

Let me again reiterate my gratitude for the wonderful work that the Crawford County Adult Education Center does each day. I congratulate the center on achieving this milestone as it celebrates 50 years of service, and I look forward to hearing many more success stories as a result of the center's ongoing work.●

RECOGNIZING THE IDAHO STATE POLICE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring the Idaho State Police, ISP, of Meridian, ID, for being selected as a recipient of the 2016 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, known as the Freedom Award.

The U.S. Department of Defense indicates that the Freedom Award is the highest recognition it gives to employers for "exceptional support of their National Guard and Reserve employees." The ISP is one of only 15 employers chosen this year for this national recognition out of the 2,424 nominations submitted by National Guard and Reserve Servicemembers. U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter stated, "Without the unfaltering support of employers like them, the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve would not be able to fulfill their vital roles in our National Security Strategy." The Freedom Award has been given to 220 employers over the past 20 years.

Guard and Reserve members or their family members nominate employers for the Freedom Award. This makes the award especially meaningful, as nominators have direct knowledge of their treatment at work. The Department reported that Army National Guard Sgt. Sara Breckon, who suffered a concussion during Active-Duty training, nominated the ISP for this year's award. She described to the Department how her supervisor went the extra mile working with her medical team to assist with her progressive return to work, successful therapy, and recovery. Her coworkers also assisted by donating 80 hours of personal leave so she could receive her pay. Sergeant Breckon told the department, "It is a privilege to work for ISP as they set the bar for all leaders in the military and civilian sectors."

The Department of Defense also noted that the Idaho State Police actively recruits Guardsmen and Reservists through the Hero2Hired program, and 18 percent of the Idaho State Police workforce has served or is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The ISP joins a group of four Idaho employers selected for the award since the Freedom Award was established.

Being recognized as a great employer of Guardsmen and women and Reservists is a distinct accomplishment. We commend the Idaho State Police for setting a model leadership standard. The men and women who serve in the Guard and Reserve and their families

give immensely of their time and talents to serving our Nation. Their skills and commitment add great value to the workforce and our communities. This award is a tribute to the excellent treatment and regard Idaho employers have demonstrated to valued members of our communities. Congratulations to the Idaho State Police on this achievement.●

RECOGNIZING ELECTRIC MEMBER-SHIP COOPERATIVE EMPLOYEES

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize and thank Steve Robinson, Wesley Thames, David Baskin, James Abbott, Andrew Harris, and Ian Hansman. They work for Cowetta-Fayette EMC, and Cobb EMC, and Carroll EMC, electric cooperatives in the great State of Georgia.

In July, these gentlemen traveled to Costa Rica as volunteers for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International Foundation. During their time in the town of Guanacaste, they helped construct an electric distribution system and worked alongside employees at the local electric co-op, Coopeguanacaste.

Along with local linemen, their volunteer efforts connected five families in Guanacaste with first-time access to electricity by building almost 2 kilometers of power lines. While working together, they shared safety and best construction practices with their counterparts at Coopeguanacaste.

Access to electric service for these families will improve their quality of life and allow them to compete in a growing and competitive economy. With electricity, these families can improve their livestock farming by preserving meats and dairy products, beginning their own businesses or selling at the market. This first-time access to electricity also will help with environmental conservation because residents will no longer need to burn wood and other traditional fuels for cooking and light.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International has been active in rural electrification development in Costa Rica since 1963, with direct involvement in the establishment of four electric cooperatives in Costa Rica. Today these co-ops serve approximately 200,000 consumer members.

Thanks to these volunteers, more families in the world now have a chance to a better life. Once again, thank you to these fine Georgians for their work, dedication, and selfless commitment to improving the lives of others.●

RECOGNIZING ROYAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate and honor Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, SC, for their 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated on September 25, 2016.

Originally founded in 1916 by Rev. Handy Washington, the Royal Missionary Baptist Church was first housed in the home of Sister Brooks. In its early years, many of the members worked together to construct their own building in Burton Quarters. The church then purchased their Pearson Street property and today is blessed with both the Pearson Sanctuary and their Luella Street property to better serve God.

Rev. Isaac J. Holt, Jr., has served the church as its pastor since 1993. Under his leadership, the church has prospered and expanded to such an extent that it was necessary to add two new services and build an additional sanctuary. The church has faithfully upheld its motto, "The Church where Everybody is Somebody But Christ is Essential," and proudly credits the guidance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit for their success. I acknowledge with pleasure the church's influence in North Charleston and recognize their growth and success.●

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 RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 12, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2040. An act to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on September 12, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CORNYN).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:08 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, without amendment:

S. 1579. An act to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native

American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 246. An act to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

S. Con. Res. 46. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 295. An act to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program.

H.R. 921. An act to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

H.R. 1301. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to amend its rules so as to prohibit the application to amateur stations of certain private land use restrictions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3471. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4576. An act to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4979. An act to foster civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies and enhance the licensing and commercial deployment of such technologies.

H.R. 5104. An act to prohibit, as an unfair and deceptive act or practice in commerce, the sale or use of certain software to circumvent control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5111. An act to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5484. An act to modify authorities that provide for rescission of determinations of countries as state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5936. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, to make certain improvements to the enhanced-use lease authority of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5937. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to acquire, operate, and maintain the Lafayette Escadrille

Memorial in Marnes-la-Coquette, France, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Steven L. Roberts of St. Louis, Missouri, to the Congressional Award Board.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20944), the Minority Leader appoints Dr. Philip B. Stark of Berkeley, California, to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1579. An act to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.

H.R. 3969. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Laughlin, Nevada, as the "Master Chief Petty Officer Jesse Dean VA Clinic".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 295. An act to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 921. An act to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3471. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4979. An act to foster civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies and enhance the licensing and commercial deployment of such technologies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5104. An act to prohibit, as an unfair and deceptive act or practice in commerce, the sale or use of certain software to circumvent control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5484. An act to modify authorities that provide for rescission of determinations of countries as state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3318. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 12, 2016, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2040. An act to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2383. A bill to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-349).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2548. A bill to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-350).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Timothy M. Ray, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Mark C. Nowland, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jerry P. Martinez, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Charles A. Richard, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Philip G. Howe, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Col. Charles L. Plummer, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Samuel A. Greaves, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mark D. Kelly, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Joseph F. Jarrard, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Laurel J. Hummel, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. James G. Foggo III, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. John W. Raymond, to be General.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.