

people who are committed to telling their stories and honoring those who have served. The local northwest Montana chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America in the Flathead Valley, which now has more than 100 members, has been an important partner working to ensure veterans who fought in the Vietnam war are receiving the care, honor, and distinction they have earned.

The Vietnam Veterans of America has become an invaluable part of the community, hosting bingo events at the Montana veterans home, providing residents and staff with an annual picnic, helping with many ceremonies, and working with the Flathead Valley Community College Veterans with a scholarship for veteran students.

John Burgess and the northwest Montana chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America are carrying on this legacy of service September 7 to 10 with the arrival of the traveling Vietnam veterans memorial wall in Kalispell. Through "Bringing the Wall that Heals," countless Vietnam veterans and their families will be presented with an opportunity to find peace and closure while honoring those we have lost in service. This special event helps mark the 35th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

On Veterans Day of 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, the "Wall That Heals" has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout the Nation, spreading the memorial's healing legacy to millions.

To John, the northwest Montana chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America and all those who dedicated their lives to this country in service, on behalf of myself, Montana, and our Nation, I extend my greatest thanks for your enduring bravery, service, and self-sacrifice.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE S. HAERLE

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize, with the highest respect, the service and life of George Shepard Haerle for his dedication to serving Indiana and the Nora Community Council, NCC. Over the course of NCC's 50-year history, George has volunteered 47 years of his own to leave an indelible mark on the Nora community. The great State of Indiana is proud of and ever thankful for George's distinguished commitment and exemplary service.

Since its founding, the Nora Community Council has covered 12 square miles with 25,000 to 28,000 Hoosier residents, including 60 local neighborhoods under the civic umbrella. As a chairman of the NCC, George commits hundreds of hours each year to promote growth, development, and the general welfare of the Nora community.

George Haerle's renowned service was rightfully recognized on July 29, 2017, when Governor Eric Holcomb bestowed upon him Indiana's most prestigious designation, a Sagamore of the Wabash. George follows in the footsteps of his father, Rudolf K. Haerle, who was also recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash for his contributions to the State as the first president of the Civil War Round Table and a former long-time member of the Library Board of the Indiana Historical Society.

George has not only been a role model for the NCC, but he has also been an outstanding advocate for the community of Nora-Northside. His remarkable service is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family, including 7 daughters, 1 son, and 18 grandchildren. On behalf of myself and all Hoosiers, for his selfless and lifelong commitment, George is worthy of the highest praise. I feel truly privileged to have him as a fellow and lifelong Hoosier.●

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 533

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to pause and recognize the accomplishments of Boy Scout Troop No. 533 from my home State of Indiana. For the past 90 years, Boy Scout Troop No. 533 in Munster, IN, has been instilling the values of respect, honesty, and leadership in young Hoosiers that have had a lasting impact on our State. I am very proud of troop No. 533 for all of their service over the past 90 years and applaud their dedication to bettering their community.

Boy Scout Troop No. 533 was formed in 1927 by Munster native Mr. Muary Kraay when he was in eighth grade. Since its founding, troop No. 533 has been active in their community. During World War II, the Boy Scouts organized parades and rallies for war bonds, planted community gardens, practiced blackout drills, and participated in wartime recycling programs. On June 14, 1947, when President Coolidge dedicated Wicker Park in Highland, IN, troop No. 533 was there to welcome him. The Boy Scouts also had a crucial role during the September 2008 flooding of the Little Calumet River. In anticipation of the flood, troop No. 533 assisted in filling sandbags, and after the flood, they assisted in yard cleanup and regravelling driveways. Over the past 90 years, Boy Scout Troop No. 533 has produced over 100 Eagle Scouts, one of the highest levels of honor a Boy Scout can achieve.

I would like to thank Boy Scout Troop No. 533 for their 90 years of outstanding public service. On behalf of all Hoosiers, congratulations on your 90th anniversary.●

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.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1757. A bill to strengthen border security, increase resources for enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1359. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-144).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1057. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-145).

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

S. 870. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit (Rept. No. 115-146).

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

S. 1393. A bill to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses.

S. 1532. A bill to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking.

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1536. A bill to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Jay Patrick Murray, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in

the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

*Jay Patrick Murray, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

*Michael Arthur Raynor, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Nominee: Raynor, Michael Arthur.

Post: Ethiopia.

(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: None.
2. Spouse: Raynor, Kathleen M.: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Raynor, Bradley J.—None; Raynor, Emma C.—None.
4. Parents: Raynor, Albert P.—Deceased; Raynor, Margaret B.—Deceased.
5. Grandparents: Raynor, Albert B.—Deceased; Raynor, Hazel P.—Deceased; Bradley, William—Deceased; Bradley, Beatrice M.—Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Raynor, Gregory P.—None; Raynor, Geoffrey B.—Deceased.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Raynor, Catherine L.—None.

*Maria E. Brewer, of Indiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Nominee Maria E. Brewer.

Post Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Mark A. Brewer: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Arina N. Brewer: None.
4. Parents: William C. and Maria E. Pallick: None.
5. Grandparents: Gregorio and Domitila Lerma: Deceased; John and Mary Pallick: Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: William C. and Margaret Pallick: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*John P. Desrocher, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Nominee: John Desrocher.

Post: Embassy Algiers.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: Karen Rose: none.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A.

4. Parents: Mary Desrocher, none; Roy Desrocher—deceased.

5. Grandparents: Clifford Desrocher—deceased; Lillian Desrocher—deceased; Peter Grant—deceased; Florence Grant—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael Desrocher: none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Victoria Merecki: none; James Merecki: none.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Peter E. Deegan, Jr., of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Marc Krickbaum, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

D. Michael Dunavant, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Louis V. Franklin, Sr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Jessie K. Liu, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

*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. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1732. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1733. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to revise regulations relating to oversold flights to prohibit the forcible removal of passengers from such flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1734. A bill to improve the regulatory process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1735. A bill to limit the removal of a special counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. STRANGE):

S. 1736. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to adjust limitations on certain Farm Service Agency guaranteed and direct loans; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1737. A bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1738. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a home infusion therapy services temporary transitional payment under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1739. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that an individual's entitlement to any benefit thereunder shall continue through the month of his or her death (without affecting any other person's entitlement to benefits for that month) and that such individual's benefit shall be payable for such month only to the extent proportionate to the number of days in such month preceding the date of such individual's death; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1740. A bill to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached and to provide a limited and temporary authority to exceed the debt limit for priority obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1741. A bill to ensure independent investigations by allowing judicial review of the removal of a special counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1742. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an option for any citizen or permanent resident of the United States age 55 to 64 to buy into Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1743. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create tax incentives for coal community zones, to provide education and training opportunities for individuals living and working in coal communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 1744. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to amend certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1745. A bill to revise the boundaries of a John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit in Topsail, North Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE,