

universities as part of their curriculums. Blair passed away in 2000 of lung cancer, but left behind a legacy of service and dedication to the State of Arkansas.

Louise McPhetridge Thaden was born in Bentonville on a small family farm and became interested in aviation at an early age. She attended the University of Arkansas, but never graduated. Instead, she continued to pursue her love of flying, taking her skills to Kansas and eventually California and working various jobs until she eventually earned her pilot's license. She became the only female pilot to simultaneously hold the women's record for speed, altitude, and solo endurance, beating out Amelia Earhart and other pilots at the National Women's Air Derby in 1929. Together Earhart and Thaden formed the Ninety-Nines, an advocacy group for women pilots. Additionally, Louise opened a flight school for women at the Penn School of Aviation and raised the scholarship money for its first 12 students. In 1932, she set a refueling endurance record of 196 hours in the air over Long Island. In 1936, Louise became the first woman to win the Bendix Transcontinental Air Race from New York to Los Angeles. She was the 1937 recipient of the Harmon Trophy, which is the highest honor given to a female pilot. Her achievements have been honored in numerous ways, including by the community of Bentonville, where its airport now bears her name, as well as by former Governor David Pryor's declaration of August 22 as "Louise M. Thaden Day." She was posthumously inducted into the International Aerospace Hall of Fame in 1999. Louise's pioneering and competitive spirit will continue to inspire future generations of pilots and women for many years to come.

The final inductee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Beta Pi Omega Chapter, was chartered in Little Rock in 1937. It is the oldest graduate chapter in the State of Arkansas. The chapter's 265 members regularly complete service projects and host health fairs, workshops, education programs, voter drive, and fundraisers. The group's members use their education, skill, and expertise to make an impact in the community. Beta Pi Omega has sponsored the chartering of two new Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters in the State, Gamma Alpha Chapter at Philander Smith College and Epsilon Phi Chapter at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Through the years, over 500 High School seniors and college students have received scholarships or other assistance from Beta Pi Omega. The chapter has been recognized for its programs and partnerships with the Little Rock School District, American Heart Association, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and Lions Club International. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Beta Pi Omega chapter has demonstrated a true commitment to improving Arkansas for future genera-

tions of citizens in all corners of the State.

Congratulations to the 2019 Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame inductees. We are grateful for their contributions to our State and the work they have done to inspire all Arkansans to achieve great things and help their neighbors and fellow citizens through their efforts to uplift and improve their communities.●

TRIBUTE TO FATHER THOMAS TOBIN

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Father Thomas Tobin, of Carter County, for his leadership in the church and devotion to serving the faithful of Montana.

Father Tobin was ordained in a small church in Tipperary, Ireland, in June of 1959, shortly after, he made the trek to Montana in September of 1959. During his 38 years of service, he ministered across Big Sky Country, including in Billings, Hilger, Livingston, Big Sandy, Baker, and Ekalaka.

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, Father Tobin has been active in promoting Christian values from his local parish to the broader community.

Father Tobin has been a strong defender of the pro-life movement—regularly defending the rights of the unborn from the pulpit. He has participated in a handful of right-to-life marches and has routinely promoted pro-life activities.

During the days leading up to the 9/11 attacks, Father Tobin was in New York City visiting parishes. When the attacks unfolded, Father Tobin delayed his return home to Montana to pray and minister to the people of New York City.

In addition to his devout faith and commitment to others, Father Tobin has a profound love for our great outdoors. Those who know him best say he can often be found at a local dam or lake with a fishing pole. He also enjoys long drives in the country and taking long walks and hikes.

I am proud to honor Father Tobin as this week's Montanan of the Week. His devotion to his Catholic faith and his community is exemplary of the Montana spirit.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-2156. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the Army Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) (OSS-2019-0850); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2157. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2158. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-92, "Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Support Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2159. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-93, "Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2160. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-94, "Closing of a Portion of South Dakota Avenue, N.E., Adjacent to Squares 3760 and 3766, S.O. 18-40261, Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2161. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-95, "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2162. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-96, "Power Line Undergrounding Program Certified Business Enterprise Utilization Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2163. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-97, "Children's Hospital Research and Innovation Campus Phase 1 Temporary Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2164. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-98, "St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2165. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-99, "Department of Health Functions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2166. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-107, "Myphehuh Films DBA Sankofa Video and Books Real Property Tax Exemption Act of 2019"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2167. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Electric Power Utilities" (RIN1076-AF31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2019; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2168. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments; Annual Adjustments" (RIN1076-AF40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2019; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 115th Congress" (Rept. No. 116-68).

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

S. 1441. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1992. A bill to amend the FAST Act to repeal a rescission of funds.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Air Force nomination of Gen. John E. Hyten, to be General.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

*Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

*Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. HOEVEN for the Committee on Indian Affairs.

E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three 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.

(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. GARDNER:

S. 2347. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude employer contributions to student loan repayment from income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2348. A bill to restore administrative law judges to the competitive service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2349. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to eliminate the common carrier exemption for telecommunications companies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2350. 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 Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2351. A bill to promote human rights and accountability in Saudi Arabia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2352. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify nondiscrimination rules to protect older, longer service participants in retirement plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 2353. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop guidance for firefighters and other emergency response personnel on best practices to protect them from exposure to PFAS and to limit and prevent the release of PFAS into the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2354. A bill to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2355. A bill to eliminate racial, religious, and other discriminatory profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 2356. A bill to provide a definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 2357. A bill to establish a national goal and mechanism to achieve a trade-balancing exchange rate for the United States dollar, to impose market access charge on certain

purchases of United States assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2358. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2359. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require consideration of the assets of a household for broad-based categorical eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2360. A bill to establish an Office of Emerging Markets within the Small Business Administration that will strengthen the development of small business concerns in emerging markets, including those owned by women, minorities, veterans, and those located in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2361. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase lending to underserved borrowers through the largest loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2362. A bill to establish a process for United States businesses to obtain exclusions from certain duties imposed under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 and section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 2363. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Telecommunications Workforce Development Advisory Council within the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2364. A bill to enhance domestic marine debris response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2365. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2366. A bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. JONES):

S. 2367. A bill to support the preparation and retention of outstanding educators in all fields to ensure a bright future for children and youth in under-resourced and underserved communities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.