

his churches, the First United Methodist Church in Brewton and in Destin.

Mr. Miller was a lifelong member of the Brewton Rotary Club, served on the Brewton City School Board, the president's cabinet and the business school's Board of Visitors at the University of Alabama, and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by the University of Alabama. He also received an honorary doctorate degree from Mobile College, now the University of Mobile. He was inducted into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame, like his father before him, at the University of Alabama.

Mr. Miller was a great outdoorsman and excellent wing shot but also loved his fishing—particularly fishing Shipp Pond, Apalachicola Bay, and the Gulf of Mexico with family and friends.

Mr. Miller will always be remembered for his great humility, generosity, and love of his fellow man. He leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Virginia Earl Kersh Miller, and their four children, Nancy Miller Melton, John Richard Miller, III, David Earl Miller, and Jean Miller Stimpson, as well as many other family members and friends. They have been given a great legacy indeed.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES D. McCRARY

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, along with my fellow Alabama colleague JEFF SESSIONS, I wish to pay tribute to Charles D. McCrary, who retired this month from his position as the president and chief executive officer of Alabama Power Company.

Mr. McCrary's involvement with Alabama Power extends back to the summer of 1970, when he joined the company following his freshman year at Auburn University. During a long and distinguished career, he assumed positions of increasing responsibility, rising from vice president for Southern Nuclear Operating Company, to president of Southern Company Generation, chief production officer of Southern Company and president of Southern Power Company. On October 25, 2001, Mr. McCrary became the tenth president and CEO of Alabama Power, which generates electricity for over 1.4 million Alabama customers.

A Birmingham native, Mr. McCrary attended Shades Valley High School and received his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Auburn University, followed by a juris doctor from Birmingham School of Law. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1979.

Mr. McCrary is married to the former Phyllis Brantley of Birmingham and is the father of two sons, Doug and Alex.

Throughout his tenure at Alabama Power, Mr. McCrary has served the company and its customers with the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. He also oversaw Alabama Power during some of our State's most severe natural disasters, including Hur-

ricane Ivan in 2004, which caused 825,701 outages, the largest number of outages in company history; Hurricane Katrina in 2005 with 636,891 outages; and the tornado disaster on April 27, 2011 with 412,000 outages. In the wake of these disasters, Mr. McCrary initiated the policy of publicizing when customers could expect their power to be restored. This practice of announcing utility restoration commitments has since become an industry standard.

Mr. McCrary also pioneered "Target Zero," a program for ensuring that employees are properly trained and equipped to do their jobs safely. This practice too has become a touchstone within the utility industry.

Mr. McCrary is a dynamic leader both in his community and throughout the State of Alabama, and serves as chairman of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and on the boards of Regions Financial Corporation, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Inc., Protective Life Corporation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Southern Research Institute, and the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

Committed to fostering economic development at both the regional and State levels, Mr. McCrary has advanced cooperative efforts between cities, counties, and business leaders in order to bring several industries, including automotive, aerospace, and steel manufacturers to Alabama.

Please join me and Senator SESSIONS in congratulating Charles on his retirement and in thanking him for his leadership at Alabama Power, for his dedication to improving his local community, and for his decades of service to the great State of Alabama. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:59 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. 1228. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building".

H.R. 1459. An act to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes.

At 2:10 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. 4278. An act to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4302. An act to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, 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. 1228. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1459. An act to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-5011. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Civil Penalty Amounts" (16 CFR Part 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5012. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5013. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Fuel Transportation Program; Alternative Fueled Vehicle Credit Program Modification and Other Amendments" (RIN1904-AB81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5014. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Bicycling" (RIN1024-AE12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5015. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Academies Review of DOE's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5016. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Third Party Payment of Qualified Health Plan Premiums" (RIN0938-AS28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5017. 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 “Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates” (Notice 2014-16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5018. 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 “Correction to Revenue Procedure 2014-4” (Rev. Proc. 2014-19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5019. 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 “Interim Guidance on Per Capita Distributions Made to Indian Tribe Members from Funds Held in Trust by the Secretary of the Interior” (Notice 2014-17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5020. 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 “Information Reporting by Applicable Large Employers on Health Insurance Coverage Offered Under Employer-Sponsored Plans” (RIN1545-BL26) (TD 9661) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5021. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 report of the Department of Health and Human Services’ Federal Coordinated Health Care Office; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5022. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Recovery Auditing in the Medicare and Medicaid Program for Fiscal Year 2012”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5023. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5024. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5025. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy”; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 994. A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-139).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Tanya S. Chutkan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2164. A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2165. A bill to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify provisions relating to determinations of full-time equivalent employees for purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2167. A bill to establish a grant program for career education in computer science; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. KING):

S. 2168. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of large employer for purposes of applying the employer mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2169. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax re-

garding the taxation of distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2170. A bill to free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2171. A bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2172. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliatory provisions relating to equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2173. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide a permanent path for the direct enrollment of individuals in qualified health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2174. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide greater flexibility in offering health insurance coverage across State lines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2175. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2176. A bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2177. A bill to establish an Office of Forensic Science and a Forensic Science Board, to strengthen and promote confidence in the criminal justice system by ensuring scientific validity, reliability, and accuracy in forensic testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2178. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2179. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish benefits for homeless veterans to homeless veterans with discharges