

whenever they were unable to go. During this time, the paper was located at the Brewery Art Center. We went there each morning to fold the papers and take off to deliver them. These are memories I will never forget. It gives me great pleasure to see this publication celebrate 150 years, making it the longest continuously operating business in Carson City.

The Nevada Appeal, originally called the Carson Daily Appeal, was founded on May 16, 1865, by local businessmen E.F. McElwin, J. Barrett, and Marshall Robinson. Original editor Harry Mighels joined the team only a few days later. Over the next 100 years, the Nevada Appeal would see about 30 competitors. By 1868, Mighels had bought a few of the other local publications, and in 1870, he sold to C.L. Perkins and H.S. Street. In February of 1872, John Boothe, a newsman of Gold Hill, Virginia City, and Unionville, bought the paper. Following this in September of 1872, Mighels re-bought the newspaper and kept it in the family until 1945, when it was bought by W.L. Davis. In 1947, the paper was sold to Arthur Suverkrup, who changed the name to Nevada Appeal. Donrey Media bought out the paper in 1951 and then sold it to an investor group in 1993. Finally, in 1995, the Nevada Appeal was sold to Swift Communications, which remains the owner today.

The newspaper is delivered 6 days a week, Tuesday through Sunday, in the mornings and has a daily readership of over 25,000, including 35,000 on Sundays. It has been recognized by the Nevada Press Association, Associated Press, and Swift Communications, receiving numerous awards. The accolades are well deserved, recognizing the hard work of the staff and quality of the writing.

Throughout its 150 years, the Nevada Appeal has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of journalism. I am both humbled and honored to call this publication a historic piece of Nevada. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Nevada Appeal on its 150th birthday.●

CONGRATULATING FAVIL WEST

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Favil West, co-founder and president of the Foundation Assisting Seniors, on receiving Nevada Senior Citizen of the Year for 2015. It gives me great pleasure to recognize his years of hard work and dedication to Southern Nevada's senior community.

Mr. West started the nonprofit organization in 2002, seeking to improve the quality of life for seniors. The foundation assists with challenges during times of illness, recovery, confinement at home, and coping with loss of a loved one, as well as provides assistance with everyday tasks such as household maintenance and transportation. Mr. West leads the board of

trustees and also works with the foundation committees to ensure all seniors are being served effectively and efficiently. The individual committees provide transportation to drive seniors to health service appointments and to the grocery store, provide minor home maintenance services, deliver an inventory of durable medical equipment, and maintain a resource directory with information on free services. Each year, the foundation responds to thousands of requests to care for senior citizens in Southern Nevada. Mr. West's work in the local community is invaluable.

He has contributed greatly to growing the foundation, which now serves multiple communities throughout Southern Nevada. He spearheaded a new program, the HowRU Program, which is designed to minimize risks of seniors living alone by maintaining contact with clients. Subscribers are contacted daily to eliminate unreported injuries in the senior community. He has also improved outreach to garner more volunteers and community support to aid in transportation, equipment, and home maintenance needs.

Mr. West received the "Premier Community Award for Making a Difference in Their Neighborhood" from the city of Henderson in December of 2014. He also received 8 News Now Acts of Kindness recognition in October 2014 and FOX 5 News Shining Star recognition in 2013.

It is not only Mr. West's work in the senior community that deserves recognition, but also his service to our great Nation as a Vietnam-era combat veteran. I extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. West for his courageous contributions to the United States of America. His service to his country and his bravery earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing Favil West, whose work is both noble and charitable. I am humbled and honored to recognize Mr. West for his tireless efforts in helping our senior community, and I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING CROWNS 4 KIDS

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, many of our Nation's successful small businesses started as an idea that took root from big dreams and even bigger imaginations. This week's Small Business of the Week, Crowns 4 Kids of Madisonville, LA, is an excellent example of how our next generation of Louisianians are dreaming big and influencing the world around them.

Earlier this year when Harlan Jackson Adams began painting acrylic pictures of crowns for his mother, Erica Adams, he had no idea how far his fun, quirky canvases would go. Word quickly spread across his mother's social media accounts that her talented son had found a new hobby. Friends and

family began requesting crown paintings of their own, and within 2 weeks, young Harlan had over 200 orders to fill.

Demand for Adam's simple, elegant crowns grew so much among friends and family that the young entrepreneur decided to share his success with kids in need. Erica was astonished when her 7-year-old proclaimed that he wanted to donate his profits to the cancer center at Children's Hospital New Orleans. Unaware that Harlan knew about or understood what cancer is, Erica was overwhelmingly proud of her son's humility and generosity when he explained that two kids he knew were battling cancer and he wanted to help. Harlan is now an honorary member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, a youth entrepreneurship organization, and plans to continue his charitable work.

When our young folks take the initiative to help others in the capacity that young Harlan has, we owe them our utmost respect and recognition. It is my great honor to recognize Harlan Jackson Adams and Crowns 4 Kids as Small Business of the Week. Thank you for inspiring both kids and adults to dream big and give generously.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran.

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 Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1238. A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 1240. A bill to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1241. A bill to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING:

S. 1242. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and whether a proposed LNG terminal would benefit regional consumers of natural gas before approving or disapproving an application for the LNG terminal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING):

S. 1243. A bill to facilitate modernizing the electric grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels, to preserve support of such channels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1245. A bill to provide for oversight of, and place restrictions on, Federal programs that provide equipment to law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1246. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the definition of municipal solid waste for purposes of the renewable electricity production credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1247. A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as "Harry S. Truman Union Station"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1248. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to reform the Federal Reserve System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1249. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1250. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon

monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1251. A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1252. A bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1253. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1254. A bill to provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service to support effective programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1255. A bill to designate certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to authorize certain land exchanges in the State of Oregon, and to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon to Wheeler County, Oregon, for economic and community development purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1256. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1257. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1258. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1259. A bill to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1260. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to revise and up-

date its sponsorship identification rules applicable to commercial and political advertising; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1261. A bill to ensure that methods of collecting taxes and fees by private citizens on behalf of State and local governments are fair and effective and do not discriminate against interstate commerce for wireless telecommunications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax-preferred Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1263. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK,

Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 174. A resolution recognizing May 2015 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 175. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States to building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution stating the policy of the United States regarding the release of United States citizens in Iran; placed on the calendar.