

The Welfare of the People is the Highest Law.

A lot has changed since those early days. Today more than 27,000 Warriors from 80 countries are earning degrees in everything from accounting to manufacturing engineering, orchestral studies to urban planning, but one thing has not changed at all: Wayne State's dedication to people's welfare. For 150 years, Wayne State has been making Detroit and our State stronger and creating true leaders.

It is doing that at the Integrative Biosciences Center, a 127,000-square-foot, \$90 million facility dedicated to studying and eliminating health disparities, and the National Institutes of Health's Perinatology Research Branch, which has helped more than 20,000 at-risk mothers and babies.

It is doing that at the brand-new Mike Ilitch School of Business, which is creating the next generation of business leaders while helping revitalize the corridor between downtown and midtown.

It is doing that through its Wayne Advantage-Macomb program, which allows students to begin to earn their degree at Macomb Community College, and the Warrior Way Back program, which helps students who didn't receive their degrees get back into class while easing their student debt burden.

It counts among its alumni people who have excelled in nearly every field: Dr. Joseph Ferguson, class of 1869, the first African-American medical school graduate in Michigan; Helen Thomas, class of 1942, dean of the White House Press Corps; Emmett Leith, class of 1949, recipient of the National Medal of Science; Philip Levine, class of 1950, Poet Laureate of the United States and winner of the Pulitzer Prize; Damon Keith, Wayne State University Law School class of 1967, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Garth Fagan, class of 1969, winner of the Tony Award for Best Choreography for "The Lion King"; Mark Fritz, class of 1978, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting; Dr. Carmen McIntyre, class of 1990, creator of the Mental Health First Aid Training program; and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, class of 2006, whose careful research helped discover elevated lead levels in the children of Flint.

Hundreds of thousands more alumni, famous or not, can credit Wayne State in part for their success, but so too can hundreds of thousands of people who have been educated, inspired, represented, protected, entertained, and treated by those graduates. I think those original five physicians would be extremely pleased with the impact their school has had not just on Detroit but on our Nation.

Since 1868, Wayne State University has been building leaders. Congratulations to students, faculty, staff, and alumni on 150 years of putting the welfare of the people of Michigan first.

Thank you.●

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the sesquicentennial of Lincoln High School in Portland, OR.

One of the oldest and most celebrated public secondary schools west of the Mississippi River, Lincoln was established in 1869, a decade after Oregon's founding. Originally known as Portland High School, it was eventually renamed in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. Currently located in the Goose Hollow neighborhood of Southwest Portland, Lincoln High School has moved four times over the past 150 years and is currently planning a fifth campus to accommodate its growing student body.

Lincoln High School's college preparatory program has graduated generations of Oregon students. Over 60 faculty members oversee and implement a wealth of academic and extra-curricular opportunities, including enhanced and advanced coursework in literature, the social sciences, foreign languages, mathematics, and physical and life sciences. Lincoln offers a celebrated international baccalaureate program, in addition to a full Spanish immersion program.

Outside the classroom, Lincoln's Constitution Team has won 23 State championships and six national titles. Its speech and debate team ranks among the top in the State, and its mock trial team competes nationally. The school's student newspaper "The Cardinal Times" is the oldest continuously published high school paper on the West Coast. Lincoln's magazine "Beyond the Flock" and its Spanish-language magazine "Puno y Letro" add to the school's rich and diverse literary tradition. Lincoln's student athletes have brought home 38 State championships in a variety of sports. Seventy-seven student-led clubs and unions serve the larger Portland community and demonstrate Lincoln's commitment to an inclusive, engaged, and diverse student body.

Lincoln students are dedicated to fostering an open and welcoming community for all and have committed to carrying those values forth into 2019, the school's 150th year. For 150 years, Lincoln High School has inspired generations of global thinkers who have bettered their communities in the Cardinal spirit of academic and civic engagement.

I rise to acknowledge the significant contribution of Lincoln High School to the State of Oregon and the Nation as a whole and to offer my congratulations to the students, faculty, and alumni on the occasion of its sesquicentennial.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Finance by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 64. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Returns by Exempt Organizations and Returns by Certain Non-Exempt Organizations".

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-6791. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6792. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2196. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients (Rept. No. 115-346).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2679. A bill to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 3552. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 3553. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program of the Small Business Administration to bring

those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 3554. A bill to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 3561. A bill to support entrepreneurs serving in the National Guard and Reserve, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 3562. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Kenneth D. Bell, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

(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. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3572. A bill to require information sharing with respect to the ownership of election service providers; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3573. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to take steps to ensure domestic ownership and control of election service providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3574. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide relief to nonbanks from certain stress test requirements under that Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3575. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a cost benefit analysis of the use of Form 10-Q, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3576. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the definitions of a qualifying portfolio company and a qualifying investment to include an emerging growth company and the equity securities of an emerging growth company, respectively, for purposes of the exemption from registration for venture capital fund advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3577. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider alternative approaches before determining that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3578. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study to evaluate the issues affecting the provision of, and reliance upon, investment research into small issuers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3579. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the definitions of a "small business" and "small organization" for purposes of assessing the impact of the rulemakings of the Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 3580. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to taxpayers who provide reductions in rent to low-income senior renters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3581. A bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 3582. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a new phaseout of the credit for plug-in electric drive motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 3583. A bill to direct the National Science Foundation to provide grants for research about STEM education approaches and the STEM-related workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3584. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to increase usage of the Federal student loan income-based repayment plan and improve repayment options for borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 3585. A bill to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the

United States reach its global energy security goals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 3586. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency payments to dairy producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3587. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the nationally significant freight and highway projects program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3588. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish an Office of Federal Correctional Education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 3589. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 by establishing a program to support the modernization, renovation, or repair of career and technical education facilities, and to enable schools serving grades 6 through 12 that are located in rural areas or that serve Native American students to remodel or build new facilities to provide STEM classrooms and laboratories and support high-speed internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3590. A bill to prohibit military aid to Saudi Arabia until the Secretary of State determines that Jamal Khashoggi is alive and free; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3591. A bill to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3592. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prevent surprise medical billing practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 3593. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, to repeal certain limits on leave for a husband and wife employed by the same employer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3594. A bill to provide for the issuance of a Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 3595. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude employer contributions to student loan repayment from income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3596. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to create an innovation zone initiative, and for other purposes; to