

Burk, Paul Garrison, Ryan Hayes, and Will Glover donated their time and expertise to help those less fortunate.

Over 19 days, these men built an electric distribution system that extended 4 miles to the agricultural communities of Jolom Ijix and Zapotal. Their work connected homes to an electric grid powered by a small hydroelectric plant, helping bring electricity to these communities for the first time. Electricity plays a critical role in providing health care, education, access to clean water, and economic opportunity, and I am proud to have these Arkansans help the people of Jolom Ijix and Zapotal along the path towards long-lasting growth.

These 12 men and the many other volunteers from electric co-ops in Arkansas have traveled to Guatemala for rural electrification projects in recent years. Their compassion and spirit represent the best of our State. As a result of their efforts, the residents of these Guatemalan communities will see an immeasurable improvement in their quality of life. These volunteers, like others before them, have created a lasting impact on regions that need help the most.●

#### NATIVE AMERICAN CODE TALKERS

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize four American heroes who exemplify the best Montana has to offer: Samson Birdinground, Cyril Not Afraid, Barney Old Coyote and Henry Old Coyote.

These men selflessly served our country during World War II by offering up the Apsaalooké Crow, language as part of a national “code-talk” program. This program used the unique style of several Native American languages to transmit and receive military intelligence, providing crucial communication to forces overseas.

These four brave gentlemen sacrificed much to defend their homeland during the war. Using skilled knowledge of the Apsaalooké; tongue, they worked closely with American defense forces. The beautiful complexity of the Crow language allowed it to be processed without fear of enemy breach, leading the program to successfully save countless lives.

All four heroes were recently awarded Congress’ most prestigious honor: the Congressional Gold Medal. Their families will ceremoniously accept the medals on behalf of their forefathers this week.

Apsaalooké, or Crow, Nation has a rich heritage of members going above and beyond the call of duty, and these men are decidedly no exception. We Montanans are proud of our diverse heritage, and it is truly an honor to celebrate individuals who so humbly embody the spirit of patriotism.●

#### RECOGNIZING DR. PAUL HOMMERT

● Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Dr. Paul Hommert on his

retirement. I have had the pleasure of working with Paul on a number of occasions during his tenure with Sandia National Laboratories. I greatly appreciate and respect his professionalism, knowledge, and dedication as the director of Sandia National Laboratories and president of Sandia Corporation. Paul has given a great deal to this Nation and to its defense. The importance of his work directly involves the complex threats facing our country focusing on national security and technology innovation.

Paul began his career with Sandia as a member of the technical staff in 1976 and then gradually moved to positions of increased responsibility in a broad range of programs and management assignments. He initially led programs supporting energy research, and from the mid- to late-1990s, he was director of engineering sciences. Later in his career, Dr. Hommert became the Director of Research and Applied Science at the Atomic Weapons Establishment in the United Kingdom, where he led the science and engineering organization responsible for the United Kingdom’s nuclear deterrent. From 2003 to 2006, Dr. Hommert led the Applied Physics Division at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The division was responsible for nuclear weapon design and assessment, weapon performance code development, and weapon science support. Dr. Hommert returned to Sandia to become vice president of Sandia’s California site, a position he held until 2009, when he transitioned to Sandia’s main site in Albuquerque to become Executive Vice President and Deputy Laboratories Director for the Nuclear Weapons Program. In July 2010, Dr. Hommert became the Director of Sandia National Laboratories and President of Sandia Corporation.

Throughout his distinguished career, Paul has received numerous awards, such as the Outstanding Alumnus Award for Professional Excellence from Purdue’s School of Mechanical Engineering, and a Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from Purdue’s College of Engineering. In addition, Dr. Hommert was named Laboratory Director of the Year in 2013 by the Federal Laboratory Consortium for his support of Sandia’s technology transfer activities. This award recognizes federal laboratories and their industry partners for outstanding technology transfer efforts and has become one of the most prestigious honors in technology transfer. Paul has represented our country with integrity and honor, and it is my privilege to thank him for his contribution to our nation’s security. I wish him best of luck, continued happiness, and offer my congratulations on his retirement.●

#### 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 160. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 160. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

#### 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-1973. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9928-20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1974. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Di-n-butyl carbonate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9928-63-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1975. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reserve Account” (RIN0575-AC99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1976. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Michael J. Connor, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1977. 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 Under Secretary of

Defense (Legislative Affairs), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1978. 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 Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1979. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of ten (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half), as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1980. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Charlotte-Rock Hill; Base Year Emissions Inventory and Emissions Statements Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9928-88-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revision to the New York State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide" (FRL No. 9929-11-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets and General Conformity Budgets for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9929-07-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1984. 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-1985. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-017); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1986. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the

Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1987. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-047); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-056); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-030); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1991. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-038); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1994. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1995. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1996. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1997. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Modernization of Military Retirement System"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1998. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1999. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Australia Group (AG) November 2013 Inter-Sessional Decisions"

(RIN0694-AG45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2000. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2014 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2001. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the feasibility study that was undertaken to document the development of a project for navigation of Portsmouth Harbor and Piscataqua River, Maine and New Hampshire; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2002. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sixty-Month Period of Employment Requirement for Government Pension Offset Exemption" (RIN0960-AG50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2003. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Documents and Regulatory Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Provisions" (45 CFR Part 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2004. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary" ((RIN0938-AS54) (CMS-9938-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2005. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary" (RIN1210-AB69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2006. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments" (Docket Nos. FDA-2014-C-1616 and FDA-2015-C-0245) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2007. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2008. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory

Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2009. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2010. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2011. 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 October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and a report entitled "Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2012. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Rate Setting for Community-Rated Plans" (RIN3206-AN00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2013. A communication from the Director, Recruitment and Hiring, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of National Security Positions in the Competitive Service, and Related Matters" (RIN3206-AM73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2014. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2015. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Herbicide Exposure and Presumption of Disability During Service For Reservists Presumed Exposed to Herbicide" (RIN2900-AP43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2016. A communication from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority: Office of Regulation Policy and Management (ORPM)" (RIN2900-AP47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2017. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2018. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BE83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2019. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Specifications" (RIN0648-BE87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2020. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Special Management Zones for Delaware Artificial Reefs" (RIN0648-BD42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2021. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD973) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2022. 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/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2023. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules" (CS Docket No. 98-120, FCC 15-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2024. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish" (RIN0648-XD901) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2025. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Effective Competition" (MB Docket No. 15-53, FCC 15-62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-44. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the United States Congress to enact legislation allowing individual states to establish daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, When Congress enacted The Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. No. 93-182, 87 Stat. 707), it included in its findings and declarations of policy that "various studies of governmental and nongovernmental agencies indicate that year-round daylight saving time would produce an energy saving in electrical power consumption"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that "the use of year-round daylight saving time could have other beneficial effects on the public interest, including the reduction of crime, improved traffic safety, more daylight outdoor playtime for children and youth of our Nation, [and] greater utilization of parks and recreation areas"; and

Whereas, Congress also found and declared that the use of year-round daylight saving time could result in "expanded economic opportunity through extension of daylight hours to peak shopping hours and through extension of domestic office hours to periods of greater overlap with the European Economic Community"; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly*, That the Nevada Legislature urges the members of Congress to enact appropriate legislation to give individual states the option of establishing daylight saving time as the standard time in their respective states throughout the calendar year; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 544. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (Rept. No. 114-69).

## 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. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1640. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration