

TRIBUTE TO AUSTIN EGGLE

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Austin Eggl, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Austin is a graduate of Bishop Ryan High School, in Minot, ND. Currently, he is attending Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD, where he is majoring in business. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Austin for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

REMEMBERING MARLENE MCCARTHY

• Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, Rhode Island has lost a tireless champion in the fight against breast cancer, Marlene McCarthy. Marlene's dedication to this cause was well known throughout Rhode Island and across Capitol Hill.

Marlene cofounded the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition in 1992 and represented Rhode Island on the National Breast Cancer Coalition's board of directors and executive committee. Under her leadership, the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition established a helpline for breast cancer patients and a Breast Cancer Resource Center and provided countless support services to Rhode Islanders facing this terrible disease.

Her advocacy was not limited to Rhode Island. Marlene regularly visited me in Washington, DC, advocating for stronger Federal funding for breast cancer research and broader access to the best possible breast cancer care. At Marlene's urging, I introduced the Accelerating the End of Breast Cancer Act, legislation to set a goal of eradicating breast cancer by 2020.

The driving force behind Marlene's hard work and boundless persistence was her dream of a future free from the scourge of breast cancer for her granddaughters. It is in Marlene's memory that I pledge to continue to fight for policies that will make her dream a reality.

I offer my condolences to Marlene's family and to the breast cancer community. Marlene's legacy will live on through the family and loved ones she has left behind, the continuing work of the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition, and the countless people she inspired through her advocacy and compassion. She will be missed.●

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:02 a.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. 6042. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to delay the reduction in Federal medical assistance percentage for Medicaid personal care services furnished without an electronic visit verification system, and for other purposes.

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

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1037. An act to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

At 3:20 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6147. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

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. 1037. An act to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 19, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 490. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam.

S. 931. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4910 Brighton Boulevard in Denver, Colorado, as the "George Sakato Post Office".

S. 2692. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4558 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Stanley Michels Post Office Building".

S. 2734. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-5989. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the July, 2018 monthly cumulative report on rescissions; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and the Judiciary.

EC-5990. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 and the Release of Certain Withheld Amounts; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and the Judiciary.

EC-5991. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Lee K. Kevy II, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5992. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael H. Shields, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5993. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the United States Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5994. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program: Removal of Monroe County Pilot Inspection Program Regulation" ((RIN1660-AA93) (Docket No. FEMA-2018-0027)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5995. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (South Carolina: Columbia, City of, Lexington and Richland Counties, et al.)" (Docket No. FEMA-2018-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5996. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Biofuels and the Environment Second Triennial Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5997. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Use of Byproduct Material—Medical Event Definitions, Training, and Experience, and Clarifying Amendments" ((RIN3150-AI63) (NRC-2008-0175)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5998. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inversions and Related Transactions" ((RIN1545-BO20 and RIN1545-BO22) (TD 9834)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5999. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2018-0125 - 2018-0131); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6000. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Borrower Defense Delay-Technical Correction" (RIN1840-AD28) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6001. A communication from the Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of three recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 69th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6002. A communication from the Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of three recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 69th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6003. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-397, "Fiscal Year 2019 Local Budget Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6004. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6005. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, Qualifies Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture" (RIN3209-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6006. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (RIN1400-AD17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6007. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6008. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Rules Governing Trademark Interferences" (RIN0651-AD23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6009. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities: Skin" (RIN2900-AP27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-268. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Jersey memorializing its opposition to and disapproval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed plan to increase the amount of rent paid by persons who receive federal rental assistance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Whereas, The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has proposed a plan that would increase the amount of rent paid by persons who receive federal rental assistance through HUD; and

Whereas, According to estimates by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, approximately 150,000 low-income households in New Jersey rely on federal rental assistance through HUD and about 99 percent of these households would see their rents increased under HUD's rent increase plan; and

Whereas, According to the same estimates, New Jersey households receiving federal rental assistance pay an average of \$4,620 annually in rent, which would increase by \$830 a year, or 18 percent, under HUD's rent increase plan; and

Whereas, New Jersey is experiencing an affordable housing crisis involving high and ever rising prices and a dwindling supply of affordable units, which is particularly severe in the State's urban areas, and which only would be exacerbated by HUD's rent increase plan; and

Whereas, It is altogether fitting, proper, and in the public interest, for this House to express opposition to HUD's rent increase plan, which would be detrimental to the many thousands of low-income New Jerseyans who rely on federal rental assistance and would see their rents sharply increase under the plan; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House expresses its opposition to and disapproval of the United States Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development's proposed plan to increase the amount of rent paid by persons who receive federal rental assistance.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and each member of Congress elected thereto from this State.

POM-269. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to continue the Meals on Wheels program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Whereas, Meals on Wheels provide vital daily nutritional support to homebound low income seniors. Over 3 million seniors nationwide and 300,000 in Michigan were served by Meals on Wheels last year; and

Whereas, The federal budget proposal by President Trump would cut funding for the Meals on Wheels program. It would eliminate the Community Development Block Grant program which provides a portion of funding for local and state programs. While the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant could hurt many state Meals on Wheels programs, the most dramatic impact to the Meals on Wheels program may occur as a result of proposed cuts to the federal Department of Health and Human Services budget. Within that department, nutrition programs of the Older Americans Act provide support to Meals on Wheels chapters nationwide by covering approximately 30 percent of its costs; and

Whereas, The benefit of this food delivery program extends beyond providing low income seniors with essential daily nutrition. Studies have shown that homebound seniors who receive Meals on Wheels feel less loneliness and isolation. The daily deliveries by a Meals on Wheels volunteer also enable seniors to receive a well-being check and assistance in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels is a cost-effective program that contributes to enabling seniors to stay in their homes, resulting in fewer nursing home admissions. Continuing this program benefits the lives of millions of senior and provides peace of mind to their families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to continue the Meals on Wheels program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation Adopted by the Senate, June 12, 2018.

POM-270. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to fund the Federal Aviation Administration's Drone Test Site Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 29

Whereas, The economic future of any society depends on its ability to develop new technologies and pioneer emerging economic sectors; and

Whereas, The civil and commercial use of unmanned aircraft systems, commonly referred to as drones, is one such emerging sector that is likely to shape future economies; and

Whereas, Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published Part 107 of