

hero. He witnessed first-hand the harsh consequences of racial inequality and chose to devote his life to ending that injustice. Fred is an inspiration to so many Americans, across all racial lines, and to me personally. Because of leaders like him, who fought and sacrificed but ultimately believed in our country's ability to empathize and change, we are all better off and our lives more enriched. Fred left an indelible and permanent mark on Kansas City and will be fondly remembered and dearly missed. Fred's life and commitment to empower black voters serves as an inspiration to me and to all Missourians.

I ask that the Senate join me in honoring the life and legacy of Fred Curls.●

#### CELEBRATING GREEK-AMERICAN CULTURE

● Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I extend my congratulations to the National Herald for 100 years of respected journalism celebrating Greek-American culture and chronicling every minute of it, bringing vital news and analysis on issues of concern to the Greek-American community.

Socrates said, "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance." For the last 100 years, the National Herald has provided the "one good" and has proudly reflected the fundamental democratic principles that have become Greece's gift to the world.

The Greek-American community has had a profound effect on American culture. Greek-Americans have been instrumental in advancing medicine, business, art, and academics. But the greatest impact has been on governance, and the continuation of the long history of democracy that began in Greece and continues today, as the gold-standard of governing principles. This year, I was proud to once again introduce and lead Senate passage of a resolution recognizing the anniversary of Greek independence and celebrating the long history of democracy that binds our two nations and I will continue to support that relationship, our shared history, and the interests of Greece, Cyprus, and the Hellenic-American community.

The National Herald has always been a valuable source for the latest information on these issues, and I know it will continue its tradition of respected journalism that reaches far beyond the Greek-American community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the National Herald for 100 successful years and offer my best wishes for many more. Keep up the good work.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:18 a.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2496. An act to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed 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. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 253. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (Rept. No. 114-58).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 565. A bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-59).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 286. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-60).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted, Thursday, May 21, 2015:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, 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 Republic of South Sudan.

Nominee: Mary Catherine Phee.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to South Sudan.

(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: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Mary Catherine Phee: N/A—deceased; Martin Joseph Phee: None.
5. Grandparents: N/A—deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Sarah Marie Phee: None; Amy Maureen Phee: \$250, 2/12/2013, Schatz for Senate; \$208, 11/15/2012, Glover Park Group PAC; \$1,000, 8/11/2010, Friends of Blanche Lincoln; \$1,000, 7/28/2010, Friends of Schumer; \$208, 4/30/2010, Glover Park Group PAC; \$208, 3/31/2010, Glover Park Group PAC; Margaret Ellen Phee: None.

#### 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. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1455. A bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1456. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1457. A bill to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1458. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1459. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1460. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1461. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small

rural hospitals through 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1462. A bill to improve the safety of oil shipments by rail and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1463. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities; considered and passed.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1464. A bill to require all recreational vessels to have and to post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1465. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to stroke telehealth services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1466. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1467. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1468. A bill to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 303

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 303, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Edu-

cation Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 491

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a panel of citizens to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the likeness of a woman on the twenty dollar bill, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, and for other purposes.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

S. 1121

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1121, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent and expand the temporary minimum credit rate for the low-income housing tax credit program.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to allow funds under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be used to provide training to school personnel regarding how to recognize child sexual abuse.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1378, a bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1434, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 12

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 12, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve