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Dr. Brian Monahan:									
Italy	Euro		1,524.32						1,524.32
Germany	Euro		1,174.48						1,174.48
Hungary	Forint		559.00						559.00
Total			3,257.80						3,257.80

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL,
Majority Leader, Jan. 30, 2018.

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Senator Orrin G. Hatch:									
United States	Dollar				8,657.46				8,657.46
United Kingdom	Pound		1,346.00						1,346.00
Matthew Sandgren:									
United States	Dollar				8,657.46				8,657.46
United Kingdom	Pound		1,346.00						1,346.00
Christopher Bates:									
United States	Dollar				8,657.46				8,657.46
United Kingdom	Pound		820.00						820.00
Delegation Expenses:*									
United Kingdom	Pound						6,597.81		6,597.81
Total									36,082.19

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR ORRIN HATCH,
President Pro Tempore, Feb. 2, 2018.

AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 403, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 403) designating February 2018 as “American Heart Month” and February 2, 2018, as “National Wear Red Day.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 403) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 13; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired,

the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed. I further ask that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2579; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and leader remarks count postcloture on the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator HASSAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from New Hampshire.

OPIOID CRISIS

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, in my home State of New Hampshire and in communities across the Nation, there is no greater public health and safety challenge than the fentanyl, heroin, and opioid crisis.

Everywhere I go, I hear stories by people affected by this crisis. I hear inspiring stories from those in recovery who are tirelessly working to stay healthy and rebuild their lives, and I hear tragic stories from siblings, parents, and friends who have experienced

the unimaginable pain of losing a loved one.

The courage of people willing to share their stories is key to breaking down the stigma of addiction and pushing for solutions. This month, I saw reports that mothers in New Hampshire and in our neighboring State of Massachusetts are doing just that. These mothers have all lost their children to overdoses, but through their grief, they are fighting to ensure that other parents are spared from what they have endured. They are writing letters to the White House that are set to arrive on Valentine’s Day—all enclosed with photos of the children they have lost. Their message is that more must be done to end this epidemic and that more funding must be allocated to help those struggling.

Their initiative is putting faces to this crisis and showing the White House that these lives lost are more than just numbers. One of the mothers said: “We have broken hearts, so we want the President to see that.”

We can never thank the families who have lost loved ones enough for speaking out and for working tirelessly and courageously to try to prevent others from suffering as they have. We owe it to them to listen to their stories. But more importantly, we owe it to them to take stronger action.

I am encouraged by recent work in Congress to provide a significant increase in funding to combat this crisis. Over the past months, I have been pushing for more support for treatment, recovery, prevention, and law enforcement efforts.

The bipartisan agreement that passed last week included billions of dollars in additional resources—an important next step in strengthening our response. This is welcome news for States across the Nation grappling with the challenges of this epidemic, and it will be critical that these new Federal dollars are prioritized for States like New Hampshire that have been the hardest hit. I will continue working to ensure that happens, but even with this additional funding, we know that it will ultimately take a far greater investment to turn the tide of this horrible epidemic. Communities, law enforcement, and those struggling need our continued support and action, and Members of both parties must continue to work together in order to make progress.

Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO CASSANDRA
LEVESQUE

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I also rise today to announce the next Granite Stater of the Month, a young woman who is well known among people in the New Hampshire State House and across the Granite State.

Cassandra Levesque, an 18-year-old from Barrington, is an advocate at the forefront of an important fight: out-

lawing the practice of child marriage in New Hampshire and across the country.

Last year, after learning that child brides face a higher likelihood of domestic violence and divorce and a lower chance of professional success, Cassandra set out to close the legal loopholes that allow children as young as 13 to wed in New Hampshire. As she took on this fight, she heard stories of women in her community who had been abused by their spouses after being married as minors. Cassandra bravely shared the story of her own grandmother and great-grandmother, both of whom were married as young teenagers and were subsequently abused by their husbands.

With encouragement and support from her Girl Scout community and with the help of a State representative, Cassandra got a bill introduced in the legislature that would have closed the loopholes that would allow childhood marriages to occur. She testified during a hearing on the bill, closely followed debate on the bill in the full house of representatives, and spoke out in the media to explain why the legislation was so important.

While the bill ultimately failed by a close margin, Cassandra has continued to speak out and raise awareness, and just last month, the legislative efforts to end child marriage began anew.

Cassandra exemplifies New Hampshire's strong tradition of civic engagement, especially by women, and she has inspired other young people to become active in their communities too. Cassandra launched a program in libraries around the State that helps kids learn about issues they are passionate about and gives them the tools they need to become advocates.

In New Hampshire, we roll up our sleeves and work together to address injustices and solve problems in our communities, and Cassandra is a perfect example of that spirit.

I am deeply grateful for Cassandra's hard work, and I will continue to follow her efforts closely. I look forward to the day when we can say that thanks to people like Cassandra, child marriage is a thing of the past in New Hampshire.

Thank you.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:15 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 10 a.m.