

Although much has changed over the past 100 years, John Brown University remains committed to its spiritual identity and mission to educate students in the head, heart, and hand. I congratulate JBU for reaching this milestone and look forward to its next century of continued success.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENO + SPARKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I come forward today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce. In 1890, the Reno Commercial Club and Reno Business League were born out of a need to enhance the city of Reno as a commercial center. In 1919, the two merged to form the Reno Chamber of Commerce, and in 1970, the chamber expanded to include the city of Sparks. In 2018, the Latino Chamber of Commerce merged with the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce to provide wider representation for the community's diversity of businesses and people.

Today, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in northern Nevada with over 1,800 registered businesses that employ over 85,000 individuals in Washoe County. The Chamber has 42 ambassadors, as well as volunteers from a wide variety of industries who meet monthly to celebrate success stories and aid in event planning. The chamber also delivers more than 4 million annual leads and referrals through its online directory and offers free educational programs, training events, and countless opportunities for member connectivity. Through the Reno + Sparks Leadership Program, now in its 34th year with 1,100 alumni, the chamber cultivates leaders by providing opportunities to volunteer and support the community while immersing participants in the issues and challenges of the region. It also hosts elected officials and issues its public policy platform each State legislative session to advocate on behalf of free enterprise and a robust economy.

Since 1919, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce has advocated on behalf of all businesses, provided resources and support to its members, and connected its members with new customers and partners. The northern Nevada economic landscape is stronger and more diverse because of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce's many efforts to support local leaders and small businesses throughout the region.

Through booms and busts, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce has been a steadfast force in our community. From ribbon-cutting ceremonies to its long-running leadership program, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce has been a reliable and valuable resource for northern Nevadans. Its dedication to economic prosperity and communal inclusivity for northern Ne-

vada has stood for a century, and I am excited to see what they have in store for the next 100 years.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK DUFFIN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, along with my colleagues Senator James Risch, Representative Mike Simpson, and Representative Russ Fulcher, I congratulate Mark Duffin on his retirement from the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, after serving as the association's executive director for the past more than 28 years.

We have greatly valued Mark's insight and partnership on agricultural and related issues over the years. Mark has not only been an Idaho agricultural leader, but also a national agricultural leader, given the high profile of the sugarbeet industry and the crucial role Idaho plays in supplying the market. Mark has been a stalwart advocate for Idaho's sugarbeet growers and provided essential guidance on Federal policy matters impacting the industry, particularly trade, transportation and labor. From sharing the growers' perspective on multiple farm bill reauthorizations, international trade agreement negotiations, natural resource management, and much more. Mark has provided helpful perspective on Federal policy over the years. Throughout, his judicious, considerate, and experienced approach has been instrumental.

His understanding of the challenges of agricultural production and appreciation for those he represents is apparent in his thoughtful advocacy. Mark grew up on a farm in southeastern Idaho and farmed with his brother before leading the association. The majority of this Idaho congressional delegation had the honor of serving with him in the Idaho State Legislature, as Mark served in the legislature from 1984-1990. Mark also served as the Power County Farm Bureau president, president of Food Producers of Idaho, and president of the University of Idaho College of Agriculture's Agricultural Consulting Council.

We thank Mark for his assistance on behalf of Idahoans and the producers he has represented and wish him well on his retirement. We hope Mark enjoys his retirement, but should he find himself with some spare time, he can always find work driving trucks for his friends and neighbors in the Idaho sugarbeet industry.●

TRIBUTE TO JERI BARR

● Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, today, I am honored to recognize in the RECORD Mrs. Jeri Barr of Marietta, GA, who announced earlier this year that she would step down from the Center for Family Resources and whose service to the community will soon be celebrated at a special event in her honor.

The Center for Family Resources provides service to families and individuals who are homeless or who are in

danger of becoming homeless. Through short-term housing, job-hunting help, food assistance, and other services, the organization accomplishes much for the community.

