

then, I have repeatedly relied on her counsel and deep knowledge of the valley.

Her relationships and devotion to the community have been invaluable, and I will miss her insights and perspective. It has been an honor to work with Charlotte, and I wish her a long and happy retirement. I know our friendship will continue for years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR MICHAEL ‘PAKO’ BENITEZ

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Maj. Michael ‘Pako’ Benitez for all of his hard work on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota while working in my Washington, DC, office.

Pako entered military service in 1997 and has devoted his career to the United States Armed Forces. Before his time in my office, Pako served as a flight commander and F-15E instructor weapons system officer. Pako’s experiences and expertise have been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Pako for his service to our country. I wish him continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO SHELLI COFFEY

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Shelli Coffey for all of her hard work on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota while working in my Washington, DC, office.

Shelli has spent her career working at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, spending time in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. Shelli’s insight into regulations and community banks has been a true asset to the office.

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

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES McMILLAN

• Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, it is an honor to recognize Dr. Charles McMillan for his leadership and service at Los Alamos National Laboratory as he plans his retirement at the end of this year.

For 6 years, Dr. McMillan has served as director of Los Alamos, which employs some of the best and brightest minds in the Nation and is indispensable to our Nation’s security and scientific and technology innovation.

It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. McMillan to support LANL’s national security missions and position the lab so it will continue to play vital role in nuclear security, cutting-edge research, and scientific advances in the decades ahead.

Under Dr. McMillan’s leadership, LANL has undertaken critical work to modernize our nuclear weapons complex through the Stockpile Stewardship Program.

The multidisciplinary science and engineering at LANL has also produced new materials and technologies with applications such as earth system modeling, supercomputing analysis, exploration of Mars, and improved responses to global health crises.

I have especially appreciated Dr. McMillan’s commitment to working with the lab’s surrounding communities in northern New Mexico.

The incredible success of Los Alamos depends on building trusting relationships with local communities.

I have been proud to work with Dr. McMillan to bring together LANL leadership, regional colleges, universities, and public schools to train more New Mexicans to become part of LANL’s future workforce.

I am grateful for the steps Dr. McMillan has taken to engage with the regional coalition of LANL communities on important issues such as contracting with local small businesses and cleaning up legacy waste.

I commend Dr. McMillan for his incredible record of service to our Nation addressing some of our most complex issues and challenges.

It has been an honor for me to know Charlie, and I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors. •

#### TRIBUTE TO MARGIE ALT

• Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, Margie Alt belongs on the Mount Rushmore of environmental advocates. For more than three decades, first at U.S. PIRG and then Environment America, Margie has been one of the leading generals in this monumental fight to combat climate change and protect our environment.

It was Margie’s vision that transformed U.S. PIRG and Environment America into the powerhouse environmental advocacy organization it is today, with more than 1 million members across the country. Because of her leadership, EA doesn’t just stand for Environment America, it also stands for everywhere in America, because that is where she planted the seeds of grassroots change and political activation.

As a tireless consumer protection champion, she has ensured that America’s air and water is clean, our beaches and waterways are protected, and the public is safeguarded from toxic threats. She led groundbreaking work to organize the majority of State Renewable Electricity Standards in America, laying the foundation for the clean energy revolution that is now unstoppable. Her voice, passion, and strategic brilliance have been indispensable as the environmental movement she helped build takes on climate deniers and corporate polluters.

For her entire career, Margie has stood up for the public’s health, stood

against the special interests who would despoil our lands, and stood for integrity and progress. She is truly Massachusetts’ commitment to public service personified. America has been fortunate to have had Margie Alt’s extraordinary leadership for these many years, and I have been fortunate to call her my friend. •

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE NINCEHELTER

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize George Nincehelser, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

George recently graduated from the University of Nebraska where he majored in criminal justice and received minors in Arabic, national security, and global studies. He 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 George for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come. •

#### RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

• Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, today I wish to formally recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, NIAAA, which is headquartered in Indianapolis, IN. Since its founding in 1977, the NIAAA has established itself as a leading professional organization for educational-based athletic programs for academic institutions nationwide. This association plays a critical role in the development of our young people as athletic administrators work tirelessly to provide access to extracurricular activities, teach strong work habits, and promote civil engagement.

December of 2017 will mark the 40th year since launching the NIAAA mission. The organization has since grown to over 11,000 members nationwide. Currently, its core curriculum consists of 45 courses with a budget over \$1.8 million. Despite the known fact that physical activity improves the overall personal development of young adults, evidence argues that the quality of coaching impacts the developmental effects of extramural sports. To ensure that positive, professional development is preserved, the NIAAA offers resources for secondary school athletic administrators to manage safe, high-quality athletic programs for all students. Along with professional educational opportunities, the NIAAA has participated in 10 years of scholarship donations totaling to \$120,000 and recognizing 600 students as scholarship essay winners.

The NIAAA's commitment to its mission and its efforts to provide developed leaders is inspiring. In acknowledgement of its success, the NIAAA became the first national association to be accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement in the post-secondary division. The NIAAA has also developed the only all-inclusive Professional Education Program and Certification Program for secondary school athletic administrators.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the NIAAA for their renowned administrators and for their dedication to America's youth. As one of Indiana's Senators, I am honored to represent the NIAAA and commend their commitment to responsible athletic administration. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 1164. An act to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens.

H.R. 3317. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for female genital mutilation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3731. An act to provide overtime pay for employees of the United States Secret Service, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to clause 11 of rule I, the Speaker removes the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Walden, as a conferee and appoints the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Upton, to fill the vacancy thereon to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 228. An act to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3317. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for female genital mutilation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3731. An act to provide overtime pay for employees of the United States Secret

Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2192. A bill to strengthen border security, increase resources for enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2199. A bill to authorize appropriations for border infrastructure construction, to provide conditional resident status to certain aliens, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for alien members of criminal gangs and cartels, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 6, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 371. An act to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "America's Aging Workforce: Opportunities and Challenges" (Rept. No. 115-191).

#### 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. GRASSLEY:

S. 2195. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2196. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 2197. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the credit for increasing research activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2198. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2199. A bill to authorize appropriations for border infrastructure construction, to

provide conditional resident status to certain aliens, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for alien members of criminal gangs and cartels, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2200. A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 2201. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve college access and college completion for all students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2202. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2203. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 349. A resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 2d Infantry Division; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 611

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to meet the needs of homeless children, youth, and families, and honor the assessments and priorities of local communities.

S. 949

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 949, a bill to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to create a classification that more accurately reflects the vital role of wildland firefighters.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to correct problems pertaining to human resources for career and volunteer personnel engaged in wildland fire and structure fire.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of