mention the sense of pride that comes with having a place to call their own.

That sense of pride overflows to the way people invest in their communities, and we all benefit from a more engaged neighbor. As they know better than anyone and Sir Winston Churchill once said, "We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us."

When the times are good or times are tough and through the general cyclical nature of the industry, NAHB has remained a steady advocate for the importance of affordable and quality housing, both for homeowners and renters. Thanks in part to them, builders and consumers are back up on their feet.

I am grateful for their commitment to serving our Nation by building safe and beautiful homes, and I am grateful for the 75 years of advocacy from NAHB.

Congratulations again on achieving this major milestone.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA GRIZZLIES SOFTBALL TEAM

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing the University of Montana Grizzlies softball team for their outstanding performance at the Big Sky Conference softball tournament. This team has come a long way in a short time, and their journey this season is something that all Montanans can appreciate.

Last week at Ogden, UT, the Grizzlies won the Big Sky Conference softball championship for the first time in the school's history. This accomplishment is highlighted by the fact that the softball program is only in its third year on campus. Four years ago, there was no team or coach; today they are conference champions.

Jamie Pinkerton, the Grizzlies' coach, was also voted the Big Sky Conference "Coach of the Year" for the second year in a row.

As conference champions, the Grizzlies will represent Big Sky in the 2017 NCAA Division I softball championship this Friday as they travel to Washington to challenge the Huskies in the regional qualifying round. The Grizzlies will have both the Big Sky State and the Big Sky Conference rooting for them.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:06 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 510. An act to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent

crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog.

H.R. 1428. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1616. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 510. An act to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1428. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator Feinstein, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Stephen Elliott Boyd, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Peter Joseph Kadzik.

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-1571. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-formula Federal Assistance Programs—General Award Administrative Provisions and Specific Administrative Provisions" (RIN0524-AA69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1572. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of twenty-six (26) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services

EC-1573. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James K. McLaughlin, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1574. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of

the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1575. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, with respect to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1576. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1577. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1578. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1579. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1580. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Stock and Securities of a Controlled Corporation" (Rev. Rul. 2017-09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1581. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Syndicated Conservation Easement Transactions Identified in Notice 2017-10" (Notice 2017-29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1582. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Eligibility Rule Waivers for Certain Automatic Changes Made To Comply with the Final Tangible Property Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2017–36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1583. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2018 Sec. 223 Inflation-Adjusted Item" (Rev. Proc. 2017-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1584. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Automatic Changes in Method of Accounting" (Rev. Proc. 2017–30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1585. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Mexico to support the integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, and repair of the Star Safire 380 HD camera system in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1586. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and accessories to Qatar under Category I of the United States Munitions List in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-125); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1587. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan to support the integration, installation, and maintenance of the F135 Propulsion System for the J-35 in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-136); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1588. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy to support the manufacture, operation, test integration, evaluation, installation, assembly. and maintenance of the G-2000 Dynamically Tuned Gyroscope product family that incorporate or operate the gyroscope for end-use on the Joint Strike Fighter Turret Stabilization, ASPIDE missile, and ASTER missile programs (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1589. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

EC-1590. 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 "Food Labeling of standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Com-Date; for pliance Request Comments' ((RIN0910-ZA48) (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0172)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

EC-1591. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1592. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1593. A communication from the Acting Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to TC Reiner v. Saginaw Valley State University, et al.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1594. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Program" (RIN1121-AA69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1595. A communication from the Chief of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment or Reimbursement for Certain Medical Expenses for Camp Lejeune Family Members" (RIN2900-AO79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1596. A communication from the Chief of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Pharmacy Copayments for Medications" (RIN2900-AP87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1597. A communication from the Acting Chief. International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting-Satellite Service at the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Band Internationally, and at the 24.75-25.25 GHz Frequency Band for Fixed Satellite Services Providing Feeder Links to the Broadcasting-Satellite Service and for the Satellite Services Operating Bi-directionally in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Frequency Band" ((IB Doc. No. 06-123) (FCC 17-49)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2017; to the Science, and Committee on Commerce, Transportation.

EC-1598. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission's Rules, National Television Multiple Ownership Rule" ((MB Doc. No. 13–236) (FCC 17–40)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1599. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services; Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules, Concerning Practice and Procedure, Amendment of CORES Registration System" ((MB Docket No. 07-294) (MD Docket No. 10-234) (FCC 17-42)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1600. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories" (RIN2135-AA42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1601. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties" (RIN2135-AA40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1602. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tariff of Tolls" (RIN2135-A441) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1603. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to certification granted in relation to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1604. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and Indian Creek, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0768)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1605. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Navy UNDET, Apra Outer Harbor and Piti, GU" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0214)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1606. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0152)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1607. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Bush River, Harford County, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0067)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1608. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Hebda Cup Rowing Regatta; Detroit River, Trenton Channel; Wyandotte, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0305)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1609. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chapel Street over Mill River Bridge Rehabilitation—New Haven, CT" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0257)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to repeal the standards set forth by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on portable fuel container design; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

House Resolution No. 38

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted rules to limit emissions from portable fuel containers, such as gas cans, in 2007. The standard was meant to force design changes in fuel containers to reduce evaporation, permeation, and spillage and was part of a larger package on reducing toxic air emissions from mobile sources like passenger vehicles. Since 2009, all containers manufactured now need to be designed to meet these standards; and

Whereas, Portable fuel containers are responsible for a relatively small portion of toxic air emissions from mobile sources. In 1999, these containers accounted for only 2 percent of these emissions. The EPA projects that the new portable fuel container standard will account for 6 percent of the reduction in toxic air emissions under the 2007 rule. Passenger vehicles and gasoline regulations will account for 94 percent of projected reductions; and

Whereas, Gas cans and other portable fuel containers designed to meet the new standard do not work effectively and are a continual source of frustration for consumers. To meet the standard, containers are being designed without a vent, resulting in slow, uneven flow out of the cans: and

Whereas, The portable fuel container emissions standard is not an effective way to limit toxic air emissions. Containers that work improperly may result in more spills as users are paying more attention to getting gas out of the container than how much gas is in the tank. Frustrated users may resort to modifying the container to create a vent, eliminating any environmental benefit from the design, or using other containers illegally; and

Whereas, The portable fuel container standards are yet another example of the EPA adopting regulations without properly accounting for real life use and impact. These regulations provide minimal environmental gain and make something as simple as filling a lawn mower tank an exercise in frustration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to repeal the standards set forth by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on portable fuel container design; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation. Adopted by the House of Representatives, May 4, 2017.

POM-18. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of North Dakota requesting the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation to expand and extend the current federal tax credit for carbon capture, utilization, and storage under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code; to provide appropriations to the United States Department of Energy Sufficient to achieve and sustain a robust carbon capture research, development, demonstration, and deployment program; to support the inclusion of economically and environmentally beneficial carbon capture projects in any forthcoming federal infrastructure initiative; to support policies to increase the operational efficiency; and to support the preservation of a fuel-diverse electric generation portfolio critical to our domestic economic, energy, and national security: to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 3037

Whereas, fossil fuels including coal, natural gas, and oil provide more than three-quarters of global and United States' primary energy demand and, according to the International Energy Agency, will continue to do so for the next quarter-century or more under current energy and environmental policies; and

Whereas, recognition of the value and enduring role of fossil fuels as an essential source of energy around the world and in the United States for decades to come has led environmental advocates to support the accelerated development and broad deployment of carbon capture technologies for fossil fuels as part of a sustainable energy future; and

Whereas, recognition of the role carbon capture can play in creating new opportunities for fossil fuels has led fossil energy advocates to similarly support the development and deployment of carbon capture technologies for fossil fuels; and

Whereas, the United States and North Dakota have abundant supplies of fossil energy, the production and use of which provide important economic, energy, and national security benefits to our nation and our state: and

Whereas, North Dakota is the nation's 6th largest producer of fossil energy, 2nd largest producer of oil, 2nd largest producer of lignite coal, 11th largest producer of natural gas, the largest consumer of coal for industrial use, and the 10th largest consumer of coal for electricity generation; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Energy, "A diverse portfolio of energy resources is critical to U.S. energy and national policy... being more robust and resilient in comparison to a system that is heavily dependent on a limited set of energy resources... [and] helps insulate the economy from certain risks, including price volatility and risks from supply disruptions";

Whereas, reliable and affordable electricity is vital to economic growth and job creation in North Dakota and the overall welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, 73 percent of the electricity generated in North Dakota is produced from fossil fuels and the average residential price of electricity in North Dakota is the 6th lowest in the nation and is 18 percent below the national average; and

Whereas, continued research and development of carbon reduction strategies for fossil fuels is an essential element of a forward-looking sustainable energy strategy for North Dakota, our nation, and the world which will simultaneously maximize both environmental quality and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, the Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota, the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah, and the Lignite Energy Council are engaged in efforts to address environmental, health, and economic impacts of energy production and use through collaborations on applied carbon dioxide research, practical applications, workforce development, and public education; and

Whereas, legislation was introduced in the 114th Congress to enhance and extend federal tax incentives, under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code, which serve to sustain and promote such collaborations and to encourage private industry in energy generation, manufacturing, and agriculture to adopt and deploy existing and emerging technologies that increase carbon capture, utilization, and storage; and

Whereas, the coming together of environmental and energy advocates in support of carbon capture is reflected in the groundbreaking coalition of environmental advocacy groups, labor unions, and energy producers from the coal, oil and gas, ethanol, and algae-biomass industries working together in support of federal legislation; and

Whereas, similar legislation is now under consideration in the 115th Congress, and Congress and the President also are considering enactment of a large-scale federal infrastructure initiative to strengthen our nation; transportation, public works, and energy infrastructure that also could serve as a vehicle for advancing "jobs-ready" carbon capture projects; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Energy, "A combination of tax incentives and research, development, demonstration, and deployment will be critical to developing transformational carbon capture technologies and to driving down the costs of capture"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, the Senate concurring therein: That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly requests Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation to expand and extend the current federal tax credit for carbon capture, utilization, and storage under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code; to provide appropriations to the United States Department of Energy sufficient to achieve and sustain a robust carbon capture research, development, demonstration, and deployment program; to support the inclusion of economically and environmentally beneficial carbon capture projects in any forthcoming federal infrastructure initiative; to support policies to increase the operational efficiency, and thereby the environmental performance, of existing electricgenerating units in the United States; and to support the preservation of a fuel-diverse electric generation portfolio critical to our domestic economic, energy, and national security; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Florida condemning the Boycott; Divestment and Sanctions movement and the increasing incidence of acts of anti-Semitism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1184

Whereas, Floridians have, as a matter of public policy, long opposed bigotry, oppression, discrimination, and injustice, and