

based in East Lansing. Congratulations to my dear friend, David Hollister, on receiving this special distinction from the city of Lansing. It is my hope that the newly renamed city hall will serve as a lasting testament to your brand of public service to the people of the city of Lansing and the great State of Michigan.●

TRIBUTE TO TAYLIN ALBRECHT

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Taylin Albrecht, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Taylin is a graduate of DeSmet High School in DeSmet, SD. Currently, she is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, she studies human development and family studies. Taylin is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Taylin for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GERALD FRAAS

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Gerald Fraas, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Gerald is a graduate of West Central High School in Hartford, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, where he studies political science and economics. Gerald is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Gerald for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW KRALL

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Matthew Krall, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Matthew is a graduate of Mitchell High School in Mitchell, SD. Currently, he is attending Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD, where he studies history and political science. Matthew is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Matthew for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3219. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

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-2443. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2444. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules of Practice; Clarification" (RIN0651-AD22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2445. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Study"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2446. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2447. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2017 Annual Report: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Status of Actions Addressing the Safety Issue Areas on the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Most Wanted List"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet Radio Access Network" ((PS Docket No. 16-269) (FCC 17-75)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; and Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities" ((CG Docket No. 10-51 and CG Docket No. 03-123) (FCC 17-86)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" ((MB Docket No. 11-43) (FCC 17-88)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" ((MB Docket No. 11-43) (FCC 17-88)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication Requirements for Agricultural Products; and Rail Transportation of Grain, Rate Regulation Review" (RIN2140-AB35 and RIN2140-AB16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15 and 18 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment" ((FCC 17-93) (ET Docket No. 15-170)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; 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-78. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska making application to the United States Congress to call a convention of the state to propose a countermand amendment to the United States Constitution as provided under Article V; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to make the same application; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 14

Whereas the state's sovereignty has been infringed upon by the federal government, including by the federal government's recent denial of and refusal to work with state officials on the construction of a lifesaving road from King Cove to Cold Bay; and

Whereas the state's access to a fair permitting process for projects that will develop the state's natural resources and provide revenue streams to the state, including oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and large-scale mining projects throughout the state, has been continually denied by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies of the federal government; and

Whereas the United States Congress has, at times, exceeded its delegated powers, the President of the United States has, at times,

exceeded the constitutional authority of the office of the President of the United States and the federal courts have, at times, exceeded their authority by issuing decisions on public policy matters reserved to the states in violation of the principles of federalism and separation of powers, all of which have, adversely affected the state and its people; and

Whereas under the authority of art. V, Constitution of the United States; the several states should apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to amend the United States Constitution and adopt a countermand amendment to authorize the states, upon a vote of three-fifths of the state legislatures, to nullify and repeal a federal statute, executive order, judicial decision, regulatory decision by a federal government agency, or government mandate imposed on the states by law that adversely affects the interests of the states, in order to properly exercise the states' constitutional authority to check federal power, preserve state sovereignty, and protect the rights of the states and the people; and

Whereas the states have the authority to define and limit the agenda of a convention to a single-issue "countermand amendment convention" called for by the states as provided under art. V, Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the delegates sent by the states to a countermand amendment convention shall have the limited authority to deliberate on and decide whether the countermand amendment, as preapproved by suite legislatures, should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; be it

Resolved, That, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to call a single-issue convention of the states, called a "countermand amendment convention," for the sole purpose of deciding whether the proposed countermand amendment should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a single-issue countermand convention of the states under art. V, Constitution of the United States.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 504. A bill to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program (Rept. No. 115-140).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 81. A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-141).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1311. A bill to provide assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the United States.

S. 1312. A bill to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States.

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. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1682. A bill to facilitate a national pipeline of spectrum for commercial use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DONNELLY:

S. 1683. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the number of members of the Federal Election Commission from 6 to 5, to revise the method of selection and terms of service of members of the Commission, to distribute the powers of the Commission between the Chair and the remaining members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 1684. A bill to establish a position of Science Laureate of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1685. A bill to require Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to establish procedures for considering certain credit scores in making a determination whether to purchase a residential mortgage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1686. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for management of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1687. A bill to establish the Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program at the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW,

Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1688. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prescription drug prices under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1689. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for a new rule regarding the application of the Act to marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1690. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide greater support to students with dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1691. A bill to provide minimal cybersecurity operational standards for Internet-connected devices purchased by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1692. A bill to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1693. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1694. A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1695. A bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 1696. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency management pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. CRUZ):