

Alabama. He will be celebrated in Montgomery on December 6, 2018, and I want to add my voice to the many others thanking him for his work.●

TRIBUTE TO RED ARNDT

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Red Arndt of Luverne, MN, for his many years of leadership to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System and his commitment to providing safe water to rural America.

He became the public utilities director of Luverne, MN, in 1989 and soon heard about a proposal to bring water from the Missouri River in South Dakota to the surrounding States. At that time, many people believed it would be too expensive and could not be done.

However, Red believed it was possible and needed more research and more support. He recommended that Luverne become one of the first members of the organization that would become the Lewis and Clark Regional Water system. The city council and mayor approved, and the dream of delivering safe and reliable water to rural towns and farms took its first step forward.

It became Red's mission to make that dream come true.

He became one of the only two original directors from 1990 who are still on the project's board and proudly shoveled the first dirt when construction began in 2003.

Over the years, he made hundreds of trips to county, city, and community meetings and to legislatures in several States. He also took over 60 trips to Washington, DC. He would not let the dream die.

He has worked vigorously for the project. He was vice-chairman of the board beginning in 1994 until becoming the board chairman in 2006. He is still the chairman.

Because Red refused to let the Lewis & Clark project die, 14 member communities and rural water projects are receiving water through over 200 miles of pipeline for over 300,000 people across South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. He has helped secure over \$470 million in funding for Lewis & Clark.

Red's incredible dedication was seen when he participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the water treatment plant in August, 2012. It was only 2 weeks after Red had open-heart surgery. At the ceremony, he was honored with the Lewis & Clark Trailblazer Award, which is the organization's highest honor.

In May 2016, Luverne was connected to Lewis & Clark, and Red was given the honor of taking the first drink of water from the new system that he had worked so hard to create. The meter building in Luverne was also named in his honor.

When Red is thanked for all of his hard work, he always says it was not him, but a true team effort, but everyone involved will tell you that Red's

determination and leadership was the bedrock that led to success.

I am one of those 300,000 people who are grateful for his dedication, and I am proud to call him my friend.

I commend Red Arndt for his many great contributions and wish him the best as he continues to make the most out of the life God has given.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.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. 6666. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant to States and local governments easements and rights-of-way over Federal land within Gateway National Recreation Area for construction, operation, and maintenance of projects for control and prevention of flooding and shoreline erosion.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3460. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the "John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3649. A bill to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, 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-7032. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyantraniliprole: Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9985-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7033. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil: Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9985-75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7034. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tin Oxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9982-73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7035. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9985-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7036. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 989" ((7 CFR Part 989) (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0011; SC16-989-1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7037. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Yemen effective November 1, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7038. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7039. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7040. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic that was declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7041. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7042. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations” (31 CFR Part 560) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7043. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to Rules 600, 605, and 606 of Regulation National Market System” (RIN3235-AL67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7044. 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 “Addition of an Entity to the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7045. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modernization of Property Disclosures for Mining Registrants” (RIN3235-AL81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7046. A communication from the Director of the Sustainability Performance Office, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department’s Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7047. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal” (FRL No. 9986-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7048. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources” (FRL No. 9986-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7049. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR): Aggregation; Reconsideration” (FRL No. 9986-47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7050. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations; Consistency Update for Massachusetts” (FRL No. 9983-52-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7051. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Arizona Air Plan; Hay-

den Lead Nonattainment Area Plan for the 2008 Lead Standard” (FRL No. 9986-31-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7052. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Utah: Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions” (FRL No. 9982-18-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7053. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an update to the report entitled “Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 Initial Report to Congress - June 2018”; to the Committees on Finance; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7054. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, an update to the report entitled “Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act Report to Congress”; to the Committees on Finance; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7055. 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 “2019 Limitations Adjusted as Provided in Section 415(d), etc.” (Notice 2018-83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7056. 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 “Tax Return Preparer Due Diligence Penalty under Section 6695(g)” (RIN1545-BO63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7057. 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 Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, et al.” (RIN0938-AT28) (CMS-1691-F) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7058. 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 Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2019, et al.” (RIN0938-AT31, RIN0938-AT13, and RIN0938-AT45) (CMS-1693-F, CMS-1693-IFC, CMS-5522-F3, and CMS-1701-F) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7059. 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 2018-0176 - 2018-0190); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7060. 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 firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of rifles and pistols to Peru for commercial resale in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Assets for Independence Program - Status at the Conclusion of the Seventeenth Year, Fiscal Year 2016”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7062. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 Report to Congress on Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities - Community Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7063. 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 “Termination of Listing of Color Additive Exempt from Certification; Lead Acetate” ((21 CFR Part 73) (Docket No. FDA-2017-C-1951)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7064. 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 “Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Synthetic Iron Oxide” ((21 CFR Part 73) (Docket No. FDA-2017-C-6238)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7065. 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 “Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act” ((RIN0938-AT46) (CMS-9925-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7066. 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 “Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act” ((RIN0938-AT54) (CMS-9940-F2)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7067. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7068. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal

Year 2015 Report to Congress on Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7069. A communication from the Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aliens Subject to a Bar on Entry under Sections 212(f) or 215(a) (1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; Procedures for Protection Claims" (RIN1125-AA89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7070. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center's consolidated financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor's report for years ended October 1, 2017, and October 2, 2016, and a report relative to the Center's schedule of expenditures of federal awards and independent auditor's reports for the year ended October 1, 2017; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7071. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Attorney General's Fourth Quarterly Report of Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2062. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey at market value certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona (Rept. No. 115-366).

S. 2297. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to Custer County, South Dakota (Rept. No. 115-367).

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. 2831. A bill to redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network (Rept. No. 115-368).

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

H.R. 132. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-369).

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:

H.R. 4895. To establish the Medgar Evers Home National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-370).

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

S. 2876. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail (Rept. No. 115-371).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 593, A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment

of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (Rept. No. 115-372).

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. 685. A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-373).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years.

*Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kim Gaffney, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Bradley Jay LaRose, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

Douglas J. Strike, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

*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.

(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. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RUBIO, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 3628. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3629. A bill to require State agencies to use Federal tax return information to verify income eligibility for Medicaid, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3630. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3631. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation (TIFIA) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3632. A bill to provide that the special service obligations of a licensee under section 331(a) of the Communications Act of 1934 shall continue to apply even if the licensee changes from a very high frequency station to an ultra high frequency station; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3633. A bill to require the consumer reporting agencies provide small business credit protections; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3634. A bill to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Bullhead City, Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3635. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide matching payments for retirement savings contributions by certain individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3637. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a program for the procurement of domestically grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables to provide healthier school meals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3638. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax on estates, gifts, and generation-skipping transfers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 3639. A bill to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet retailers to ensure equitable consumer access to products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 3640. A bill to prohibit certain large business entities from purchasing the securities of those entities on national securities exchanges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 3641. A bill to enhance efforts to combat human trafficking in connection with the catching and processing of seafood products imported into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3642. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG:

S. 3643. A bill to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the States of Illinois and Indiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. JONES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MANCHIN):