

The Veterans Guest House has long been one of Reno's best kept secrets. This "home away from home" is one of the only facilities of its kind in the country serving U.S. military veterans and their families, providing temporary overnight accommodations for veterans receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno-Sparks area. In the early 1990s, veterans visiting the Veterans Administration Medical Center of the Sierra, VAMC, in Reno noticed that the family members of veterans were sleeping in their cars because they couldn't afford lodging while their loved one was in the hospital. Even some veterans were sleeping in their cars so they could arrive for appointments and other treatments. It was clear that this was not acceptable, and so our generous Northern Nevada community went to work to do better for our veterans.

In 1994, Reno's Spouse House opened its doors in an old bungalow-style home right near the VAMC in Reno. It had a handful of beds, and in those early years, the House provided lodging to about 800 guests each year. In the 25 years since that time, the Veterans Guest House has evolved and expanded to better meet the needs of our veterans and their families. In 2002, the nonprofit took the name "Veterans Guest House" to reflect its broader mission of assisting both veterans and their families, and in 2004, a new 12-bed home was built. By 2012, the nonprofit had acquired another property and expanded the bed total to 17, allowing them to provide more than 5,000 guest nights that year. Recently, construction concluded on the latest expansion bringing total capacity to 33 beds.

The Veterans Guest House is key to connecting our community to our veterans, providing a variety of ways to show our support for our veterans and their families and the sacrifices made by both. Volunteers are welcome at the Veterans Guest House to help provide the organization ongoing support doing everything from cleaning rooms, to assisting in small repairs, to helping with fundraisers. Community groups, families, and businesses also are encouraged to provide a home-cooked meal for the guests or help fill the needs of the agency's "Wish List." Most guests reside more than 30 miles away from the hospital, and so having that support for them and their families is crucial. Guests are asked to make a donation to support the work of the House, but no one is turned away because they can't pay. The organization relies completely on donations and receives no Federal or State funding.

I am so pleased to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Veterans Guest House and the critical services and support it provides to our veterans and their families.●

TRIBUTE TO ALYSSA LIEDLE-CAISSEY AND KAI BAUER

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing

the first set of graduates from Anaconda Junior/Senior High School's Copper Academy, Alyssa Liedle-Caissey and Kai Bauer.

The Anaconda Junior/Senior High School's Copper Academy allows students to learn at a different pace and in a unique environment which includes the use of online programs that have visual demonstrations and explanations for different educational requirements.

Alyssa and Kai both took a chance participating in this program, and it paid off. They both graduated 6 months early. I am very proud of these two young Montanans for pushing themselves and showing the Anaconda community that this new, individualized program allows students to thrive. Congratulations to Alyssa and Kai on their graduation from the Copper Academy. I wish them the best of luck as they transition into the next steps of their lives.●

TRIBUTE TO MELISSA MATTHEWS AND BELLE RAE ZACHESKY/COPP

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Melissa Matthews and Belle Rae Zachesky/Copp of Raymond as December's Granite Staters of the Month for seeking to turn their own grief into positive change and mental wellness for their community.

In the last few months, both Melissa and Belle have lost someone dear to them. Melissa lost her husband, Graham, to suicide on September 30, 2019; and her niece, 8-year-old Belle, lost her father, Jesse, to an opioid overdose the next day, on October 1.

In response to their shared grief and to distract from their sadness Melissa and Belle are seeking to raise awareness about the importance of mental wellness in their community. Belle and Melissa have started promoting wristbands with the slogan "Lets change the 'I' in mental illness with 'WE' for mental wellness," to help spread this important message to others.

The two have also started a Facebook page to try to create an online community of support and positivity. The group's name, MW Warriors—MW standing for mental wellness—was inspired by the song "Warrior" by singer Demi Lovato, who has struggled with drug addiction and depression.

Their story is another inspiring example of how people across New Hampshire come together during difficult times to support one another. This is particularly true as the opioid crisis continues to ravage our State, and it is crucial that we continue to be there for the loved ones of those whom we have lost.

