

Fauske Building" by the Alaska Legislature in honor of his many accomplishments.

Dan was so successful at AHFC, the Alaska Legislature asked him to take on a second duty, that of exploring the feasibility of constructing a small diameter pipeline to bring natural gas from the North Slope to serve Alaskans. In 2013, he left his job at AHFC to pursue this "second job" full time as executive director of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, AGDC. He served in that role until November 2015.

At AGDC, Dan brought the same focus to the position he had to every other one he had held in his distinguished career: serving Alaskans. For Dan, AGDC's mission wasn't so much about commercializing Alaska's gas as it was delivering energy to Alaskans. His focus on delivering energy relief and security drove the State's efforts and resulted in AGDC joining the integrated effort to build Alaska LNG as the entity focused on delivering gas to Alaskans.

Whether it was building water systems on the North Slope, developing housing across the State, or delivering energy, Dan did it for Alaskans first. That was what we loved about him, he saw policy not at the 50,000-foot level but in the face, life, and experience of every person he worked with and served.

Dependable, trusted, respected—the consummate "go to" guy—all of these phrases are used to describe Dan Fauske. He believed in Alaska. He believed in Alaskans. Like all great Alaskans, he believed anything could be done, but what earned him our unwavering respect is that he followed through and got it done.

Dan Fauske will long be remembered as a true leader who walked with the people and a key figure in Alaska history of the post-Statehood era.●

RECOGNIZING HILLCREST AIRCRAFT COMPANY

- Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize an outstanding small business located in my home State of Idaho. As many of my colleagues in the Western Caucus can tell you, catastrophic wildfires are a cause for major concern and costs for large swaths of the West, particularly in the summer months. This month's small business has found their specialty in helping to control these large wildfires in a safe and efficient manner. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor Hillcrest Aircraft Company as the U.S. Senate Small Business of the Month for August 2017.

Hillcrest Aircraft Company is based out of Lewiston, ID, and is a utility helicopter company with a broad spectrum of work. Hillcrest Aircraft Company was founded by local pilots in 1946. Jerry Wilson partnered with the

company in 1959, eventually becoming the sole owner in 1972. Jerry's son, Gale Wilson, is the current president of the company, and his son, Keith White, serves as vice president. The Wilson's legacy of promoting a strong work ethic coupled with strict safety requirements has built the company into a premier helicopter business. In 1968, Hillcrest became the first certified Bell customer service facility in Idaho, and 1 year later, in 1969, they became an approved FAA repair station. Their main focus, however, is aerial firefighting. Whether they are transporting firefighters to remote areas or dropping hundreds of gallons of water on a raging fire, Hillcrest prides itself on protecting communities from dangerous wildfires. In fact, they have fought fires in all of the lower 48 States during their 60-plus years of experience. On top of aerial firefighting, Hillcrest flies for power and timber companies, photographers, videographers, and even fish planters. Their comprehensive background in a variety of industries, dedication to operational safety, and commitment to strict ethical standards continue to keep this family-owned business busy around the clock.

Hillcrest has always put safety first, and in 2015 and 2016, they were rewarded for their efforts. Hillcrest achieved the necessary requirements for the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations, IS-BAO, Stage I registration by implementing a safety management system, SMS, in 2015 and Stage II registration in 2016. This safety standard acknowledges the company's efforts to improve their safety risk profile and operating efficiency. Hillcrest was one of the first rotary-wing-only operators to achieve the IS-BAO Stage II.

The future is bright for Hillcrest Aircraft Company as they continue to expand their business. Just a couple of months ago in June, Hillcrest opened their very own fixed base operation, FBO, at the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport. I would like to congratulate Gale Wilson and his family, along with all of the employees at Hillcrest, for the hard work they do in trying conditions while still keeping their commitment to safety. I wish the best for Hillcrest Aircraft Company, and I am confident that they will continue to keep Idahoans and Americans safe.●

REMEMBERING HERBERT NEEDLEMAN

- Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I recently received the sad news that Dr. Herbert L. Needleman has passed away. With Herbert's passing, we lost a great man—and the scientific community lost one of its best.

