

Alycia came to Washington, DC, to study at the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University. She joined the Senate Committee on Appropriations under the late chairman, Ted Stevens, in 2001. A year later, she was promoted to a professional staff member for the Subcommittee on Military Construction and in 2003 moved to the Subcommittee on Defense.

Alycia's responsibilities on the Subcommittee on Defense for the last 12 years have been varied and complex. Her areas of expertise have included oversight of military health programs, where she has been instrumental in pushing for reforms to better serve the men and women in uniform and their families. She has tackled the most important issues in military health care over the last decade, including increasing funding for traumatic brain injury, suicide prevention, and implementing electronic health record systems for our veterans.

She has also excelled in oversight of missile defense programs, where Alycia has been a key voice in promoting the defense of our country while also calling for accountability in these technologically complex and expensive programs. She is a notable expert in the cooperative programs between the United States and Israel, where Alycia has played a key part in obtaining funding for programs such as Iron Dome, which have helped protect a key American ally from harm.

But no description of Alycia's contributions to the Senate are complete without mentioning what she has brought to the people who have worked with her for the last decade and a half. She is a bundle of cheerful energy who takes great enthusiasm in everything she does. This is especially true in her love of the outdoors and commitment to hockey.

Alycia Farrell is soon to depart the Senate for new challenges. Raised in Alaska, she has heard the call of the northern climate from her youth and will soon move to Alberta, Canada, where she will establish a new life with her fiancé.

I send Alycia Farrell my heartfelt gratitude for outstanding service to the Senate, and I wish her all the very best on her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING JANET MURNAGHAN

Mr. TOOMEY. Today I wish to honor Delaware County's Janet Murnaghan, who will be receiving the Women of Achievement Award from the Delaware County Women's Commission on March 11. Mrs. Murnaghan was chosen as an awardee for representing women of Delaware County in an extraordinary way, specifically by displaying incredible thoughtfulness, persistence and passion in caring for her daughter, Sarah.

It was my privilege to nominate Janet for this accolade in celebration

of Women's History Month. Janet, her husband, Fran, and I first met 2 years ago at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Their daughter was battling cystic fibrosis and was in dire need of new lungs to save her young life. Though their daughter, Sarah, would have likely ranked near the top of the donor list for a new lung because of her medical need, a Federal policy prevented children under the age of 12 from being considered for mature lungs until all adult candidates in the region were ruled out. Sarah faced long odds at receiving a lifesaving transplant due to the short supply of pediatric donors. This obstacle would not stop Janet and the Murnaghan family. Sarah's mother took the fight to social media, to national TV and eventually directly to then Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Janet argued that children under age 12 should be considered for adult lung transplants using the same criteria as adults as long as doctors demonstrated the operation's viability.

The Murnaghan family was eventually forced to pursue legal action to prevent Secretary Sebelius from enforcing the under-12 rule. Even in the most difficult moments, Mrs. Murnaghan remained levelheaded and resilient. Her determination was rewarded as a Federal judge issued a temporary restraining order, allowing young Sarah to receive the lifesaving transplant. While the first set of lungs failed due to their poor quality, the second set was perfect. Sarah is now breathing on her own, bike riding with her siblings, and has already returned to school.

Janet and Sarah could not declare victory just yet. Though there was success in Sarah's specific case, the rule preventing children from receiving adult lungs was still in place. Last summer, thanks to Janet Murnaghan and other advocates, the transplant network permanently revised the under-12 policy. Without Janet taking a leadership role on behalf of her daughter and children across the Nation, this policy might not have been changed. She has certainly set herself apart as a woman of achievement.

On behalf of the Senate, I wish to extend my compliments to my friend, Janet Murnaghan, as she receives this much-deserved, prestigious award.

