

city of Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, a dedicated public servant, a proven leader in northern Nevada, and a friend. As a citizen of Sparks for 71 years, Mayor Martini has been an integral part of our community, and is a Nevadan through and through.

As a Sparks High School and University of Nevada, Reno, graduate, Mayor Martini has devoted his life to improving the community he is proud to call home. Mayor Martini served as mayor of Sparks for over 13 years and was also a member of the Sparks City Council. He has played an instrumental role in a number of projects that benefit the Sparks community. Whether it is his work on the North Truckee Drain project that helps prevent flooding for businesses and homeowners or his efforts to redevelop the Sparks Marina and transform an abandoned parking structure into a beautiful apartment home community, Mayor Martini's legacy of leadership will be preserved through the positive impact that his work will have on this community for generations to come.

His colleagues credit the development and revitalization of downtown Sparks to Mayor Martini's efforts. We have seen tremendous economic growth in the city of Sparks and much of that would not have been possible without the leadership of Mayor Martini.

Additionally, Mayor Martini is a longtime advocate for those who serve the city and has worked to provide support to the community's residents who are in need. For instance, he helped to increase funding for Sparks' police and fire departments and played a key role in the creation of the community assistance center to shelter and offer outreach to individuals and families who are homeless. Further, he helps at-risk children in our community who cannot otherwise participate in recreation programs due to financial hardships by raising funds for the Sparks Youth Scholarship Program.

I congratulate Mayor Martini on his retirement and thank him for his years of service to our community. Sparks and Nevada are better places because of Mayor Martini, and his efforts and stewardship will not be forgotten.●

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-6772. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Vincent K. Brooks, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6773. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Inventory of Contracted Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6774. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6775. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6776. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2017 Plenary Agreements Implementation" (RIN0694-AH44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6777. 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; Georgia; Acworth, City of, Cobb County, et al." ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2018-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6778. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as an emergency requirement the amount (including the transfer of funds) so designated by the Congress in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the Community Development Fund; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-6779. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program: Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Malaysia to support the transfer of six MD530G Scout/Attack helicopters, one MD530G Flight Training device, and MD530G training to Malaysian Army in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 18-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6781. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; 25-Hydroxyvitamin D3" ((21 CFR Part 573) (Docket No. FDA-2013-F-1540 and FDA-2014-F-0296)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6782. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Manage-

ment and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6783. A communication from the Director of Regulation, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Wage for Contractors; Updating Regulations to Reflect Executive Order 13838" (RIN1235-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6784. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2017 Annual Report to the Congress on the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6785. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Claim Construction Standard for Interpreting Claims in Trial Proceedings Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board" (RIN0651-AD16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6786. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Describing Agency Needs; Contract Financing" (RIN2900-AP81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6787. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Block Island and Newport, Rhode Island" ((MB Docket No. 18-153) (DA 18-962)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6788. A communication from the Associate Chief of Infrastructure and Policy, Wireline Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment" ((FCC 18-133) (WT Docket No. 17-79; WC Docket No. 17-84)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6789. A communication from the Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toll Free Assignment Modernization" ((FCC 16-137) (WC Docket No. 17-192; CC Docket No. 95-155)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6790. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2006 Procurement Marine Corps (PMC) funds and was assigned case number 16-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2200. A bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Gen. Robert B. Abrams, to be General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Craig S. Fallor, to be Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Jerry D. Harris, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Andrew L. Lewis, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bruce A. Abbott and ending with Shirley B. Ziser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2018.

Air Force nominations beginning with Patrick C. Degraaf and ending with Christopher L. Pridgen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 24, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Gary W. Brock, Jr. and ending with John M. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nomination of John J. Kaikkonen, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Marc A. Patterson, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of James B. Elledge, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Micah B. Bell and ending with Tanya R. Trout, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 28, 2018.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Marcus N. Fulton and ending with Capt. Frank D. Hutchison, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 11, 2018.

Navy nomination of Tilford L. Clark, to be Commander.

(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 Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 3563. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the work oppor-

tunity tax credit with respect to hiring veterans who are receiving educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or Defense; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3564. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish pilot programs to assist low-income households in maintaining access to sanitation services and drinking water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 3565. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to include additional covered recipients for transparency reports required of manufacturers of opioids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 3566. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the qualifying advanced coal project credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3567. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for the operation or construction of internment camps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 3568. A bill to amend the Social Security Act and Public Health Service Act to improve obstetric care in rural areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 3569. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to include the setting of reference prices for aluminum premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 3570. A bill to establish a Federal cost share percentage for the St. Mary Storage Unit of the Milk River Project in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3571. A bill to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 65. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the proposed export to the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 671. A resolution designating September 29, 2018, as "National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 672. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction programs reduce energy consumption and save participants money; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 322

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the occurrence of diabetes in Medicare beneficiaries by extending coverage under Medicare for medical nutrition therapy services to such beneficiaries with pre-diabetes or with risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1989, a bill to enhance transparency and accountability for online political advertisements by requiring those who purchase and publish such ads to disclose information about the advertisements to the public, and for other purposes.

S. 2341

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2341, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, and for other purposes.

S. 2351

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2351, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide that an individual may remain eligible to participate in the teacher loan forgiveness program under title IV of such Act if the individual's period of consecutive years of employment as a full-time teacher is interrupted because the individual is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who is relocated during