In the 1970s, Herb undertook groundbreaking studies that revealed the dangers of lead exposure in children. According to the Pittsburgh Gazette, Herb "had been thinking about the impact lead had on children's cognitive abilities for nearly two decades

before he finally came up with a way to test historic lead levels." He made powerful adversaries in the lead industry, but true to his research, Dr. Needleman found new and inventive ways to prove the toxic effects of lead exposure.

As a researcher at Temple University, he developed the "Tooth Fairy" approach: a method to test children's baby teeth for lead exposure levels. This method led to pioneering research that found that Black children living in cities had lead levels five times higher than suburban, White children. In the words of Herb's son, "He just couldn't tolerate injustice and could not stop seeking the truth." The results of Herb's hard work and his dedication to seeking the truth today reach from the halls of science to the apartments of inner cities.

I got to see his determination first hand, working alongside him in fighting the lead paint industry in Rhode Island. When I was confronting the lead industry, over 35,000 Rhode Island children under the age of 6 had elevated levels of lead in their systems. His research was instrumental in the fight for the health of Rhode Island's children. I am deeply grateful for Herbert's help in my home State, and I know Rhode Island families are grateful as well.

America has lost a beloved pediatrician, psychiatrist, and brilliant scientist. I offer my condolences to the Needleman family and to the many people he taught and mentored through the years. He lives on as a lasting lesson in the power of science to help others.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. WOMACK of Arkansas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702 and the order

of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Ms. Lori Schwartz of Omaha, Nebraska.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years: Mrs. MARTHA ROBY of Montgomery, Alabama.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20944), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors: Mr. Elliot Berke of Arlington, Virginia.

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-2454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 9965-31-OLEM) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2455. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2456. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0837); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2457. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Selection Criteria that Apply to Direct Grant Programs" (RIN1855-AA13) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2458. 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 "Civil Money Penalty Amounts; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0011) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2459. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, De-

partment 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 Compliance Date; Extension of Comment Period; Correction" ((RIN0910-ZA48) (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0172)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2460. 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 Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2461. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AB15) received during adjournment of the Senate 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 petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii submitting an application to the United States Congress to restore free and fair elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, according to The Federalist No. 52 by James Madison, the framers of the Constitution of the United States intended that the Congress of the United States should be "dependent on the people alone"; and

Whereas, the "dependency on the people alone" has evolved into a dependency on powerful special interests that act through campaigns or third-party groups, thereby creating a fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy; and

Whereas, Americans across the political spectrum agree that elections in the United States should be free from the disproportional influence of special interests and fair enough that any citizen can be elected into office; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution requires Congress to convene a convention for proposing amendments to the federal Constitution on the application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii desires to restore balance and integrity to our elections by proposing a federal constitutional amendment to permanently protect free and fair elections in the United States by addressing issues raised by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), and related cases and events; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature desires that Hawaii have an equal number of delegates to the Convention as any other state; provided that former or current federal office holders, whether elected or appointed, are not eligible to serve as delegates to the Convention; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature shall retain the ability to restrict or expand the authority of its delegates within the limits expressed herein; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature intends that this continuing application shall be considered with the applications that have been adopted by the 2013-2014 Vermont Legislature, the 2013-2014 California Legislature, the Ninety-eighth Illinois General Assembly, the 2014-2015 New Jersey Legislature, and the 2015-2016 Rhode Island Legislature, as well as all applications that are subsequently adopted until two-thirds of the several states have applied for, and Congress has convened, a convention for proposing amendments to restore free and fair elections: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the people of the State of Hawaii speaking through its Legislature, hereby submit an application to the United States Congress to restore free and fair elections as described herein; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; Vice President of the United States, as presiding officer of the United States Senate; President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; the Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sunrise, Florida urging the United States Congress to oppose the proposed elimination of the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs and supporting full funding in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-81. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sunrise, Florida urging the United States Congress to enact legislation modernizing the immigration system during the 115th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 810. A bill to facilitate construction of a bridge on certain property in Christian County, Missouri, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-142).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 669. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-143).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 154. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of transmissible diseases are eligible for disaster relief.

S. 650. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand tax credit education and training for small businesses that engage in research and development, and for other purposes.

S. 690. A bill to extend the eligibility of re-designated areas as HUBZones from 3 years to 7 years.