Jeri Barr has been at the helm of the Center for Family Resources in Cobb County, GA, for 35 years. Cobb is my home county, and I have been glad to watch this organization grow under her leadership.

When Jeri took over in 1984, the organization had a staff of 11 and a budget of \$350,000. Today, the Center for Family Resources owns and operates the Mansour Center, a \$10 million, 60,000-square-foot facility that offers space to other nonprofits and conference space for the public, allowing for additional revenue to benefit the center's mission. Now, there are 25 staff members, and the organization's budget is nearly \$3.5 million.

For many years, Jeri has given back to the community. She served the United Way, including as the director of their Volunteer Cobb service. She also led the East Cobb Newcomers Club, Cobb Christmas, Cobb County Rape Crisis Center, and Cobb County Community Council. Numerous other organizations have also benefitted from her work on their boards. Thanks to her leadership, each of these organizations has benefitted.

While she will be missed by the staff and all those involved with the Center for Family Resources, I am confident that she has prepared the organization well for the future. As Jeri and her husband, former U.S. Representative Bob Barr, prepare for this next exciting chapter, I congratulate them and wish them much happiness enjoying their children and grandchildren.●

REMEMBERING COLONEL GARY ALLEN JONES

● Mr. PERDUE. Madam President, sadly, the State of Georgia has said goodbye to one of its finest sons, COL (ret) Gary Allen Jones of Columbus.

Bonnie and I offer our deepest condolences to Gary's family, friends, and colleagues.

Gary served as a member of my Georgia strategic military advisory group, where he provided me and my staff with valuable insight, advice, and encouragement.

I first met Gary during a visit to Fort Benning in 2016, and I had the good pleasure of meeting him many times after that. I was always struck by Gary's warmth, his wisdom, and his stalwart dedication to service. No matter who you are, Gary treated you like a friend. He always went out of his way to help.

Gary was the epitome of a servant hero.

Like many brave Americans, Gary heeded the call of duty and entered the Armed Services. While in the Army, he received many prestigious awards, including the Silver Star, for his bravery and dedication to service. In 2018, Gary

was awarded the Fort Benning Commanding General's Award for Public Service.

Gary's dedication extended far beyond his time in the military. He was always a tireless advocate for his community, holding leadership positions in organizations like the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Historic Chattahoochee River Club, and the Columbus Uptown Board, among many others. In addition, Gary was a leader in his local church.

The Columbus area and the entire State of Georgia have been made better thanks in large part to people like Gary.

As we mourn Gary's passing, we should recognize his incredible legacy. It is one of warmth, decency, service, and honor.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1423. An act to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1058. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1423. An act to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 903. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-114).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1201. A bill to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil

fuel technology, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-115).

S. 1706. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-116).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Eugene Scallia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

*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:

S. 2531. A bill to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain witness protection and assistance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 2532. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate regulations requiring manufacturers to give notice to consumers as to whether internet-connected devices contain cameras or microphones; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2533. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2534. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 2535. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis relating to the decline in the business formation rate in the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2536. A bill to establish standards for the design of electronic nicotine delivery systems; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2537. A bill to ensure that recent actions involving Ukraine are not withheld from Congress and the people of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2538. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement

for unique health identifiers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. MARKKY):

S. 2539. A bill to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2540. A bill to reauthorize the EB-5 Regional Center Program in order to prevent fraud and promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2541. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2542. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make qualified biogas property and qualified manure resource recovery property eligible for the energy credit and to permit renewable energy bonds to finance qualified biogas property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 55. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security relating to "Immigrant Investor Program Modernization"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 324. A resolution designating September 29, 2019, as "National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 325. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the whistleblower complaint received on August 12, 2019, by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community should be transmitted immediately to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. JONES, Mr. MARKKY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. REED, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. SMITH):

S. Res. 326. A resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of AmeriCorps; considered and agreed to.