Melissa and Belle are trying to do the challenging but important work of promoting positive change, all while battling their own loss and channeling their energy to help others.

Thank you, Melissa and Belle, for your strength and courage.●

100 SEASONS OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th season of the National Football League.

Ohio has a rich football history. In 1920, 10 teams gathered in Canton, OH, to form the American Professional Football Association. Of those original 10 teams, Cleveland, Canton, Akron, Columbus, and Dayton were all in the lineup. Further, the Dayton Triangles hosted the first-ever NFL game in 1921 against the Columbus Panhandles.

Home to the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals, Ohio has continued to embrace the legacy and tradition of America's game. The birthplace of the NFL, Canton's Pro Football Hall of Fame sees 225,000 visitors annually. Additionally, Ohio natives Don Shula, Chuck Noll, Paul Brown, Roger Staubach, and Cris Carter are among the 326 players who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Further, Cleveland looks forward to hosting the 2021 NFL draft, and I was proud to advocate for this selection last year.

Since its first season in 1920, the NFL has grown from humble beginnings to a national pastime known as America's game. Represented in 22 States by 32 teams, the NFL has united communities across the Nation through live games and televised events. In fact, the Super Bowl has become the single most-watched annual television event in the United States.

I commend the NFL for their continued philanthropic and volunteer efforts. Through working to honor veterans, promote cancer awareness, and encourage healthy lifestyles, the league has embraced community through sport. I applaud the commitment of the NFL, its staff, and all who were involved in reaching this milestone and making the first 100 seasons of the NFL a success.●

TRIBUTE TO NANCY WHITWORTH

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to recognize Ms. Nancy Whitworth of Greenville, SC, for her over 40 years of service to Greenville County. I extend my congratulations to her on her upcoming retirement and wish to reflect on her successful career.

As the longtime economic developer and deputy city manager for the city of Greenville, Nancy was responsible for commercial and neighborhood revitalization, downtown development, business recruitment and retention, planning and zoning, and building codes. She has also authored articles on Greenville's award-winning downtown and meets frequently with other cities to share Greenville's success story. Last year, she was awarded with the 2018 Local Economic Developer of the Year award.

Ms. Whitworth is to be commended for her role in spurring the dramatic growth and revitalization Greenville

has seen in the past decades. Through her leadership and dedication to her community, she has been an invaluable asset to the Upstate of South Carolina. Ms. Whitworth is a shining example of a dedicated public servant and should inspire us all to give our best to our communities. I would like to personally commend and thank Ms. Whitworth for her decades of service that encouraged Greenville's economic prosperity and success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 729. An act to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5038. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1790) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 729. An act to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5038. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 877. A bill to prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-173).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1822. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect

to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-174).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater.

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

S. 2641. A bill to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, and for other purposes.

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.

*Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a term of four 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.

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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3029. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3030. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a national evictions database, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROMNEY, and Mr. SASSE):

S. 3031. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to add membership in a significant transnational criminal organization to the list of grounds of inadmissibility and to prohibit the provision of material support or resources to such organizations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3032. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for transfers of the renewable electricity production credit, the energy credit, and the credit for carbon oxide sequestration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 3033. A bill to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other pur-

poses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3034. A bill to make trade adjustment assistance available to workers whose jobs are eliminated through automation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3035. A bill to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3036. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit the distribution of any check or other negotiable instrument as part of a solicitation by a creditor for an extension of credit, to limit the liability of consumers in conjunction with such solicitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3037. A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 3038. A bill to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 3039. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. 3040. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include teacher preparation for computer science in elementary and secondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 3041. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that medical professionals employed by the Veterans Health Administration are properly credentialed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3042. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to prescribe additional regulations to secure the safety of individuals and property on board certain small passenger vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 3043. A bill to modernize training programs at aviation maintenance technician schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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