DISCHARGE PETITION—S.J. RES. 8

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 8, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval of a rule under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures; and further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Lamar Alexander, Tim Scott, Susan M. Collins, Bill Cassidy, Mike Lee, David

Vitter, Mitch McConnell, James Lankford, James E. Risch, John Barasso, John Boozman, Michael B. Enzi, Johnny Isakson, Thad Cochran, Mike Rounds, Joni Ernst, James M. Inhofe, John McCain, Jeff Sessions, Steve Daines, Tom Cotton, Thom Tillis, Marco Rubio, Mike Crapo, Patrick J. Toomey, Ben Sasse, Orrin G. Hatch, John Cornyn, Chuck Grassley, Ron Johnson, Kelly Ayotte, Rand Paul, Pat Roberts, Richard Burr, Roy Blunt, Roger F. Wicker, Mark Kirk, Ted Cruz, Jeff Flake.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING ALAN ARKATOV

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Alan Arkatov as he celebrates his recent appointment as the Katzman/Ernst chair in educational entrepreneurship, technology and innovation at the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education.

Alan has long been an innovative leader in the field of education. His remarkable career has included roles as the founder and chairman of OnlineLearning.net, CEO of the Teaching Channel, president of Changing.edu, and a creator and executive vice president of 2U, the technology company that pioneered USC Rossier's online master of arts in teaching program. He has also served as a member of the California State Board of Education, California Postsecondary Education Commission, Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families, and the Los Angeles Information Technology Agency.

A man of many talents, Alan is also a skilled communications and public relations expert and has served as a strategist for academic institutions, nonprofits, governments, corporations, and political campaigns.

In announcing Alan's appointment, USC Rossier Dean Karen Symms Gallagher said, "With his broad and unique experience in education, communications, public policy and the arts, he is someone who can make important projects, programs and initiatives a reality at Rossier and USC."

I have known Alan for many years and have had the opportunity to see his immense talents and his passion for education. I congratulate him on his recent appointment at USC's Rossier School of Education and wish him the very best as he writes this next exciting chapter in his extraordinary career.●

REMEMBERING DOMINGO ENRIQUE MOREL SENIOR

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I wish to extend my most sincere condolences on the passing of Domingo Enrique Morel Senior. Domingo was a pillar of the community during his time in my hometown of Union City, NJ, and he will be deeply missed.

As the saying goes, all politics is local. The foundations of our democratic system do not lie in the Halls of the Capitol but in the neighborhoods and cities spread across our great country. The critical progress we must make as a nation only occurs when groups of dedicated citizens selflessly contribute their time and efforts toward improving the lives of their families and communities. Domingo was one of these committed citizens.

As a resident of Union City, Domingo chose to give back to his neighbors through the political process. He spent many hours organizing neighborhoods and people in support of issues he believed would make his city and State a better place for people to live and work. Domingo did the hard, behind-the-scenes job of organizing communities at the grassroots level. I am eternally grateful for the effort Domingo gave on my behalf; it is because of his loyal public service that I am able to do my work on behalf of the citizens of New Jersey today.

My thoughts and prayers are with Domingo's family at this difficult time. I am proud to have called Domingo a friend. Though he may have passed, the goodness he brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten.●

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S. 1, THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE APPROVAL ACT—PM 6

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 1, the "Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act." Through this bill, the United States Congress attempts to circumvent longstanding and proven processes for determining whether or not building and operating a cross-border pipeline serves the national interest.

The Presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously. But I also take seriously my responsibility to the American people. And because this act of Congress conflicts with established executive branch procedures and cuts short thorough consideration of issues that could bear on our national interest—including our security, safety, and environment—it has earned my veto.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 24, 2015.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 13, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a

message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on February 12, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 534. A bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

S. 535. A bill to promote energy efficiency.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 24, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

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-644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9922-07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9921-89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-646. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-647. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management

Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-648. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy, Plans and Programs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-649. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-650. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-651. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 FAIR Act Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-652. 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 "Section 501(c)(29) Organization Application Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2015-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-653. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1515-AD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-654. 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 "Gracia v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-147" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-655. 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 "Estate of Martinez v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-150" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-656. 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 "Price v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2004-149" (AOD 2015-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.