

U.S. Senate, and I look forward to working with them to keep science, space, and space technology strong and vibrant in Maryland and the United States for years to come.

I congratulate APL, Johns Hopkins, and its many partners as they celebrate this important milestone.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.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. 1301. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:15 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 bill:

S.442. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 9, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 442. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 419. A bill to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*David Friedman, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

Nominee: David M. Friedman.

Post: Ambassador to Israel.

(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: \$50,000.00, 6/17/2016, Trump Victory Committee; \$1,000.00, 10/26/2012, Josh Mandel Senate Victory Committee.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Daniel Friedman: none. Jana Friedman: none. Jacob Friedman: none. Danielle Friedman: none. Aliza Romanoff: none. Eli Romanoff: \$75.17, 10/13-20/2016; Trump/Pence 2016. Talia Friedman: none. Katie Friedman: none.

4. Parents: Morris Friedman—(deceased), none; Adelaide Friedman: none.

5. Grandparents: Benjamin Friedman—(deceased), none; Mary Friedman—(deceased), none; Lewis Gottlieb—(deceased), none; Josephine Gottlieb—(deceased), none.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Mark Friedman, none; Rose Friedman, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Naomi Wolinsky, none; Steven Wolinsky, none.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019.

By Mr. BURR for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 586. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 587. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit substantiation requirements for charitable contributions to returns submitted by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TOOMEY, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 588. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to clarify what constitutes a general solicitation under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes;

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

By Mr. KING:

S. 589. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 590. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KING, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 591. A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 592. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to support meeting the increasing needs of the United States for a cybersecurity and information assurance workforce by reinvigorating and modifying the Information Assurance Scholarship Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 593. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 594. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 595. A bill to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with additional flexibility to expedite the hiring process for applicants for law enforcement positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 596. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations establishing minimum standards for space for passengers on passenger aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DONNELLY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 597. A bill to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 598. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 599. A bill to redesignate the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as the "Indiana Dunes National Park", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 600. A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. REED, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 601. A bill to ensure that significantly more students graduate college with the international knowledge and experience essential for success in today's global economy through the establishment of the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program in the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 602. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 603. A bill for the relief of Jeanette Vizguerra-Ramirez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DAINES, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 604. A bill to allow certain State permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 605. A bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to discourage litigation against the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management relating to land management projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 606. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent taxpayer identity theft and tax refund fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 85. A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 86. A resolution recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni to the lives of the people of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 129

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 129, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 200

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to prohibit the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress.

S. 261

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A.

S. 264

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow charitable organizations to make statements relating to political campaigns if such statements are made in ordinary course of carrying out its tax exempt purpose.

S. 379

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 379, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit prescription drug plan sponsors and MA-PD organizations under the Medicare program from retroactively reducing payment on clean claims submitted by pharmacies.

S. 419

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 419, a bill to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program, and for other purposes.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract into which the Secretary enters for necessary services authorities and mechanism for appropriate oversight, and for other purposes.