

Beyond GW's efforts in Virginia, Chairman Ramsey has worked to elevate GW to the status of a world-class institution leading the search for GW's 16th president, Dr. Steven Knapp, overseeing a remarkable growth in fundraising, and guiding GW to make new investments in scientific research, technology transfer and entrepreneurship.

Russ Ramsey is himself a successful entrepreneur, having built multibillion-dollar businesses primarily in the fields of investment banking and money management. He is most widely known as cofounder of Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group. In 2001, he founded Ramsey Asset Management, a long/short equity hedge fund based in McLean, VA, where he is chairman, CEO, and CIO today.

He attended the George Washington University School of Business on a baseball scholarship and earned his bachelor of business administration in 1981. He is a native Washingtonian and lives with his wife Norma and their four children in Northern Virginia. Through the W. Russell and Norma G. Ramsey Foundation, they are actively committed to philanthropic causes dedicated to at-risk families through education and health programs. The Ramseys are founding investors of Venture Philanthropy Partners, which has invested nearly \$80 million in nonprofits in the greater Washington area over the last 10 years.

Please join me in congratulating my friend Russ Ramsey for all of his contributions to the George Washington University, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the greater Washington region.●

RECOGNIZING REBEKAH FORMAN

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Rebekah Forman for her continued hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Rebekah is a native of Sheridan, WY, and a graduate of Sheridan High School. She currently attends the Laramie County Community College. She has once again demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Rebekah for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING BRANDI HAUPT

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Brandi Haupt for her hard work as an intern in

my Casper office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Brandi is a native of Casper, WY, and is a graduate of Kelly Walsh High School. She currently attends Casper College, where she is majoring in chemistry and prepharmacy. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Brandi for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING DUSTIN HONAKER

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Dustin Honaker for his hard work as an intern in my Republican policy committee office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Dustin is a native of Rock Springs, WY. He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming, where he earned a degree in political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Dustin for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING BROUCK KUCZYNSKI

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Brouck Kuczynski for her hard work as an intern in my Republican policy committee office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Brouck is a native of Virginia and a graduate of Villanova University in Pennsylvania. She currently attends the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she is expected to graduate in a few weeks. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Brouck for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING CHRIS PERRY

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Chris Perry for his hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Chris is from Casper, WY, and a graduate of Natrona County High School. He currently attends Casper College, where he is majoring in business administration. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Chris for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING AMBER PRICE

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Amber Price for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Amber is a native of Gilbert, AZ. She graduated from the University of California, San Diego, with a degree in political science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Amber for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING ADAM STAHL

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Adam Stahl for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Adam is a native of Guilford, CT, and a graduate of the University of Rochester, where he earned a degree in history. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Adam for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING CRAIG THOMAS

• Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Craig Thomas for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Craig is a native of Rock Springs, WY. He grew up in Fairfax, VA, where he graduated from Oakton High School. Craig currently attends the University of Alabama, where he is majoring in business management. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Craig for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL TRUJILLO

• Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Michael Trujillo for his hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Michael is a native of Laramie and a graduate of Laramie Senior High School. He currently attends the University of Wyoming, where he is majoring in political science and journalism. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Michael for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

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 1:46 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. 360. An act to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these 4 little Black girls' ultimate sacrifice served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

H. R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 799. A bill to provide for a sequester replacement.

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-1326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 13-056, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9384-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1328. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus mycoides isolate J; Time-Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9383-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1329. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William R. Burke, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1330. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of the Navy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1331. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to

Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1332. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1333. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of 'Predominantly Engaged In Financial Activities' and 'Significant' Nonbank Financial Company and Bank Holding Company" (RIN7100-AD64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1334. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Evaluations of Explosions Postulated to Occur at Nearby Facilities and on Transportation Routes Near Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1335. 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; Oregon: Open Burning and Enforcement Procedures" (FRL No. 9793-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1336. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions Reductions Regulations" (FRL No. 9806-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1337. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Plan Requirements for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators Constructed On or Before December 1, 2008, and Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (FRL No. 9802-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1338. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—May 2013" (Rev. Rul. 2013-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1339. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clearing Exemption for Swaps Between Certain Affiliated Entities" (RIN3038-AD47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1340. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to