

We congratulate Major General Sayler on a distinguished and exemplary career serving our Nation and leading the Idaho National Guard. Idaho has benefited greatly from his steady, astute leadership. We wish him and his family the very best and thank him for his dedicated service to Idaho and our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO NORM STEADMAN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I wish to honor Norm Steadman for his longtime, dedicated service as mayor of Weippe, ID.

Weippe was incorporated in 1964, but its roots go much further back. The Weippe Prairie is known to have been inhabited by the Nez Perce Indians. The city notes that it was not far from the present townsite in 1805 that Lewis and Clark had their first encounter with the Nez Perce Indians. This beautiful and strong community is nestled among many recreation opportunities, including historic trails, fishing, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, and all-terrain vehicle resources.

Over the years, the community has seen its share of booms and busts. It has been touched by the fur trade, gold rush, the Homestead Act, and the logging industry. The town's current population of approximately 400 faces many of the challenges experienced by rural western towns with an enduring commitment to their community.

Serving as mayor for a remarkable nearly 50 years following his initial appointment to the position in 1968, Mayor Steadman has led through considerable growing pains with a steady hand and commitment to his community that befit his name. A deep desire to help others and a sense of responsibility to lead his community are clear characteristics of Mayor Steadman's. His decades of leadership and working to overcome challenges with limited resources are commendable. Thank you, Mayor Steadman, for your nearly 50 years of dedicated service. You are truly leading by example by continuously stepping up to assist.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE FOURNIER

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Steve Fournier of Butte, a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable Montanans. Steve is known by his peers for his dedication, compassion, and integrity working to help the homeless.

For nearly 16 years, Steve has helped Montanans find housing stability through his work as a case manager and service advocate for locally administered housing programs. When the rescue mission served as the emergency housing alternative for the Butte area after it closed earlier this year, Steve helped 22 households find a safe and warm place to stay. His efforts have helped many of his neighbors in southwest Montana overcome crisis situations and transition to a more hopeful path.

Steve's demonstrated commitment to assisting others is a genuine reflection of uncommon moral stamina. The Treasure State is humbled and blessed to have people like Mr. Fournier call Montana home. Thank you, Steve, for repeatedly finding a refuge in times of trouble.●

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHWAN'S COMPANY STILWELL FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY

● Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I am pleased to recognize the Schwan's Company on the 75th anniversary of their Stilwell food production facility. This is a significant milestone for Schwan's and its employees, but also for Adair County and the entire State of Oklahoma. Throughout their 75 years, Schwan's has been a committed community partner, hiring over 300 residents and supporting hunger relief and youth activities.

The food production facility in Stilwell, originally called the Stilwell Canning Company, first opened in 1942 when World War II drove up the demand for canned items. The company has demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence, first expanding in 1999, when it became the largest frozen dessert production plant in the country. After being acquired by Schwan's Company in 2003, they have continued to invest in the plant and its employees, putting the facility on the leading edge of pie production in the country. Today the plant is a 610,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that employs about 300 people.

Congratulations on your 75th anniversary, and I look forward to seeing Schwan's continue to make a positive impact in Stilwell.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 469. An act to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3329. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3342. An act to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes.

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 469. An act to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3342. An act to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3329. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 26, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 504. An act to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-3275. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-130. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas rescinding

certain applications made by the Texas Legislature to the United States Congress to call a national convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for proposing any amendment to the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Whereas, Over the years, the Texas Legislature has approved resolutions officially applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention, under the terms of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to offer various amendments to that Constitution; and

Whereas, While no Article V amendatory convention has yet taken place thus far in American history, nevertheless, there is a very real possibility that one, or more than one, could be triggered at some point in the future; and

Whereas, Regardless of their age, such past applications from Texas lawmakers remain alive and valid until such time as they are later formally rescinded; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2017, hereby officially rescinds, repeals, revokes, cancels, voids, and nullifies any and all, applications from Texas legislators prior to the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, other than the application provided by H.C.R. No. 31, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, that apply to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, regardless of how old such previous applications might be, and irrespective of what subject matters such applications pertained to; and, be it further

Resolved, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2017, hereby declares that any application to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution that is submitted by the Texas Legislature during or after this Regular Session shall be automatically rescinded, repealed, revoked, canceled, voided, and nullified if the applicable convention is not called on or before the eighth anniversary of the date the last legislative vote is taken on the application; and, be it further

Resolved, That, in a manner which would furnish confirmation of delivery and tracking while en route, the Texas secretary of state shall transmit properly certified copies of this joint resolution of rescission, pursuant to the Standing Rules of the United States Senate (namely, Rule VII, paragraphs 4, 5, and 6), to the vice president of the United States (in his capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate and addressed to him at the office which he maintains inside the United States Capitol Building); to the secretary and parliamentarian of the United States Senate; and to both United States senators representing Texas; accompanied by a cover letter to each addressee drawing attention to the fact that it is the 85th Texas Legislature's courteous, yet firm, request that the substance of this joint resolution be accurately summarized in the United States House of Representatives' portion of the Congressional Record as an official memorial to the United States House of Representatives, and that this joint resolution be referred to whichever committee or committees of the United States House of Representatives that would have appropriate jurisdiction in this matter.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Stayce D. Harris, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Twanda E. Young, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Roger D. Murdock, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. David D. Thompson, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Ralph L. Schwader, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Donald B. Absher, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Richard E. Angle and ending with Col. Darren L. Werner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Douglas F. Stitt)

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Keith Y. Tamashiro, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Eric P. Wendt, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Christopher W. Grady, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Bruce H. Lindsey, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the Records on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with James A. Fant and ending with Dustin D. Harlin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Air Force nomination of Erik M. Mudrinich, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Scott M. Abbott and ending with Kristina M. Zuccarelli, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nomination of Adrian L. Nelson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Todd M. Chard, to be Major.

Army nomination of Tristan D. Harrington, to be Major.

Army nomination of David S. Lyle, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of George B. Inabinet, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Benjamin A. Barbeau and ending with Blair D. Tighe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Garrett K. Anderson and ending with Roger D. Plaster, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Joshua A. Akers and ending with D013005, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Jonathan L. Abbott and ending with Bovey Z. Zhu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Janetta R. Blackmore and ending with Jeffrey E. Oli-

ver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Steven A. Baty and ending with Alisa R. Wilma, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Wesley J. Anderson and ending with Hope M. Williamson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Gina E. Adam and ending with David R. Zinnante, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with David J. H. Chang and ending with Matthew J. Yandura, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nomination of Samuel A. Redding, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Sativa M. Franklin, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Maurice O. Barnett and ending with Aaron C. Barta, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nomination of Grant R. Barge, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael W. Chung, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Chemitra M. Clay and ending with John C. Hubbard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nomination of Charles K. Bergman, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert S. Patton, Jr., to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Jason P. Affolder and ending with D012388, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Andre B. Abadie and ending with G001060, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Winfield A. Adkins and ending with D013960, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Marine Corps nomination of John J. Straub, to be Major.

Navy nominations beginning with Suzanne T. Alford and ending with Laura C. Yoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Roy A. Aduna and ending with Kirtley N. Yeiser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Calvin Loper and ending with Billy W. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Maureen M. Derks and ending with Jeffrey P. Sharp, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Daniel T. Barnes and ending with Jacquelyn O. Vermilloherman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Shamire E. Branch and ending with Alanna B. Youngblood, which nominations were received by