

Hosch Woman of Valor award for her decades of commitment to civil rights and community service. Samford University named her Alumnus of the Year in 2014.

In addition, Judge Lee was often called on to speak about her experiences in the civil rights movement and the role her family played in moving the country to a better place. I was fortunate to share the stage with her many times and always marveled at how she would share her story with grace, compassion, and a sense of justice, not hatred or bitterness.

My wife, Louise, and I extend our sincere and deep condolences to Judge Lee's family. The city of Birmingham and the State of Alabama are better for her having lived and served there and so am I.●

REMEMBERING JOHN M. RICHARDS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a great Idahoan, John M. Richards. John recently passed away, leaving a tremendous legacy for the timber industry and as a strong supporter of economic development and a champion for those in need.

John and his identical twin brother, Tom, were co-owners of Idaho Forest Industries, IFI, which had its headquarters in Coeur d'Alene and provided more than 450 jobs. It is said to be one of the largest forest products industries to make northern Idaho their home throughout the second half of the last century. The brothers were committed to forest stewardship, but in the early 1990s, timber industries faced falling prices, public challenges against timber harvesting, and less availability of local and Federal timber. IFI survived because of the ingenuity of the two brothers. They began testing the ability to long-haul timber from other regions of the country and Canada, as far away as Quebec.

Even in the hard times, IFI kept all of its employees on the payroll. Some have called IFI the "best employer in the area."

When John and his brother decided to retire about the year 2000, IFI was sold to Stimson Lumber Co. of Oregon. John and Tom thought Stimson would run their company in much the same way they had run it and would keep most of their workers.

John was raised in Kootenai County, ID, and cut his teeth working in his dad's lumber mill.

Even though he was the co-owner of IFI, John worked for 29 years at Potlatch Corp., another lumber company in northern Idaho. He became chairman and CEO and then retired from there in 1999. John, who went to Stanford University, where he earned a degree in economics and an MBA from Harvard Business School, was committed to the welfare of others. He was known to give jobs to anyone who wanted to work and to let the employees work in teams to consider how to best accomplish the work in their

areas. When some say people are our best asset, John believed it. He was a caring employer, and his workers respected him for it.

In 2014, John and Tom were inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame in a family-only ceremony. The brothers were not known for wanting any kind of publicity or public recognition for their commitment to good business practices or for how they supported the community. John just did what he thought was the right thing to do: build an honest and beneficial business, make jobs available, give back to the community, and assist others—and so no boasting about it.

John was also a family man. He was married to Joy Elaine (Hanson) for 34 years. As a father, John's children say he was always there for them.

John was a great Idahoan, an exemplary businessman, a caring, charitable member of the community, and a timber man of excellence. He will be sorely missed by his family, his friends, "co-workers," and by many throughout northern Idaho.●

TRIBUTE TO DOLORES "DEE" NELSON

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the bold and groundbreaking service of Dolores "Dee" Nelson.

When Dee was only 20 years old, she longed to serve her country in World War II, just like her brothers. She joined the Women's Army Air Corps but, to her disappointment, was placed in an office job. That wasn't what Dee had in mind, and she told her superiors that that was not what she signed up for.

Because of Dee's boldness, she began to get special assignments and, before long, was promoted to special operator. She passionately tackled every challenge and task brought before her. Her service took her to the newly opened Pentagon in Washington, DC, where she helped with preparations for the Allied landing at Normandy. For this mission, she was personally sworn to secrecy by President Roosevelt. Decades later, Dee still feels the sacrifice of the Allied lives that were lost on the beaches of Normandy.

At every step of her career in the Women's Army Air Corps, Dee faced discrimination and disapproval from the men she worked alongside. Men would stand in front of her in line-ups when their superiors would walk by. Her superiors refused to put any of her special assignments or accomplishments into her record. After helping plan some of the most pivotal moments of the war, her military record unfairly downplayed her contributions to our Nation.

After her military service, she used her GI Bill benefits to get a college education. At school, she met her husband, Donald, a fellow veteran of the U.S. Navy. She continued to buck tradition by traveling and working along-

side her husband. As Donald continued his career in the military, Dee continued to serve her country in civil service.

Dee's passion and intelligence has taken her far in life. From working in a shipyard in Long Beach, to teaching children on the windy Aleutian Islands, Dee found joy and fulfillment in serving other people.

Dee is a miraculous woman who has not received enough recognition and appreciation for her service to our Nation in World War II. She didn't let anyone get in the way of her desire to serve, and our Nation is better off today because of her strength and determination. Women like Dee paved the way for generations of Montana and American women to take up the call to arms and serve our Nation.

I stand here today to say thank you to Dolores Nelson for her service, strength, and sacrifice, on behalf of myself, Montana, and a grateful nation.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN ALBERT

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Kathryn Albert. Kathryn hails from Ellicott City, MD. She is an economics major and a cadet in the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Maryland, College Park.

While interning for the Commerce Committee, Kathryn assisted the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security. She is a dedicated worker who was always willing to take on new projects. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kathryn and wish her continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK BINDER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Patrick Binder. Patrick hails from Yankton, SD. He is a rising senior history major at Yale University.

While interning for the Commerce Committee, Patrick assisted the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security. He is a dedicated worker who was always willing to tackle new projects. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Patrick and wish him continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS SIMMONS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Francis Simmons. Francis hails from Charleston, SC. He is an international relations and economics major and rising sophomore at Tufts University.

While interning for the Commerce Committee, Francis assisted the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. He is a dedicated worker who was always willing to tackle new projects. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Francis and wish him continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO RYAN UDELL

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Ryan Udehl. Ryan hails from Ponte Verde Beach, FL. He is a rising sophomore mechanical engineering major at Rice University.

While interning for the Commerce Committee, Ryan assisted the Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, as well as the Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security. He is a dedicated worker who got the most out of his internship. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ryan and wish him continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO CARSON ZUBKE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the hard work of my Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee intern Carson Zubke. Carson hails from Waubay, SD. He is a rising sophomore finance major at the University of South Dakota.

While interning for the Commerce Committee, Carson assisted the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security. He is a dedicated worker who was always willing to tackle new projects. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Carson and wish him continued success in the future.●

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 BILLS SIGNED

At 10:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2779. An act to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001.

H.R. 4528. An act to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4645. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 5729. An act to restrict the department in which the Coast Guard is operating from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for biometric transportation security cards until after submission to Congress of the results of an assessment of the effectiveness of the transportation security card program.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1182. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

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

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 31, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1182. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

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-6127. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation and Assessment of a Training Curriculum for the Boards for Correction of Military Records"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6128. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act Report to Congress"; to the Committees on Finance; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6129. A communication from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Rule Interpreting 'Advice' Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act" (RIN1215-AA07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6130. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Senior Community Service Employment Program; Performance Accountability" (RIN1205-AB79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6131. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adoption of the Methodology for the HHS-operated Permanent Risk Adjustment Program under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for the 2017 Benefit Year" ((RIN0938-AT65) (CMS-9920-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6132. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2017 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany S. 930, A bill to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-309).

Report to accompany S. 1030, A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects (Rept. No. 115-310).

Report to accompany S. 1142, A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects (Rept. No. 115-311).

Report to accompany H.R. 2582, A bill to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-312).

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

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.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2023.

*James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Christopher P. Weggeman, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. John M. Murray, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller, to be General.