

and emergency medical technicians are volunteers, making significant personal and financial sacrifices to keep the rest of us safe. We owe them all a very deep debt of gratitude.

In particular, I would like to mention one individual from my State of Vermont: Chris “Jake” Jakubiak. This year, the American Ambulance Association honored Chris as a “Star of Life,” for his exceptional skills and commitment to his patients and community. In addition to his full-time job, for the past 14 years, Chris has served as a part-time emergency medical technician. Chris has also been a volunteer firefighter for the past 31 years. To my mind, this kind of selfless service to his community makes Chris a true hero.

Of course, Chris is not alone in this regard. Emergency medical services are a critical component of a robust primary care system in the health infrastructure in Vermont and all across the country; yet it is clear they face significant challenges in terms of recruiting and retaining volunteers, stocking enough medication, and accessing essential equipment. To my mind, if a person is willing to risk their life to protect others, then we in Congress should be able to provide them with the resources they need to do the job. That should include incentives for young people to become paramedics and emergency medical technicians and funding for these providers to purchase enough naloxone and EpiPens and maintain emergency vehicles, among other solutions.

At a time when we are relying more and more on our first responders to protect our communities from crises like the opioid epidemic and natural disasters, we must do everything we can to support these hard-working and dedicated neighbors.●

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

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 6, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate,

received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 770. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2061. An act to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res 60. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. NUNES, STEWART, and SCHIFF.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of sections 1252 and 1523 of the House bill, and sections 4, 1002, 1032, and 1721 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WOMACK and YARMUTH.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 228, 563, 564, 1094, and 3120C of the House bill, and sections 561–63 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. FOXX and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 701, 712, 1083, 1096, 3111–13, 3118, 3119, 3132, and 4305 of the House bill, and sections 315, 601, 714, 3111–15, 5802, and 7509 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WALDEN, HUDSON, and PALLONE.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 12990–2 and 1236 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HENSARLING, BARR, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 346, 1042, 1202–06, 1210, 1211, 1221–23, 1230A, 1230D, 1230F, 1231, 1234, 1236, 1237, 1239, 1240, 1254–56, 1264, 1267, 1268, 1271, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1288, 12990–1, 12990–2, 12990–3, 12990–4, 1301, 1302, 1521, 1522, and 3116 of the House bill, and section 331, 1061, 1063, 1201–04, 1207, 1211, 1213, 1221–23, 1231–33, 1241, 1244, 1245, 1261, 1262, 1264–66, 1269, 1301, 1302, 1531, 1622, 1623, 1654, 3113, 3116, 6002, 6202–04, 6701, and 6702 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROYCE of California, MAST, and ENGEL.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1634 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. McCaul, RATCLIFFE, and THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 826, 1043, 1050B, 1073, 1074, 1079, 1085, 1087, 1090, 12990–2, 4319, and 4710 of the House bill, and sections 1025, 1035, and 1715 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, SENSENBRENNER, and NADLER.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 313, 314, 316, 342, 1043, 1076, 1079, 2822, 2830, 2830A, 2831, 2832, 2845–47, 3402, 3549, 4810, 4837, division E, and section 6101 of the House bill, and sections 601, 2833, 2836, and 7518 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WESTERMAN and GRIJALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 506, 511, 569, 822, 831, 832, 834, 835, 860, 875, 880–84, 886, 917, 1101–11, 4711, and 4829 of the House bill, and sections 568, 595, 607, 632, 702, 813, 902, 937, 1101–05, 1122–25, 1254B, 1628, 1639, 1640, 1716, 1726, 2835, and 6702 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SANFORD, ROSS, and LYNCH.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 854, 858, and 1603 of the House bill, and sections 893 and 1604 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SMITH of Texas, LUCAS, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 811, 851–58, 861, 863–68, and 2803 of the House bill, and sections 893, 1626, and 6006 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHABOT, KNIGHT, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 518, 554, 883, 1044, 1049, 1050B, 1075, 1095, 1111, 2848, 3501, 3504, 3522–25, 3528, 3529, and division D of the House bill, and sections 153, 556, 601, 1604, 3501, 3502, 7501, 7502, 7507–09, 7515, and 7517 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mrs. COMSTOCK and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

From the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, for consideration of sections 547, 552, 582, 1411, and 2844 of the House bill, and sections 721, 726, and 1431 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROE of Tennessee, POLIQUIN, and WALZ.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 701 of the House bill, and section 6201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. REICHERT, ROSKAM, and NEAL.

For consideration of sections 313, 314, 316, 342, 1043, 1076, 1079, 1252, 2822, 2830, 2830A, 2831, 2832, 2845–47, 3402, 3549, 4810, 4837, division E, and section 6101 of the House bill and sections 4, 601, 1002, 1032, 1721, 2833, 2836, and 7518 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BERGMAN.

For consideration of sections 228, 518, 554, 563, 564, 883, 1044, 1049, 1050B, 1075, 1094, 1095, 1111, 2848, 3120C, 3501, 3504, 3522–25, 3528, 3529, and division D of the House bill and sections 153, 556, 561–63, 601, 1604, 3501, 3502, 7501, 7502, 7507–09, 7515, and 7517 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 50802 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law

115–123), 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 Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: Dr. James Sullivan of South Bend, Indiana.

The message further announced that pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b)), 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 National Council on the Arts: Mr. GLENN THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2511. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115–291).

S. 2717. A bill to reauthorize provisions relating to the Maritime Administration (Rept. No. 115–292).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 808. A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 1112. A bill to support States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 3029. A bill to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act).

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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 3183. A bill to require large ticket agents to adopt minimum customer service standards for the purchase of air fares and related passenger air transportation services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3184. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements for applications for construction of State home facilities to increase the maximum percentage of nonveterans allowed to be treated at such facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 3185. A bill to support the preparation and retention of outstanding educators in all

fields to ensure a bright future for children and youth in under-resourced and underserved communities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. JONES):

S. 3186. A bill to require the Internal Revenue Service to establish, incrementally over five years, a nationwide program to provide personal identification numbers to taxpayers to help prevent tax-related identity theft; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. Res. 569. A resolution recognizing the importance of public park and recreation facilities and activities and providing for the designation of the month of July 2018 as "Park and Recreation Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 108

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 108, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 379

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 379, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 389

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that kombucha is exempt from any excise taxes and regulations imposed on alcoholic beverages.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to veterans.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 888, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory.

S. 1212

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1212, a bill to provide family members of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others, and law enforcement, with new tools to prevent gun violence.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2265, a bill to promote democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua, and for other purposes.

S. 2436

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2436, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the amount of certain qualified conservation contributions.

S. 2554

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2554, a bill to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees.

S. 2597

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2597, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2835

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2835, a bill to require a study of the well-being of the newsprint and publishing industry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2881

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2881, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the city of Vallejo, California, for the transfer of Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California, and for other purposes.