

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRENCHVILLE, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Town of Frenchville, ME. As one who was born and raised in Aroostook County, I am honored to celebrate the generations of industrious and caring people who have made Frenchville such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families.

The story of Frenchville begins long before its incorporation in 1869. For thousands of years, the St. John River Valley has been the home of the Maliseet Tribe. French explorers, led by Samuel de Champlain, first visited the area in 1604 and established friendly relationships with the Native Americans. In the late 1700s, French-speaking Canadians began settling in the area, and the Maliseets often provided vital assistance during the first difficult winters. These settlements laid the foundation for the vibrant Acadian culture that is so important in Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and as far away as Louisiana.

The Acadian settlers created a prosperous community. They planted crops, established lumber and grain mills, and built schools, churches, and thriving general stores. Later in the 19th century, the people of Frenchville joined their neighboring towns in connecting their remote region to the world with their own hands. Town by town, they built roads and railroads with pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow. These transportation networks, combined with rich soil, made the region an agricultural center, and the potato industry remains an essential part of the economy.

The town was incorporated in 1869 as Dickeyville, in honor of Major William Dickey, an early civic and political leader in the region. Two years later, the name was changed to Frenchville to recognize the language and origins of its original settlers. Today, 80 percent of the town's residents speak French, and they continue to uphold the Acadian traditions of great food, music, and dance, and of close-knit families and lasting friendships.

(English translation of the statement made in French is as follows:)

To my Franco-American friends, it is a pleasure to congratulate you on this landmark anniversary. Across the generations, you have worked hard and worked together to create a community that combines your rich heritage with the values that define our State and our Nation.

While the people of Frenchville cherish their fascinating history, they build for the future. Last year, the Dr. Levesque Elementary School was named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School, marking the second time this outstanding school received that prestigious recognition. For nearly 50 years, Frenchville and neighboring communities have joined hands to make the Northern Aroostook Re-

gional Airport an invaluable transportation link between the St. John Valley and the world. In addition to the airport's important role in economic development, the volunteer pilots of the Patient Airlift Service provide a crucial lifeline to people needing advanced medical treatment.

The celebration of Frenchville's 150th anniversary is not merely about the passing of time. It is about human accomplishment. We celebrate the people who pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community. Thanks to those who came before, Frenchville, ME, has a wonderful history. Thanks to those there today, it has a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VERMALENE SMITH

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Vermalene Smith for her outstanding commitment to supporting our military, our veterans, their families, and her community.

Born in Leachville, AR, Vermalene attended various schools in northeast Arkansas before furthering her education at Memphis State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in accounting and minored in business management. She utilized her acquired skills in a successful accounting career, as well as a decorated career in real estate. The combination of knowledge and community involvement she possessed prepared her for the role she took with former U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson as senior coordinator for the State of Arkansas. She also went on to serve Lieutenant Governor Win Rockefeller as his financial director and volunteered for the Craighead County Veterans Service Office before becoming the county's full-time veterans service officer in 2009.

In this role, Vermalene plans, organizes, and directs the activities of the County Veterans Service office. From preparing claims for veterans to personally counseling them and their dependents, she has maintained her devotion to fighting for those who fought for us at home and abroad. She has been instrumental in conducting the annual military ball, an event that attracts hundreds of participants including veterans, servicemembers, civic leaders, and local JROTC cadets and their guests and has also played an important role in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event. Vermalene serves as an inspiration and example to us all and has had a positive impact on countless lives through her diligent efforts and advocacy.

In addition to all of her work for veterans, Vermalene has exemplified what it means to be a good steward of her community. Some of her many roles have included Cub Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, and president of the parent teachers association. She also founded the Northeast Arkansas

Republican Women and Northeast Arkansas Veterans Action Clergy organizations. Her involvement continues to impress as she served as chairman of the Craighead County Republican Party and 1st congressional District secretary. Her dedication has enhanced her community immensely and earned her many prestigious honors along the way.

Her numerous awards include Business of Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year, Million Dollar Producer, and the Frank Lady Leadership Award. It comes as no surprise that she also received the Customer Service Award from American Legion Post 53 located in West Memphis, AR, and American Legion District 5, which includes the majority of northeast Arkansas.

Vermalene has spent her career working to advance the needs of veterans and improve Arkansas. Our State is a better place because of her. I wish Vermalene well as she begins her well-deserved retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO ADAM MILLER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Adam Miller, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Adam is a graduate of Canton High School in Canton, SD. Currently, he is attending Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD, where he is double majoring in political science and history. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Adam for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 12, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of

Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 744. An act to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error.

S. 998. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1749. An act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 866. An act to provide a lactation room in public buildings.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1327. An act to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, July 15, 2019, he has signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 744. An act to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error.

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ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 15, 2019, 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-1920. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order

13441 of August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1921. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2019-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1922. 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 "Use of Truncated Taxpayer Identification Numbers on Forms W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, Furnished to Employees" (RIN1545-BN35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1923. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference; North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits" (RIN2126-AC01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1420. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-55).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1430. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees (Rept. No. 116-56).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1654. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-57).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 206. A resolution marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1945. A bill to amend section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) to preserve congressional review and oversight of foreign arms sales, and for other purposes.

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. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2110. A bill to address food and housing insecurity on college campuses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. BURR, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2111. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that it is unlawful to knowingly distribute private intimate visual depictions with reckless disregard for the individual's lack of consent to the distribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2112. A bill to enhance the rights of domestic workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KING, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2113. A bill to protect the health and safety of children in immigration detention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2114. A bill to provide the legal framework and income tax treatment necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2115. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify the period after retirement for authority of the Department of Defense to appoint retired members of the armed forces to positions within the Department after retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 2116. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish rules for payment for graduate medical education (GME) costs for hospitals that establish a new medical residency training program after hosting resident rotators for short durations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2117. A bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to remove Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. from the entity list maintained by the Bureau of Industry and Security; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2118. A bill to prohibit United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and to require the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to