

nearly four decades of work for the National Association of Realtors.

Jerry Giovaniello has spent the last 37 years of his career tirelessly advocating on behalf of the Realtors and ends his illustrious career as senior vice president and chief lobbyist for the organization.

As a Realtor, I understand the important work the National Association of Realtors conducts on behalf of its many members nationwide who provide the needed service of helping prospective homebuyers achieve the American dream of homeownership.

Jerry's distinguished career has resulted in positive steps for more Americans by helping create and advocate for policies that have kept the housing market affordable, helped it remain a good investment, and kept it afloat during hard times.

Jerry has been named a top lobbyist multiple times by CEO Update, The Hill, and others, and he has at least twice been identified as among the most influential in real estate.

I close in congratulating Jerry Giovaniello on his success, and I thank and applaud him for his hard work, which has made a difference to countless Americans, helped our job market, and earned him a reputation of success that will be difficult to match in the industry.

Jerry, I wish you nothing but the best in your retirement.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, 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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2615. An act to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3359. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

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

At 2:05 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2740. An act to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Rabbi Michael Ber Weissmandl in recognition of his acts of valor during World War II.

H.R. 4033. An act to reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

H.R. 5636. An act to designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5706. An act to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6018. An act to establish an inter-agency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6064. An act to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 6146. An act to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6651. An act to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 440. An act to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota.

S. 2074. An act to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2615) to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3359) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2740. An act to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Rabbi Michael Ber Weissmandl in recognition of his acts of valor during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4033. An act to reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5636. An act to designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita Na-

tional Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 5706. An act to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6018. An act to establish an inter-agency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6064. An act to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 6146. An act to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### 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-7025. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's response to the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) finding of an Antideficiency Act (ADA) Violation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7026. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7027. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities; Final Rule" (RIN1557-AE29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7028. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities; Final Rule" (RIN3064-AE70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7029. A communication from the Correspondence and Regulations Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs" ((RIN0938-AT30) (CMS-1695-FC)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7030. 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 "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2019 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update and CY 2020 Case-Mix Adjustment Methodology Refinements; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; Home Infusion Therapy Requirements; and Training Requirements for Surveyors of National Accrediting Organizations" ((RIN0938-AT29) (CMS-1689-FC)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7031. A communication from the Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities: The Hematologic and Lymphatic Systems" (RIN2900-AO19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 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-304. 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 take certain actions to ensure that a woman can freely make reproductive health decisions and access reproductive health care, including abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 181

Whereas, Reproductive health is a critical component of a woman's overall health, and a woman's freedom to make reproductive decisions is vital to her safety, well-being, economic opportunity, and ability to participate equally in society; and

Whereas, Abortion is a part of women's health care; and

Whereas, In 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States determined, in the landmark case of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), that a woman's decision to have an abortion is protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, In 1992, and again in 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of women to access an abortion without undue burden; and

Whereas, More than 70 percent of Americans, including a majority of individuals from all major political parties, support access to abortion; and

Whereas, When it comes to the most important personal decisions in life, such as whether and when to become a parent, it is vital that a woman be able to make that decision for herself, based on what is best for her and her family, and it is further essential that the woman be provided with equal access to abortion and other reproductive health care, regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or her insurance or immigration status; and

Whereas, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, who has recently been nominated for a post on the U.S. Supreme Court, has a history of ruling to impose and uphold limits on a woman's ability to access safe and legal abortion, and his potential appointment to the Supreme Court therefore poses a serious threat to women's reproductive rights; and

Whereas, The protections affirmed by the Supreme Court in the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case, and in subsequent cases, are now at risk, and the future of access to safe and legal reproductive health care, including abortion, is on the line; and

Whereas, As a state, New Jersey has made great strides in supporting women's health care by restoring funding for family planning services, and ensuring Medicaid coverage for reproductive health care, including abortion; and

Whereas, New Jersey supports women's rights and women's health by facilitating full access to all reproductive health care, including abortion, and the State is opposed to federal measures or initiatives that will reduce women's rights or endanger women's health, in this regard, including the imposition of restrictions on insurance coverage for abortion, and the appointment of judges who are likely to impose limits on women's rights and their access to reproductive health care; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House respectfully opposes efforts by the federal government to restrict or limit a woman's right and ability to access the full range of reproductive services, including abortion.

2. This House respectfully opposes any nominee to the United States Supreme Court who is not committed to upholding a woman's right to reproductive health care, including equitable access to abortion.

3. This House respectfully calls upon the Congress and President of the United States to reject or revoke the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh and any other Supreme Court nominee who would move to limit the rights of women to access the full panoply of reproductive services, including abortion.

4. This House further urges the Congress and President of the United States to remove any existing restrictions on access to abortion, including restrictions on insurance coverage for women who are enrolled in public insurance programs.

5. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from this State.

POM-305. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Citronelle, Alabama memorializing their support for continued and increased exploration and production of the Gulf of Mexico, and urging the United States Congress to keep its commitment under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to share Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues with Gulf producing states and their coastal political subdivisions; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### 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. 2861. A bill to prosecute, as a Federal crime, the assault or intimidation of a passenger train crew member to the same extent as such actions against aircraft crew members are prosecuted (Rept. No. 115-356).

S. 2941. A bill to improve the Cooperative Observer Program of the National Weather

Service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-357).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1012. A bill to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-358).

S. 3001. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project (Rept. No. 115-359).

H.R. 2156. A bill to provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-360).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 4446. A bill to amend the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act to extend the expiration date of the Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-361).

H.R. 6040. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project (Rept. No. 115-362).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 5317. A bill to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands (Rept. No. 115-363).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 884. A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-364).

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

H.R. 2630. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-365).

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2020.

\*Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first