

Glennallen also felt the effects of the quake.

KCAM had not yet received Federal Communications Commission permission to broadcast, but since their tower was undamaged, the Civil Defense Authority asked the station to go live under Emergency Orders. They signed on and kept residents, emergency workers, and those fleeing the damaged areas up-to-date.

It was quite a beginning for a shoestring station that was founded five decades ago by the late Vince Joy. In 2014, the station is still going strong with a state-of-the-art studio, reaching listeners throughout the Copper River Valley via the airwaves and online streaming.

Along the way, KCAM has earned awards from the Associated Press and was named Inspirational Station of the Year by Skylight Network and Small Market Station of the Year by Focus on the Family.

I want to extend my congratulations to the current crew at the station, including president and manager Scott Yahr, program director Michelle Easty, special projects manager Roger Bovee, and countless other staff and interns over the years who helped keep it going.

As part of their celebration, a newly released book commemorates 50 years of uninterrupted operation by chronicling stories from listeners who have been affected by the broadcasting and reprinting their photos. Anyone who has lived in a small town knows that a radio station is often at the center of the fabric of the community. Such is the case with KCAM, which not only provides music, news, weather, sports, talk shows, and entertainment, but also sends personal messages and makes community announcements.

I send my best wishes to my friends at KCAM Radio, the "Voice of the Copper River Valley," as they observe their anniversary in April 2014.●

REMEMBERING JEFF BAYLESS

● Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Jeff Bayless. Jeff was a senior captain in the Anchorage Fire Department. He was born and raised Alaskan, and lived his entire life bettering our great State. Jeff began his road to serve in 1986 when he became a certified State of Alaska EMT. He then went on to complete paramedic training, and began serving with the Mat-Su Borough EMS and the Central Mat-Su Fire Department.

In 1991, Jeff was hired by the Anchorage Fire Department. And in 1995 when the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services and Fire Operations merged, Jeff made the move from paramedic to firefighter. In May of 2005, Jeff's steadfast dedication was recognized when he was promoted to senior fire captain. He served at Fire Station 9 in South Anchorage and Fire Station 11 in Eagle River.

Although a hero in his chosen occupation, Jeff was also a champion in his

community. As a North Star Bible Camp board member, a youth instructor, and with his involvement in the Alaska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Committee, he was a pillar of leadership and a stalwart example of selfless service.

Jeff died after participating in a training activity on Friday March 7, 2014. He will be sorely missed. His commitment to God, family, and community will be felt for generations to come. Jeff Bayless is truly an Alaskan hero, and we mourn with his wife, Gail, his entire family, and his brothers and sisters in the Fire Department.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:43 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 bill:

H.R. 2019. An act to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4152. An act to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine.

S. 2110. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.

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-4860. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4861. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product and Safety

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4862. A communication from the Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4863. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4864. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report concerning its compliance with the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4865. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4866. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial integrity for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4867. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4868. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-281, "Annie's Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4869. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-280, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 150, S.O. 13-10218, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4870. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-279, "Expedited Partner Therapy Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4871. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 and a report entitled "Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4872. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4873. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4874. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4875. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4876. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4877. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of three recommendations and one statement adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 59th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4878. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay for Senior-Level and Scientific or Professional Positions" (RIN3206-AL88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4879. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-288, "LGBTQ Homeless Youth Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4880. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-289, "Public Service Commission and People's Counsel Terms of Service Harmonization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4881. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-290, "Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4882. 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 "United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures" (Rev. Proc. 2014-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4883. 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 "Method Changes for Tangible Property Disposition" (Rev. Proc. 2014-17) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4884. 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 "Withholding of Tax on Certain U.S. Source Income Paid to Foreign Persons and Revision of Information Reporting and Backup Withholding Regulations" ((TD 9658) (RIN1545-BL18)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 361. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder.

S. Res. 365. A resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 375. A resolution concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 376. A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

S. Res. 377. A resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1410. A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1675. A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Nominee: Joseph W. Westphal.

Post: Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the Pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: James Westphal: None; Candice Westphal: None; Heather

Miele: None; Anthony Miele: None; Amy Stewart: None; Tavis Stewart: None; Lindsay Westphal: None; Xavier Keutgen.

4. Parents: James W. Westphal: Deceased; Margaret Westphal: Deceased.

5. Grandparents: Guillermo Westphal: Deceased; Lidia Westphal: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Arthur Westphal: \$560.00, 2012, Act Blue; \$1120.00, 2013, Act Blue; Laura Westphal: N/A.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait.

Nominee: Douglas Alan Silliman.

Post: Kuwait.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Catherine Raia Silliman, none.

3. Children and Spouses: Benjamin Douglas Silliman unmarried; none; Zachary John Silliman unmarried, none.

4. Parents: Robert Harvey Silliman, none; Elsie Pearl Silliman, deceased.

5. Grandparents: Chauncy Henry Silliman—deceased; Mildred Silliman—deceased; Roy Homer Skidmore—deceased; Pearl Bieneman Skidmore—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Gregory Scott Silliman, none; Mary Adelsberger, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: none.

*Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica.

Nominee: Luis G. Moreno.

Post: Jamaica.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: \$200/\$100, 2008/2012, Obama.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A.

4. Parents: N/A.

5. Grandparents: N/A.

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*Mark Gilbert, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Independent State of Samoa.

Nominee: Mark D. Gilbert.

Post: New Zealand and the Independent State of Samoa.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, donee, date, and amount:

Mark Gilbert: DWS PAC, 04/22/09, \$2500; ACTBLUE, 04/26/09, \$4800; Evan Bayh Committee, 04/26/09, \$2400; Evan Bayh Committee, 04/26/09, \$2400; Evan Bayh Committee, 3/10/