

true selflessness and empathy for those in need.

With the help of Mr. Tarbutton's leadership, Washoe County Senior Services offers a variety of assistance to help Nevada's seniors, including guidance on community senior centers, health programs, food services, housing and care options, legal services, and Federal programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and veterans benefits. The department also offers Meals on Wheels, which is an important program that provides meals and support for seniors in need. This department truly goes above and beyond, providing seniors with the tools necessary to create a higher quality of life through steadfast support and help.

Mr. Tarbutton's work has had a great impact on Washoe County's residents. Through his unwavering commitment and tireless work ethic, Nevada's seniors and their families have had an unparalleled support system, ready to assist in times of difficulty or uncertainty. I have visited the Washoe County Senior Center and have witnessed firsthand the positive impact Washoe County Senior Services has on this center's residents. The strong foundation Mr. Tarbutton has built will be felt for years to come.

As a member of both the Senate Special Committee on Aging and the Senate Committee on Finance, I understand the importance of assisting the needs of Nevada's seniors and ensuring our communities are equipped to serve our State's aging population. Washoe County's seniors have benefited greatly from the work of this organization. This community is fortunate to have had someone like Mr. Tarbutton there as an ally and friend.

Today I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Mr. Tarbutton for his dedication to Washoe County Senior Services. He exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and service and should be proud of his long and meaningful career. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA NAPOLES

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Victoria Napoles on her retirement after decades of service to the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce. I am proud to recognize Ms. Napoles, who has contributed so much to the success of this important entity in southern Nevada.

Throughout her 25 years of service to the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Napoles worked diligently to establish the chamber as a tireless force in helping Las Vegas' Hispanic business community. As senior executive vice president to the chamber, she spent countless hours working to bring southern Nevada's entrepreneurs numerous networking opportunities and to establish positive relationships in all corners of the Hispanic community. During her service, she was responsible for coordinating events, luncheons, and

galas, as well as leading the organization in the development of a leadership structure, strategic planning, goal creation, and financial management. Her determination and resilience in gaining sponsors to support the chamber contributed to making it the successful entity that it is today. Her efforts also established an important partnership with the Clark County School District, bringing Nevada's Hispanic youth positivity and support for their futures. I am proud to have attended multiple Latin Chamber of Commerce events where I have spoken with the men and women who participate in this chamber, and I can attest to the incredible role they play within our community. The immense amount of work Ms. Napoles has done for the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce has not gone unnoticed.

Businesses across southern Nevada, both large and small, are fortunate to have had someone like Ms. Napoles working as an ally. Her unwavering work ethic and commitment greatly impacted this community, helping it to grow and prosper. Even in difficult economic times, Ms. Napoles was there with creativity and ingenuity to maintain the success of Nevada's Hispanic businesses. The strong foundation she built throughout her tenure will be felt for years to come.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Ms. Napoles for all of her hard work and dedication in making Las Vegas' Hispanic business community and Las Vegas' Latin Chamber of Commerce the best they can be. I would also like to congratulate her on her retirement after a long and meaningful career. I wish her well in all of her future endeavors.●

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-3463. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C)" (RIN3170-AA10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3464. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3465. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CROWDFUNDING" (RIN3235-AL37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2015;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3466. 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 "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2016 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; and Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements" (RIN0938-AS46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3467. 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 "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, and Quality Incentive Program" (RIN0938-AS48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3468. 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 "Medicare Program; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Short Inpatient Hospital Stays; Transition for Certain Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospitals under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review" (RIN0938-AS42 and RIN0938-AS11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3469. 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 "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2016" (RIN0938-AS48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the danger pay allowance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3471. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3472. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3473. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and 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; Spirulina Extract; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2014-C-1552) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3474. A communication from General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Volunteers in Service to America" (RIN3045-AA36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3475. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3476. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center's financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor's report for years ended September 28, 2014, and September 29, 2013, and a report relative to the Center's schedule of expenditures of federal awards and independent auditor's reports for the year ended September 28, 2014; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3477. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3478. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, 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; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-BE91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Access to NOAA Environmental Data, Information, and Related Products and Services" (RIN0648-BE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2015; 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. 1298. A bill to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation's ports, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-164).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-165).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2152. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction,

promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

Julien Xavier Neals, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Mark A. Young, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

(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 Mr. REID (for Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. BALDWIN)):

S. 2242. A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. COATS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2243. A bill to amend the fresh fruit and vegetable program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2244. A bill to reform the Federal Crop Insurance Act and reduce Federal spending on crop insurance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 2245. A bill to exclude the Internal Revenue Service from the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to labor-management relations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT:

S. 2246. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to exempt the Internal Revenue Service from certain labor-management relations requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2247. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2248. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2249. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose criminal penalties for the unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2250. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Major Charles S. Kettles of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2251. A bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2252. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2253. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2254. A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 2255. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to restrict the debt collection practices of certain debt collectors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2256. A bill to establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, to establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, to establish a grant program with respect to naloxone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (by request):

S. 2257. A bill to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.