

employee engagement, and excellence across the nuclear security enterprise.

We enjoyed the many interactions we had with General Klotz. He was always happy to sit down and discuss any concerns we had and work with us to resolve those issues. He also worked closely with us to get large construction projects, like the Uranium Process Facility, on schedule and on budget.

His selfless commitment to serving our Nation has left us safer and better prepared to respond to threats around the world. He leaves a legacy of service, commitment to people, and dedication to our Nation. With our deepest gratitude, we wish him the very best in retirement after an impressive and impactful career.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CURTIS AND MARLYS SCHWADERER

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Curtis and Marlys Schwaderer for their many years of service to the community of Superior, MT, as owners of Mineral Pharmacy. For decades, Mineral Pharmacy has been a cornerstone business in the community, providing vital services for its people.

A graduate of the pharmacy school at the University of Montana, Curtis purchased the pharmacy 27 years ago. Together, he and his wife, Marlys, ran the business and raised two sons in the community. As Superior has struggled with the decline of the timber industry with rising unemployment and falling incomes, the Schwaderers and their business have been a constant and stabilizing presence, a beacon of certainty in uncertain times.

In November, after 43 years as pharmacist and 27 years at Mineral Pharmacy, Curtis retired, and he and Marlys announced they were selling the business. Under new ownership, the pharmacy continues to serve the community of Superior, and the Schwaderers themselves remain members of the community. The Schwaderers and Mineral Pharmacy are an excellent example of what committed community members and a business can mean to a small town. Every day, in small towns across Montana, you will find hard-working people like the Schwaderers and small businesses like Mineral Pharmacy working hard to keep our communities strong. They are truly the lifeblood of our State.

Thank you, Curtis and Marlys, for your many years of hard work and service to your community. I wish you all the best in your next chapter.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:03 a.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. 3326. An act to increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at the World Bank.

H.R. 3445. An act to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of programs under the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3776. An act to support United States international cyber diplomacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4258. An act to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate use of assistance under sections 8 and 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 with public and private resources, to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4279. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise any rules necessary to enable closed-end companies to use the securities offering and proxy rules that are available to other issuers of securities.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:37 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:

S. 117. An act to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as "Alex Diekmann Peak".

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 139. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to improve foreign intelligence collection and the safeguards, accountability, and oversight of acquisitions of foreign intelligence, to extend title VII of such Act, and for other purposes.

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

At 7:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 195) to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Fed-

eral Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3326. An act to increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at the World Bank; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3776. An act to support United States international cyber diplomacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4258. An act to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate use of assistance under sections 8 and 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 with public and private resources, to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4279. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise any rules necessary to enable closed-end companies to use the securities offering and proxy rules that are available to other issuers of securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 2070, A bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism (Rept. No. 115-200).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Dana Balocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2017.

*James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

*Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

*Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2018.

*Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

*Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Carlos Trujillo.

Post: Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

(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: \$1,000, 12/22/2015, Carlos Lopez-Cantera for Senate.

2. Spouse: Carmen Maria Mir, None.

3. Children and Spouses: Carlos Manuel Trujillo, none; Isabella Alba Trujillo, none; Juan Pablo Trujillo, none; Felipe Andres Trujillo, none.

4. Parents: Georgina Hernandez, none; Ruben Trujillo, none.

5. Grandparents: Manuel Jose Fernandez, none; Alba Rosa Fernandez—deceased, none; Domingo Ruben Trujillo, none; Mirta Trujillo, none.

6. Brothers and Spouses: David Trujillo, none; Gianina Trujillo, none; Catalina Trujillo, none; Ruben Trujillo, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Jennifer Hernandez, none.

*Joel Danies, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Nominee: Joel Danies.

Post: Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: \$200, 10/19/2012, Obama for America.

2. Spouse: Caren Danies: \$200, 10/30/2016, Hillary Victory Fund.

3. Children and Spouses: Judson A. Danies 0; Blair H. A. Danies 0.

4. Parents: Edward Danies—Deceased; Marie-Therese Daines—Deceased.

5. Grandparents: George Danies—Deceased; Lucy Danies—Deceased; Narbal Boucard—Deceased; Leoni Boucard—Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Alexandra Hepler, 0.

*James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Luxembourg.

Nominee: James Randolph Evans.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Luxembourg.

(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 amount:

Self, Spouse, Children and Spouses, Parents, Grandparents, Brothers and Spouses, Sisters and Spouses: See Attachment A

ATTACHMENT A

Linda Evans, John McCallum for Congress, 2013—\$1,000.

Linda Evans, Pridemore for Congress, 2013—\$1,000.

Linda Evans, The Guardian Fund, 2013—\$1,000.

Linda Evans, Westmoreland, Lynn A., 2013—\$1,000.

Linda Evans, Shannon for Senate, 2014—\$1,000.

Linda Evans, Nathan Deal for Governor, Inc., 2014—\$6,300.

J. Randolph Evans, Republican National Committee, 2012—\$2,500.

J. Randolph Evans, Republican National Committee, 2013—\$32,400.00.

J. Randolph Evans, Republican National Committee, 2014—\$32,400.00.

J. Randolph Evans, Republican National Committee, 2015—\$25,000.00.

J. Randolph Evans, Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 2016—\$270.

J. Randolph Evans, Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 2016—\$750.

J. Randolph Evans, Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 2016—\$1,000.

J. Randolph Evans, Republican Party, Inc., 2017—\$225.

James Evans, Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 2012, \$800.00.

James Evans, Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 2012, \$1,000.00.

James Randolph Evans, Republican National Committee, 2016, \$350.

Randy Evans, Romney for President, Inc., 2012, \$2,500.

Randy Evans, Republican National Committee, 2013, \$350.

Randy Evans, Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 2013, \$125.

Randy Evans, Nathan Deal for Governor, Inc., Primary 2014, \$6,300.

Randy Evans, Nathan Deal for Governor, Inc., General 2014, \$6,300.

Randy Evans, Senate District 12, 2015, \$500.

Randy Evans, Republican National Committee, 2016, \$300.

Randy Evans, Republican National Committee, 2016, \$300.

Randy Evans, Republican National Committee, 2016, \$19,600.

Randy Evans, Georgia Republican Party, 2016, \$130.

Randy Evans, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., 2016, \$2,700.

Randy Evans, Trump for President, 2016, \$25,000.

Randy Evans, Georgia Republican Party, 2016, \$270.

Randy Evans, Georgia Republican Party, 2016, \$750.

Randy Evans, Georgia Republican Party, 2016, \$1,000.

*Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Nominee: Richard Allen Grenell.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Germany.

(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: \$1,000, 6/19/2013, Lindsey Graham; \$250, 9/11/2013, Mitch McConnell; \$1,000, 9/16/2014, Ed Royce; \$5,400, 6/05/2015, Rob Portman; \$1,000, 6/11/2005, John McCain.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: None.

4. Parents: Judith Grenell, None; Denny Grenell—Deceased.

5. Grandparents: Nate Grenell—Deceased; Esther Grenell—Deceased; Rueben Pearson—Deceased; Gladys Pearson—Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Bradley Grenell, None; Jeffrey Grenell, None; Kerri Grenell, None; Jane Grenell, None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Deborah Grenell Kells, None; Dennis Kells, None.

*Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

*Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations 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.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Marc Clayton Gilkey and ending with Mark A. Myers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2018.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Alyce S. Ahn and ending with Michele D. Woonacott, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2018.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Priya U. Amin and ending with Erik Z. Zahnen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2018.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Angela P. Aggeler and ending with Mari Jain Womack, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2018. (minus 1 nominee: Robert F. Grech)

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Barbara Stewart, of Illinois, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

*William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

*James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

*Brett Giroir, of Texas, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*Kenneth L. Marcus, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

*Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

*Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

*Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Elizabeth L. Branch, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Annemarie Carney Axon, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Thomas Alvin Farr, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

William M. Ray II, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Liles Clifton Burke, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Michael Joseph Juneau, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Emily Coody Marks, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Holly Lou Teeter, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

R. Stan Baker, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Charles Barnes Goodwin, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Matthew J. Kacsmayk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Eli Jeremy Richardson, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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

Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John H. Durham, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Michael T. Baylous, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Daniel R. McKittrick, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi 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. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2319. A bill to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2320. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the national limitation amount for qualified highway or surface freight transfer facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2321. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the development of ethics plans for certain transition teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2322. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 2323. A bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to change certain requirements relating to the capital structure of business development companies, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise certain rules relating to business development companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 374. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2018, as "Darwin Day" and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. JONES):

S. Res. 375. A resolution congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football Playoff National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 14

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 14, a bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms.

CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans.

S. 892

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 892, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to establish additional registration requirements for prescribers of opioids, and for other purposes.

S. 915

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 915, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1503

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to provide that the owner of a water right may use the water for the cultivation of industrial hemp, if otherwise authorized by State law.

S. 2055

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to better address substance use and substance use disorders among young people.

S. 2121

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2121, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of certain data by providers and suppliers of air ambulance services for purposes of reforming reimbursements for such services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2122

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2122, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding reasonable break time for nursing mothers.

S. 2147

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor