

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARFIELD COUNTY

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a ranching community, a community that knows the meaning and value of hard work and that truly embodies the spirit of the great state of Montana.

Garfield County is 100 years old this year. After splitting from neighboring Dawson County in 1919, this group of homesteading pioneers voted to make Jordan its county seat and get to work doing what Montanans do best: making a living off the land.

Ranching is a way of life out here, one that has sustained families, built communities, and contributed to Montana's rural heritage.

While ranching and agriculture remain Garfield's top industries, the county is perhaps most well known for another export: bones.

Garfield County sits atop the Hell's Creek Formation. Millions of years before European settlers built their homesteads and long before the Assiniboine and Crow tribes occupied the land, Garfield County was home to some of the most fearsome creatures ever to roam the Earth. Its Tyrannosaurus rex and Triceratops fossils are some of the best preserved, and most renowned, specimens ever discovered.

Rexy, the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex who now roams the halls of the Natural History Museum in New York City, was discovered just north of Jordan, and is just one example of the paleontological contribution Garfield County has made, a reminder of an ancient history long forgotten and discovered anew.

The good people of Garfield County have much to be proud of. I rise today to honor them and to congratulate them on 100 great years.

I know the next 100 will be even better. •

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 withdrawals 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 10:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 2609. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Acquisi-

tion Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mrs. HARTZLER of Missouri.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2609. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Acquisition Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-1619. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1620. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the accounts referenced in section 1204; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-1621. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to United States citizens detained in Iran and efforts to secure their release; to the Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Finance; and Foreign Relations.

EC-1622. A communication from the Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the final map and perimeter boundary description for the Whychus Creek Wild and Scenic River, in Oregon, added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1623. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Emergency Release Notification Regulations on Reporting Exemption for Air Emissions from Animal Waste at Farms; Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act" (FRL No. 9995-03-OLEM) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1624. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of

Columbia; Administrative Corrections and Emissions Statements Certification for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9995-06-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1625. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to the Utah Division of Administrative Rules; R307-101-3" (FRL No. 9994-88-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1626. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1627. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Welfare Outcomes 2016: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1628. A communication from the Attorney-Adviser, Legislation and Regulations Division of the Visa Office, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Diversity Immigrants" (RIN1400-AE74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1629. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1630. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 116th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1631. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1632. A communication from the Inspector General of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1633. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1634. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on June 5, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1635. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Director, Office of Personnel Management, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1636. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Amendments to the U.S. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card Program Regulations" (RIN1651-AB24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1637. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1638. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Graeme Bake Pool and Spa Safety Act; Incorporation by Reference of Successor Standard" ((16 CFR Part 1450) (Docket No. CPSC-2019-0012)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-89. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to enact legislation preventing federal regulators from sanctioning depository institutions for providing financial services to legitimate marijuana-related businesses in states where marijuana has been legalized; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Whereas, The medical and recreational marijuana industries are continually growing across states in the country, contributing billions of dollars to the economy. Many states have legalized the use of medical and/or recreational marijuana, while additional states may do so in the future; and

Whereas, Voters of the state of Michigan have approved the legalization of regulated medical and recreational marijuana use; and

Whereas, Marijuana is still illegal under federal law, creating confusion and uncertainty in banking, taxation, and other matters. Because of the federal prohibition, there is an extreme risk to provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses and service providers, resulting in a cash-intensive industry. In turn, it is very difficult for such businesses to accept noncash payments from customers and make noncash payments to employees, suppliers, governments, and others; and

Whereas, The proliferation of cash in the marijuana industry has given rise to signifi-

cant public safety risks, including in Michigan's communities. Holding large amounts of cash heightens the risk of robbery and violence; and

Whereas, Bringing the marijuana sector into the traditional financial services system is in the interest of the state and its residents. This development will increase public safety, grow the economy, and create jobs. Moreover, it will make transacting business with, and collecting taxes from, the marijuana industry easier. The federal government should respect the authority of Michigan and other states that have enacted policies concerning marijuana use; and

Whereas, The Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act of 2019 has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 1595) to provide safe harbor from federal regulators for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses and service providers in states that exercise jurisdiction over the marijuana industry. The measure has received bipartisan support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the U.S. Congress to enact legislation preventing federal regulators from sanctioning depository institutions for providing financial services to legitimate marijuana-related businesses in states where marijuana has been legalized; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-90. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to appropriate monies and federal entities to develop solutions to eradicate salt cedars in Arizona waterways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL NO. 2002

Whereas, the salt cedar tree, also known as the tamarisk, was brought to the United States in the 1800s as an ornamental plant to stabilize soil and control erosion; and

Whereas, salt cedars are now listed as an invasive species by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, salt cedars spread prolifically by both seed and sprouting, congesting thousands of acres of river land in Arizona; and

Whereas, the density of salt cedars creates dangerous conditions by congesting flood-prone areas, impeding water flow and exacerbating the impact of flooding; and

Whereas, by increasing the frequency and intensity of wildfires, salt cedars threaten existing and future infrastructure in surrounding communities; and

Whereas, this invasive plant out-competes native cottonwood, mesquite and willow and displaces riparian and other wildlife habitats by altering the ecology and hydrology of native systems; and

Whereas, each salt cedar tree consumes 200 to 300 gallons of water a day, which lowers the water table and creates large deposits of salt in the soil; and

Whereas, salt cedars negatively impact Arizona's economy by jeopardizing agriculture due to high water usage, tending to obstruct irrigation canals and limiting recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, eliminating salt cedars will sustain precious water supplies, reduce the risk of environmental disasters, and minimize structural and ecological damage and loss of life.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress appropriate monies to the State of Arizona to eradicate salt cedars from Arizona waterways.

2. That the United States Department of the Interior and the United States Department of Agriculture develop innovative solutions to control the proliferation of salt cedars.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-91. A resolution adopted by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland memorializing its support for additional oversight of major public private partnership agreements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-92. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, urging the United States Congress to approve S. 788, "The Equality Act," which will serve to extend federal anti-discrimination protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans by providing them with equal protection under the law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lth) Gene F. Price, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lth) Shawn E. Duane and ending with Rear Adm. (lth) John A. Schommer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2019.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lth) Alan J. Reyes, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lth) Troy M. McClelland, to be Rear Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Charles A. Flynn, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Mark E. Moritz, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Christopher A. Asselta, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Michael T. Curran, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Leslie E. Reardanz III, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Kenneth R. Blackmon and ending with Capt. Larry D. Watkins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 5, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Scott K. Fuller and ending with Capt. Michael J. Steffen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 5, 2019.

Navy nomination of Capt. Paula D. Dunn, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Pamela C. Miller, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Air Force nomination of Gen. John W. Raymond, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla, to be Lieutenant General.