

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BOBI GARRETT

• Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize a great Coloradan, Bobi Garrett who, after 21 years, is retiring from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory—NREL—in Golden, Colorado.

NREL is a crown jewel of research and development in the energy field, where its employees show up to work each day dedicated to finding solutions to the problems that we currently face not just in Colorado, but the United States and the world as well. Bobi has been with NREL since 1998, starting as the associate director for strategic development and analysis and is currently the deputy laboratory director of strategic programs and partnership, as well as chief operations officer—COO—of the facility. Bobi's work is vital to the performance and effectiveness of NREL, and her extensive expertise in the energy field has been instrumental in the laboratory's success.

Bobi started her career in energy and engineering when she graduated from Montana State University in 1976 with a degree in chemical engineering. She was just one of seven women in her engineering class. In addition to her NREL service, Bobi serves as an ambassador for Clean Energy Education and Empowerment, a program that helps women with careers in energy, and currently as a board member of CO-LABS, an organization dedicated to increasing Colorado's global standing in research and technology.

Bobi has worked tirelessly in her career to ensure that the future is brighter for generations to come. Her dedication to this effort earned her a spot in Denver Business Journal's "Top Women in Energy" in 2015, a well-deserved honor. We are proud to have Bobi in the great State of Colorado, and we look forward to her future efforts to make the world a better place.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:53 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. 5035. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5035. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3009. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations.

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-3477. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0611)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3478. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0258)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0739)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3480. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Textron Aviation Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Beechcraft Corporation)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0959)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3481. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0666)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3482. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0483)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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EC-3483. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0667)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3484. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0611)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3485. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0869)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3486. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0894)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3487. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0323)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3488. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment, Revocation, and Establishment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Western United States" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0221)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3489. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment and Amendment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Southeastern United States" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0124)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3490. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3878” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31281)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3491. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3877” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31280)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3492. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3877” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31280)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3493. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Coast Guard PSU-312 Training Exercise South Bay, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0859)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3494. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; San Juan Harbor, San Juan, PR” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0868)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3495. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Waiver of Citizenship Requirements for Crewmembers on Commercial Fishing Vessels” ((RIN1625-AB50) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0625)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3496. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation; Beauty and the Beast Triathlon; Christians Harbor, St. Croix, Virgin Island” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0893)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3497. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Kissimmee River, Fort Basinger, FL” ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0821)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3498. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation; Atlantic Ocean, Key West, FL” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0631)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 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-160. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 613 and S. 164, the TRICARE Reserve and Select Improvement Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

Whereas, Men and women with full-time careers who are also reservists in the Texas National Guard or another reserve component of the United States armed forces provide a valuable service to Texas and the nation; and

Whereas, Also providing a valuable service to Texas and the nation are men and women who have made the reserves of the armed forces of the United States their full-time career; these military technicians provide day-to-day readiness and training in reserve component units and are considered to be federal employees; and

Whereas, Unfortunately, federal employees who are also reservists or who work full time in a reserve component unit are ineligible for TRICARE Reserve Select, the low-cost health benefits plan offered to all other reserve component service members; instead, these federal employees who are eligible for a federal health benefits plan must use a more expensive health benefits plan; and

Whereas, The cost difference between enrolling in TRICARE and a federal health benefits plan can be significant in a family budget; in a recent example, a full-time base services manager at an Air National Guard base estimated that she paid \$4,700 more of her \$57,000 annual salary for a federal health benefits plan than she would for TRICARE; and

Whereas, To address the different treatment of reserve component service members who are federal employees, Congress is considering H.R. 613/S. 164, the TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act, to remove the prohibition on eligibility for TRICARE of members of the reserve components of the armed forces who are eligible to enroll in a federal health benefits plan; and

Whereas, Enacting the TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act would reduce the financial burden on valued members of the Texas National Guard and other reserve components of the United States armed forces; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 613/S. 164, the TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-161. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, World War II lasted from 1939 until 1945, and the United States entered the war in 1941 following the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

Whereas, Over 16 million Americans served their country and its allies over the course of the war; and

Whereas, The generation of men and women who served our country in World War II has been called “the greatest generation” for their selfless sacrifice; and

Whereas, The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration that is awarded by the United States government; and

Whereas, The Medal of Honor is presented by the president of the United States, in the name of Congress; and

Whereas, The Medal of Honor is only conferred upon members of the United States armed forces who distinguish themselves through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a beligerent party; and

Whereas, More than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded to our nation’s bravest soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen since the creation of the award in 1861; and

Whereas, The Medal of Honor was awarded to 473 Americans during World War II, and only four of those 473 Americans are alive today; and

Whereas, Charles H. Coolidge of Tennessee, Francis S. Currey of New York, Robert D. Maxwell of Oregon, and Hershel W. Williams of West Virginia all served their country with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life and therefore deserve the gratitude of the American people; and

Whereas, The president of the United States has the sole authority to designate a state funeral; and

Whereas, Historically, the president of the United States has designated state funerals for former presidents, generals, and other extraordinary Americans; and

Whereas, Designating a state funeral when the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient dies would be a wonderful way for the American people to unite and honor all 16 million soldiers, sailors, and airmen who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas, hereby respectfully urge the president of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-162. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to repeal the