

hospital was founded after James, Harold, and his wife Alana's son, sustained a serious spinal cord injury on a beach trip. James spent six months at a rehabilitation hospital in Colorado, where he ultimately regained his ability to walk. When James returned home to Atlanta, he and his parents grew frustrated with the lack of rehabilitation care options in the Southeast and developed a plan to open the Shepherd Center.

What started as a six-bed rehabilitation unit is now a world-renowned, 152-bed research and rehabilitation facility spread across three campuses. Until his passing earlier this month, Harold spent nearly every day volunteering at the hospital and developed a reputation for being an incredible storyteller and historian. He was beloved by the staff at the Shepherd Center, and dedicated his life to them, his family, and the disabled community in Georgia.

Harold is survived by his wife, Alana Smith Shepherd; his sons James H. Shepherd, Jr. and Thomas C. Shepherd; and his grandchildren Julie Shepherd, James H. Shepherd III (Sarah), and Thomas C. Shepherd, Jr. He is also survived by four great grandchildren, James Harold Shepherd IV, Josephine Shepherd, Virginia Shepherd, and Annie Shepherd.

Mr. Shepherd will be greatly missed, and I thank him for his service to our community.●

#### RECOGNIZING BAILEY'S GENERAL STORE

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I wish to highlight the hard work and unique entrepreneurial spirit found in small businesses across my home State of Florida. Each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies perseverance and dedication to the local community. Today, as chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my distinct pleasure to name Bailey's General Store in Sanibel, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Bailey's General Store has a long history of providing essential goods to the people of Sanibel Island. Founded in 1899 by Frank P. Bailey, the Sanibel Packing Company provided groceries and other general supplies to both locals and visitors before there was a bridge to the island. Three generations of the Bailey family have continued to expand the business, one of the oldest in Lee County, while still honoring their roots. In a nod to its heritage, the original 1926 Model-T that was used as a delivery vehicle in Bailey's early days is still displayed in the store today.

Today Bailey's General Store has two locations on Sanibel Island and serves as a one-stop shopping solution, providing their customers with a plethora of supplies, from groceries and hardware to delivery and catering services. Bailey's is now owned by Richard and Mary Bailey Johnson, who continue

the high standard of service to which Sanibel Island residents and visitors have grown accustomed. In addition to the general store, the Bailey Johnsons' team operates Bailey's Coffee Bar. Located just inside the entrance to the store, the coffee bar serves as a gathering place for tourists and locals alike to enjoy all types of drinks, including their unique "Bailey's Blend," in the store's historic atmosphere. In September 2018, as part of their annual Best of the Islands banquet, the Island Reporter and Sanibel-Captiva Islander recognized Bailey's for the best chocolate shop, coffee bar, grocery store, general store, and wine selection on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

Bailey's General Store is not only a great place for those on Sanibel Island to shop and relax, it is an integral part of the community. In addition to his role as owner, Richard also works to make Sanibel Island a better place for both residents and tourists. He currently serves as the chair of the capital campaign committee for the renovation of the Bailey-Matthews National Shallow Water Museum. The museum held a ground-breaking ceremony earlier this month and is on track to open to the public in early 2020. The family-owned business is committed to giving back to their community. Bailey's holds an annual fundraiser for the local FISH food pantry, supports the local Kiwanis Club, and sponsors a hole at the annual miniature golf event to raise money for the Community House on Sanibel. Additionally, Bailey's has been recognized by the Lee County Economic Development Council for their contributions to the local economy.

Like many Floridian small businesses, Bailey's General Store is an outstanding example of resiliency. Bailey's has overcome a number of disasters outside of their control, from multiple hurricanes to the recent red tide bloom. Regardless of circumstance, the team at Bailey's has remained steadfast in times of adversity again and again. Their contributions to the Sanibel Island Community were especially noble in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in 2017. Despite damage to the store, Bailey's reopened the day after the storm to provide island residents with much needed food and supplies. The store became a lifeline for residents and helped to reestablish normalcy in the midst of chaos, while Bailey's employees worked for 10 days to clear debris. Bailey's General Store's contributions to their community are an outstanding example of corporate citizenship, and I commend them for continuing to rise to the occasion when their community is in need of help.

Bailey's General Store serves as a model for any small business wishing to provide superior service to their customers, while serving as a gathering place and pillar of the community. The team at Bailey's routinely goes above and beyond to ensure their customers' needs are met, while also trying to improve their beachside community.

Again, I would like to congratulate Richard, Mary, and all of the employees at Bailey's for being named the Senate Small Business of the Week. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:11 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 and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 648. An act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 31. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 648. An act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

The following joint resolutions were read the first time:

H.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-162. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workforce Rights, transmitting, pursuant to Section 201(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act, a report relative to amounts previously paid with public funds in connection with violations of sections 201(a) or 207 of the Congressional Accountability Act, received in the office of the

President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### 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 Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 199. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 200. A bill to prohibit the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 201. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to make clear that each decennial census, as required for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States, shall tabulate the total number of persons in each State, and to provide that no information regarding United States citizenship or immigration status may be elicited in any such census; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 202. A bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as firearms accessories; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 203. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JONES, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARPER, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 204. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive certain penalties for affected Federal employees receiving a distribution from the Thrift Savings Plan during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 205. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prevent the

misclassification of drugs for purposes of the Medicaid drug rebate program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 206. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the "Hello Girls"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 207. A bill to enhance tribal road safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 208. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. UDALL, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 209. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 210. A bill to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancement in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 211. A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 212. A bill to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 213. A bill to amend the SOAR Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 214. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by the current lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 215. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and

generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 216. A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 217. A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require the maintenance of databases on awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 218. A bill to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 219. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on employers with low-wage employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 220. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for distributions from 529 programs to pay apprenticeship and qualified early education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 221. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 222. A bill to amend section 1341 of title 31, United States Code, to require payment of interest on back pay for employees affected by a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

S. 223. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 224. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 225. A bill to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.