

Baptist Church. After a few years there, he reached out to other community organizations in the area facing administrative challenges.

Finally, he, his wife, Mary, and their three children Doug, Karen, and Barbara moved to Billings, where Paul accepted the directorship of Friendship House of Christian Service. He helped coordinate and expand programs there including early childcare, afterschool programs, and nutrition classes.

Though Paul is retired, he continues to preach one Sunday each month at All Nations Church and still attends morning briefings at the Billings Police Department.

Paul has built a life around helping others and building stronger communities.

He is a role model for Montana, and Billings is a better place because of his work.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:20 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3397. An act to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood.

H.R. 4376. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out certain upgrades to research equipment and the construction of a research user facility, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4377. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out certain upgrades to research equipment and construct research user facilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4378. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out the construction of a versatile reactor-based fast neutron source, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4533. An act to designate the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Lexington VA Health Care System" and to make certain other designations.

H.R. 4675. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a low-dose radiation basic research program.

H.R. 4979. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and to make technical changes to the competitive need limitations provision of the program.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) reported that on today, February 14, 2018, he has signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 96. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3397. An act to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM edu-

cation research focused on early childhood; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 14, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 951. A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-208).

#### 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 Rigas, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

\*Jeff Tien Han Pon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a 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.

#### 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, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Internal Revenue Service's private debt collection program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2426. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to return premiums paid under the margin protection program for dairy producers to participating dairy operations; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2427. A bill to establish a task force to identify countervailable subsidies and dumping; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2428. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to exempt certain small entities dealing in foreign exchange that serve small- and medium-sized businesses from certain capital and margin requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2429. A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that using drugs or illegal substances to cause a person to engage in a commercial sex act constitutes coercion and using drugs or illegal substances to provide or obtain the labor or services of a person constitutes forced labor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2430. A bill to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities and related benefits for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services in event of any period of lapsed appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 406. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of United States v. Ahmed Alahmedalabdaloklah; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 266

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from

Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 292, a bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to include certain Federal positions within the definition of law enforcement officer for retirement purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 732

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 732, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 732, *supra*.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 751, 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.

S. 915

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 915, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 980

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payments for certain rural health clinic and Federally qualified health center services furnished to hospice patients under the Medicare program.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms.

CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 1050

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1050, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States that provide foster care for children up to age 21 to serve former foster youths through age 23 under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1537, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 1689

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1689, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for a new rule regarding the application of the Act to marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1719

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to eliminate duties on imports of recreational performance outerwear, to establish the Sustainable Textile and Apparel Research Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1917

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1917, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2032

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to make certain footwear eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain

health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2147

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2147, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to make improvements to the account for the State response to the opioid abuse crisis to improve tribal health.

S. 2324

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2324, a bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to change certain requirements relating to the capital structure of business development companies, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise certain rules relating to business development companies, and for other purposes.

S. 2345

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2345, a bill to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and for other purposes.

S. 2353

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2353, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes.

S. 2354

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2354, a bill to provide for the administration of certain national monuments, to establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and to establish certain wilderness areas in the States of New Mexico and Nevada.

S. 2379

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2379, a bill to improve and expand authorities, programs, services, and benefits for military spouses and military families, and for other purposes.

S. 2421

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska

(Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2421, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide an exemption from certain notice requirements and penalties for releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms.

S. RES. 61

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 61, a resolution calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States.

S. RES. 368

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 368, a resolution supporting the right of all Iranian citizens to have their voices heard.

S. RES. 402

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 402, a resolution calling upon the President to exercise relevant mandatory sanctions authorities under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act in response to the Government of the Russian Federation's continued aggression in Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea and assault on democratic institutions around the world, including through cyber attacks.

AMENDMENT NO. 1948

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1948 proposed to H.R. 2579, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage.

AMENDMENT NO. 1954

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1954 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2579, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 406—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF UNITED STATES V. AHMED ALAHMEDALABDALOKLAH

Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following

resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 406

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Ahmed Alahmedalabdalklah*, No. CR-12-01263-001-PHX-ROS, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, the defendant has issued a subpoena for testimony and documents to Senator Lindsey Graham;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Members of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony or documents relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, by Rule VI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Lindsey Graham in this matter.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution authorizing representation by the Senate Legal Counsel and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a subpoena from the defendant in a criminal case pending in Arizona Federal court. The defendant is charged with various crimes alleging his assistance to an Iraqi insurgent group by supplying parts for use in improvised explosive devices. The defendant issued a trial subpoena to Senator GRAHAM for testimony and documents arising out of his Senate duties. As any information Senator GRAHAM would have in this matter would have been acquired as part of his legislative duties, the information sought would be privileged under the Speech or Debate Clause. This resolution would authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to represent Senator GRAHAM and move to quash the subpoena.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1957. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1958. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KATIE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COONS, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WARNER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2579, supra.

SA 1959. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEX-

ANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2579, supra.

SA 1960. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1961. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1962. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1963. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1964. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1965. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1966. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1967. Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1968. Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. REED, Mr. KATIE, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1969. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1970. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1971. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1972. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1973. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1974. Ms. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1975. Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. HEITKAMP) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1976. Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1977. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1978. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1979. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1980. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.