteed Farm Loans” (RIN0560-AH66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-797. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Selection and Functions of Farm Service Agency State and County Committees” (RIN0560-AG90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-798. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Child Nutrition Programs: Nondiscretionary Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” (RIN0584-AE14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-799. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Updated Trafficking Definition and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Dual Participation” (RIN0584-AD97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-800. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch,

Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National School Lunch Program; Direct Certification Continuous Improvement Plans Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-801. A communication from the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation's fiscal year 2012 annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-802. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of Disclosure Regulations" (RIN2590-AA64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-803. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-NPCC-01—Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding" (RIN1902-AE54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-804. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; New Source Review (NSR) Preconstruction Permitting Program; Clarification of EPA's Approval of the Sunland Park Section 110(a) (1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9788-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-805. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New York: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9693-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-806. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Federal Implementation Plan for Oil and Natural Gas Well Production Facilities; Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation), North Dakota" (FRL No. 9789-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-807. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revise Shutdown Margin Definition to Address Advance Fuel Designs" (NUREG-1433 and 1434) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-808. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, De-

partment of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of jurisdictional control of certain classes of items currently on the United States Munitions List (USML) to the Commerce Control List (CCL); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-809. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a claim for equitable relief under the Meritorious Claims Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-810. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-811. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013" (Rept. No. 113-3).

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 Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 542. A bill to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing licenses and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 543. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 544. A bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 545. A bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 546. A bill to amend entrance counseling and exit counseling for borrowers under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARASSO, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 547. A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 548. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces to prevent and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 549. A bill to establish an advisory committee to issue nonbinding governmentwide guidelines on making public information available on the Internet, to require publicly available Government information held by the executive branch to be made available on the Internet, to express the sense of Congress that publicly available information held by the legislative and judicial branches should be available on the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 550. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 551. A bill to provide an election to terminate certain capital construction funds without penalties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 552. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KING):

S. 554. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 555. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 556. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR,