

history and culture. However, Mongolia's contributions are certainly not limited to these spheres. Mongolia is an example of a strong democracy. Mongolia currently has over 1,000 peacekeepers deployed in Africa and contributed troops to the fight against terrorism in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mongolia is an important friend of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region. I encourage a closer relationship between the United States and Mongolia. I thank Robert for representing his country and the State of Idaho well through fostering friendship and excellence abroad.●

#### RECOGNIZING TWO SISTERS NEW BEGINNINGS, LLC

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to recognize a unique Florida small business for its valuable contributions to the local economy and its dedicated efforts to sustainability and dignified work. Today, I am pleased to honor Two Sisters New Beginnings, LLC of Monticello, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2013 by sisters Sandra Hood and Pat Marchman, Two Sisters New Beginnings is an eclectic antique and repurposed furniture shop. After purchasing and refinishing a chest, Pat and Sandra discovered a passion for repurposing vintage furniture and decided to create a place for local artists to sell their unique items. Today, Two Sisters New Beginnings has become an asset to the Monticello community, supplying locally sourced repurposed furniture, antiques, collectibles, and more to both residents and visitors. Since its establishment, the business's customer base has grown steadily, as has the number of local artists and craftsmen who seek to showcase their products in the store. The storefront has become such a popular destination that Two Sisters New Beginnings expanded into additional retail space next-door.

Two Sisters New Beginnings has been a long supporter of the Monticello community, participating in local events such as the Mainstreet Monticello Christmas Kickoff and Jefferson County Historical Association Home and Heritage Tour. It is a member of Monticello Main Street, a business development and nonprofit organization that promotes local businesses, historic preservation, and tourism within the community. Two Sisters New Beginnings consistently donates to numerous charitable events in the local community, including the Big Bend Hospice Joyful Noise Concert and the David Hobbs Memorial Barrel Race. They have served as a silver sponsor of the Teal Magnolias Ladies Golf Tournament, an event that raises awareness for ovarian cancer each year. Additionally, the vendors of Two Sisters New Beginnings share in this charitable

mindset, often donating a portion of their sales to local charities like Refuge House. Two Sisters New Beginnings is an unparalleled example of how small businesses can strengthen and support a community by giving back and creating dignified jobs.

Two Sisters New Beginnings is a prime example of the integral role small businesses play in our local communities. Its community first mindset and dedication to dignified work make it a notable and integral member of the city of Monticello. Congratulations again on being named the Senate Small Business of the Week. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:23 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. 1230. An act to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purpose.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:08 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 457. An act to require that \$1 coins issued during 2019 honor President George H.W. Bush and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bullion coins during 2019 in honor of Barbara Bush.

H.R. 263. An act to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 434. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were 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. 1230. An act to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 16, 2020, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 457. An act to require that \$1 coins issued during 2019 honor President George

H.W. Bush and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bullion coins during 2019 in honor of Barbara Bush.

#### 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-3771. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Development Advance Biofuel Producer Payment" (RIN0570-AC75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3772. A communication from the Policy Analyst, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (EQIP) Interim Rule" ((7 CFR Part 1468) (RIN0578-AA66)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3773. A communication from the Policy Analyst, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Interim Rule" ((7 CFR Part 1466) (RIN0578-AA68)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3774. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3775. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3776. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) for Fiscal Year 2017"; 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-178. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Jersey urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation establishing a safe daily level of cannabidiol consumption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 163

Whereas, Cannabidiol is a chemical that is prevalent in [marijuana and hemp] products derived from the cannabis plant; and

Whereas, [Cannabidiol] Unlike tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is also prevalent in products derived from the cannabis plant, the consumption of cannabidiol does not produce euphoric effects or cause an individual

to feel “high” [in contrast to the chemical tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)]; and

Whereas, The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states that products such as food additives and dietary supplements that contain cannabidiol are illegal under federal law; and

Whereas, Within the past three years, more than 1,500 cannabidiol products have come to the market without a clear approach for regulation or any plan from the FDA to balance consumer access and protect consumer health; and

Whereas, The lack of clear policy towards cannabidiol from the FDA and the patchwork regulation of the substance by the states [create] has created a complicated legal framework [for] in which cannabidiol companies [for their operations] are attempting to operate; and

Whereas, The lack of clear regulatory guidance includes uncertainty as to the level of cannabidiol content that is safe and appropriate for human consumption. This uncertainty can present a risk to the public health, as consumers have access to a wide variety of cannabidiol products but no clear direction as to what amount is safe to consume in a single sitting or over the course of time; and

Whereas, As a result of this uncertain legal framework, it has become difficult for cannabidiol companies to participate in interstate commerce [for national cannabidiol companies is difficult] because banks, insurance companies, and merchant service companies are uneasy about providing services to cannabidiol companies, which may be at [the] risk of [involvement from] investigation or adverse enforcement actions by the FDA; and

Whereas, By enacting legislation that specifies a safe daily level of cannabidiol consumption, the President and Congress of the United States would [be able to] help allow individuals to experience the [medical] holistic and therapeutic benefits of cannabidiol while ensuring consumer safety and [also generate] facilitate the participation of cannabidiol companies in interstate commerce, thereby generating increased economic activity [from all interstate commerce for cannabidiol companies] nationwide, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House respectfully urges the President and Congress of the United States to [establish] enact legislation establishing a safe daily consumption level [of] for cannabidiol [consumption].

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and each member of the United States Congress elected from this State.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

Mr. WICKER for Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Lorelee L. Stock, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Shannan L. Corbin and ending with Joshua D. Yanoviak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

Air Force nomination of Kraegen J. Bramer, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Lisa A. Nemeth, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Rozena A. Chan, to be Major.

Army nomination of Shaun J. Arredondo, to be Major.

Army nomination of Steven K. Uhlman, to be Major.

Army nomination of Christopher M. Feroli, to be Major.

Army nomination of Richard A. Malaga, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Tad T. Tsuneyoshi, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of John F. Lopez, to be Major.

Army nomination of Diego L. Becerra III, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Timothy P. Behnke, to be Major.

Army nomination of Sandra L. Molteni, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Benjamin A. Accinelli and ending with Matthew G. Wyatt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Army nomination of Justin D. Considine, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Paul T. Agena and ending with Phillip E. Peters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Army nominations beginning with Michael V. Domenic and ending with Christopher Gundersen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Army nomination of Shauntill L. Baah, to be Major.

Army nomination of LaJohnne A. W. Morris, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Paul Green, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Wanda L. Horton, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert T. Sutter, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Enrique Bandt and ending with Gilbert L. Woods, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Michael C. Apicella, Jr. and ending with Jeffrey A. Tranberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

Marine Corps nomination of Jackie W. Morgan, Jr., to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Jacob R. Lewis, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Nathaniel W. Baker III and ending with James R. Strand, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

Marine Corps nomination of Robert W. Puckett, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of John A. Yukica, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with David S. Gersen and ending with Ambrosio V. Pantoja, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Ryan M. Cleveland and ending with Christian D. Galbraith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Daniel P. Coultres and ending with Sean R. McMahon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Marine Corps nomination of Matthew H. Hilton, to be Major.

Navy nomination of Adam B. Tomlinson, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Bridgette L. Riley, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Warren L. Brookes, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Lara H. Spence and ending with John E. D. Yonge III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Joshua M. Kindred, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Scott H. Rash, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Matthew Thomas Schelp, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## 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. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3201. A bill to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 3202. A bill to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3203. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the requirements for appointment, qualifications, and pay for therapeutic medical physicians of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 3204. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to revise the policy of the Agency to address the threats of climate change, to include considerations of climate change in the strategic plan of the Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. ROSEN):