

PELOSI's team to help freshman communications directors learn the ropes of Capitol Hill when I was assistant to the Speaker. She then took on a new challenge and dual role when I became ranking member of the House Budget Committee. From budget battles to the not-so-Super Committee, she was always up to the task. She took a leave of absence to help in my 2016 campaign for the Senate and then moved across the Capitol to run the communications operation in my Senate office. She has approached all of it with intelligence, sharp instincts, sound judgment, and a sense of humor.

Bridgett has built a reputation for being hard-charging and forthright, and reporters respect her responsiveness and honesty. She has coordinated closely with all aspects of my team, helping to drive both policy work and State outreach efforts, as well as with countless offices in both the House and the Senate. She has always provided me with honest and thoughtful advice and counsel. She has an uncanny instinct for getting to the heart of any issue.

As Bridgett seeks new challenges outside our office, I know she will continue to grow in her professional career. It stems from a love of politics that she got from her father and an ethos of hard work from her mother. I deeply appreciate her many years of dedicated service to the people of Maryland and the Congress. Our entire team will miss her, but we all extend our warmest wishes as she takes on new adventures.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TIM McALLISTER

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Tim McAllister, a 96-year-old veteran who served in World War II. Tim is currently the oldest veteran living in Judith Basin County.

Tim is a humble man who speaks quietly about his military service. In fact, he spends more time reflecting on the service of his two brothers, both of whom were soldiers in the D-Day invasion at Normandy. Tim's military service took him to the South Pacific, where he was engaged in the liberation of the Philippines with the American Division in the region of Cebu City.

Tim's impact on the community is pronounced. This past November, Tim wasn't able to attend the Veterans Day celebration at the local elementary school, and his presence was missed. Because of his absence, students in first and second grade at the school made a massive card to thank him for his service and delivered it to his home. This small act of kindness was very meaningful to Tim.

Tim's roots in Montana run strong and deep. His father rode the range with the legendary Charlie M. Russell. Tim carried on those western values

from his father and developed a love for ranching and horses. Tim truly understands and loves the Montana way of life.

I am proud of Tim for his service to our country and his tremendous impact on his community. I am confident his legacy of service will live on for generations to come, and I am honored to recognize him today.●

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN BAKER

• Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, in April of 1981, President George H.W. Bush said "think about every problem, every challenge, we face. The solution to each starts with education." These words were true then, and they are just as true today. Education is the bedrock of our society, and it allows our country to advance.

It is difficult to think of someone who exemplifies President Bush's words more than Vail School District Superintendent Calvin Baker. I have been privileged to get to know Cal and his wife Nancy over the last many years. I also live in Vail School District—VSD—so I have seen the impact he has made in our community firsthand.

Cal moved back to Arizona in 1987 to become the principal of the only school in the Vail School District, serving 500 students. He was appointed as the superintendent of the district in 1988 and has been at the helm ever since. During his nearly 33 years of service to students and families in our community, Cal led the growth to now 22 schools serving over 14,000 students. The growth was not by accident. Families want to move to VSD so their kids can experience the world-class educational experience thanks to Cal's extraordinary leadership and success.

As with any organization, leadership matters, and for effective leadership, character matters. Calvin Baker sets the example of integrity, selfless service, and humility for all to follow. He is truly a good man.

In his tenure, Cal built an impressive team of educators and support staff and created a culture of innovation, parent involvement, and dedication to students. Cal's vision for success was based on the principle that education is a community effort. He has been the glue that kept our growing and diverse community together united with a common goal of educational excellence. In a recent letter Cal sent to parents in his district, he said, "I encourage each of you to invest deeply in your child's education and our local schools. It is that investment that is the 'secret sauce' of Vail's success."

Calvin Baker is a trailblazer on innovation in education for so many other districts in the State and country to follow. Empire High School was the first school in the United States to eliminate textbooks in favor of computers. He pioneered the Beyond Textbooks program that combines Vail's successful instructional methodology

with an online delivery system. Cal didn't just want Vail students to benefit from this effective approach. Now, 115 school districts across Arizona and six other States use this program, some of which have become top performing districts in their States.

Baker's creative and visionary leadership didn't stop there. When enrollment in the district surpassed capacity, he developed a year-round track system to ensure educational standards were high while new infrastructure was planned and built. Under his leadership, Vail schools are consistently labeled as "A+" by the Arizona Department of Education.

Calvin Baker's legacy is immense and immeasurable. It will continue on with the thousands of children in a generation who received an amazing education in Vail School District under his leadership, propelling them on a path of opportunity for their futures. Cal is the longest serving superintendent of any school district in Arizona and has left an indelible mark on education for Arizona and the country. Appropriately, Pima County passed a resolution naming December 20 as Calvin Baker Appreciation Day, an honor in which Cal is more than deserving.

Last year, Cal confronted another challenge when he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. His example of faith, grit, and courage as he faced the diagnosis and treatment continues to be an inspiration to us all.

I want to personally thank Cal for his service and wish him, Nancy, and their whole family all the best in his much-deserved retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2881. An act to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3763. An act to direct the Federal Government to provide assistance and technical expertise to enhance the representation and leadership of the United States at international standards-setting bodies that set standards for equipment, systems, software, and virtually-defined networks that support 5th and future generations mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4500. An act to direct the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5065. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide re-entry entrepreneurship counseling and training services for formerly incarcerated individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5130. An act to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the employment size standard requirements for determining whether a manufacturing concern is a small business concern, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5146. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require contracting officers to take a small business concern's past performance as part of a joint venture into account when evaluating the small business concern, 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. 3763. An act to direct the Federal Government to provide assistance and technical expertise to enhance the representation and leadership of the United States at international standards-setting bodies that set standards for equipment, systems, software, and virtually-defined networks that support 5th and future generations mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4500. An act to direct the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5065. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide re-entry entrepreneurship counseling and training services for formerly incarcerated individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 5130. An act to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the employment size standard requirements for determining whether a manufacturing concern is a small business concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 5146. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require contracting officers to take a small business concern's past performance as part of a joint venture into account when evaluating the small business concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2881. An act to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, and for other purposes.

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-3700. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forfeiture Proceedings" (DA 19-1325) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3701. A communication from the Chair of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Panel's annual report for 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3702. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elemental Mercury Management and Storage Fees" ((RIN1903-AA11) (10 CFR Part 955)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3703. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" (10 CFR Parts 207, 218, 429, 431, 490, 501, 601, 820, 824, 851, 1013, 1017, and 1050) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3704. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Incandescent Lamps" ((RIN1904-AE76) (10 CFR Part 430)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3705. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3706. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-184, "Alcoholic Beverage Enforcement Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3707. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-185, "Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License Categories, Endorsements, and Hourly and Percentage Rate Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3708. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-186, "Alcoholic Beverage Procedural and Technical Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3709. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-187, "Charter School Property Tax Clarification Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3710. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-188, "Manufacturer and Pub Permit Parity Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3711. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-189, "Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Temporary Amendment Act of 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3712. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Suspension of the Population Estimates Challenge Program" (RIN0607-AA57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-174. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to a constitutional amendment; 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:

Report to accompany S. 876, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to prepare veterans for careers in the energy industry, including the solar, wind, cybersecurity, and other low-carbon emissions sectors or zero-emissions sectors of the energy industry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-201).

Report to accompany S. 2668, a bill to establish a program for research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-202).

Report to accompany S. 2368, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support licensing and relicensing of certain nuclear facilities and nuclear energy research, demonstration, and development, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-203).

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. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):