

The positive impact Chip has had cannot be quantified, and his awards and achievements are best illustrated by the changes he has made for the Mississippi Delta, rather than on plaques or certificates. Whether through his input on eight farm bills, the successful completion of flood control projects which have brought 100-year flood protection to Delta communities, or his work on major four-lane highway legislation for the State of Mississippi, Chip Morgan has made a difference.

Although a native of Oxford, MS, and a graduate of the University of Mississippi, Chip has dedicated his entire professional career to making the Mississippi Delta a better place to live. After leading Delta Council for over four decades, he will soon turn over his role as executive vice president to the more than capable hands of Frank Howell. I wish Frank the best.

I am pleased to offer well-deserved congratulations to Chip Morgan on his impressive tenure as council executive vice president. I also share this appreciation with his wife, Connie, their two children, Trey and Lindsey, and the many individuals Chip has guided and worked with toward positive outcomes for the Delta and all Mississippi.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:27 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 143. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2377. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 3414. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saundertown, Rhode Island, as the "Captain Matthew J. August Post Office".

S. 3442. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the "Arta W. Harrell Post Office".

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

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 2:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 754. An act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

H.J. Res. 143. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 6, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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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-7374. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the ongoing U.S. Government recovery effort of Hurricane Maria; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7375. A communication from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption that was declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7376. A communication from the Supervisory Regulations Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2018-19 and 2019-20 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations" (RIN1018-BB38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7377. 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 "Procedures on Making a Method Change to Comply with Section 451(b)" (Rev. Proc. 2018-60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7378. 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 "Credit for Carbon Oxide Sequestration—Applicable Dollar Amounts" (Notice 2018-93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7379. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment 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 bolt-action rifles, components, and sound suppressors to New Zealand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7380. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to support the design, development, production, manufacture, assembly, operation, repair, testing, inspection, maintenance, modification, and upgrades of the Evolved SeaSparrow Missile (ESSM) Block 1 in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7381. 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 amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the Netherlands, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom to support the delivery, manufacture, and testing of conventional edge control surfaces for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-052); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7382. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the Philippines to support the manufacture, integration, installation, operation, testing, maintenance, and repair of 22 TCM and 22 TCM 9R ammunition cartridges in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7383. 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 semi-automatic rifles and pistols, and bolt-action rifles to Peru for commercial resale in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-041); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7384. 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 amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Saudi Arabia to support the integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, and repair of the Patriot Air Defense System (Configuration 3), including upgrade to the Patriot Guidance Enhanced Missile-Tactical (GEMT) in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7385. 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, flash hiders, and rifle major component parts to Canada for commercial resale in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7386. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the United Kingdom to support the design, manufacture, integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, repair, marketing, and sale of the Brimstone Weapon System in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7387. 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 abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of 9mm semi-automatic pistols to Denmark in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7388. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, Department of the Treasury's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7389. A communication from the Officer, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2017 annual report for the Department's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; to the Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-7390. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7391. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7392. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of time limitations for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions under Title 1 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-311. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to asylum; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 1403, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-420).

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

S. 32. A bill to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-421).

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

Report to accompany S. 1857, a bill to establish a compliance deadline of May 15, 2023, for Step 2 emissions standards for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces (Rept. No. 115-422).

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

Report to accompany S. 3172, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-423).

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

S. 1548. A bill to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. James J. Malloy, to be Vice Admiral.

(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. WARNER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3714. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Ashanti Alert plans throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 3715. A bill to establish a National Wildlife Corridors Program to provide for the protection and restoration of certain native fish, wildlife, and plant species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3716. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to repeal the forfeiture rule for peanuts under the nonrecourse marketing

assistance loan program, prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 3717. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit certain unfair credit practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3718. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress from purchasing or selling certain investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3719. A bill to expand the grants authorized under Jennifer's Law and Kristen's Act to include processing of unidentified remains, resolving missing persons cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3720. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to provide loans for the acquisition of electric buses and related infrastructure; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3721. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of the term "family farmer"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3722. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide a criminal penalty for unauthorized disclosures by officers or employees of a Federal agency of certain living will and stress test determinations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3723. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the registration of venture exchanges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 3724. A bill to improve the processing and oversight by the Federal Government of security clearances and background investigations, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3725. A bill to prohibit States from retroactively imposing a sales tax collection duty on a remote seller, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3726. A bill to amend the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 3727. A bill to promote remediation of orphan hardrock mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 3728. A bill to promote the provision of exercise or fitness equipment, and exercise or fitness classes and instruction, that are accessible to individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.