

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the bill having been read the third time the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 8900) was passed.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAWLEY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO PAT ROBERTS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in thanking Senator PAT ROBERTS of Kansas for his service to his State and our Nation.

Years ago, PAT ROBERTS and I served together on the House Agriculture Committee. We now serve together on the Senate Agriculture Committee. From our earliest days working together in House until today, PAT ROBERTS has been a consistent champion of Kansans and of farmers and people in small towns and rural communities across America.

Through his leadership, Senator ROBERTS has shepherded eight bipartisan farm bills into law. Farmers say that farm bills give them the certainty that they can count on. Farmers could rely on PAT ROBERTS for that certainty too.

PAT ROBERTS not only has worked to address the day-to-day challenges of agriculture, he also worked to prepare American farmers and ranchers for the future. From the creation of the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research in the 2014 farm bill to protecting agriculture from disease by modernizing and building the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Kansas, Senator ROBERTS knew the value in investing in research. Most recently, he joined me in the America Grows Act to increase Federal investments in basic USDA research across the board.

There is no doubt that Senator ROBERTS' legacy will reap benefits for years. But his commitment to rural communities didn't stop with farmers. In April 2018, I met with Illinois EMS

advocates. We talked about how rural EMS are on the frontlines in delivering quality emergency response, service coordination, and patient care. They spoke about how they were responding to the opioid epidemic and treating the emergency needs of an aging population. I became convinced that Congress needed to find a way to support rural EMS agencies with Federal funding so they could better serve their communities, but I needed a partner for it. The solution was obvious. I found Senator ROBERTS in the Senate gym and pitched him on the bill.

Within a few weeks, we introduced the Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs, or SIREN, Act. Senator DEBBIE STABENOW joined as a partner to the bill, and we started working hard to pass it. The SIREN Act was included in the 2018 farm bill. And this past summer, the first grant award went to Illinois when our healthcare providers needed it most for this pandemic.

For four decades, Senator ROBERTS has been a significant part of Federal agriculture policy. He is the only lawmaker to have chaired both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. Farm bills don't happen without bipartisanship, and PAT's legacy of bipartisanship is something we should honor in the future.

It has been an honor and privilege, working with him. I will miss his bipartisan spirit and his dry wit. I wish him, his wife Franki, and their family happiness in his next chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week's Nobel Peace Prize celebration in Oslo, Norway, is honoring the United Nations World Food Programme for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contributions to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.

I am proud to add my voice in congratulating this deeply important organization and the thousands of its heroic and courageous staff on this well-deserved honor.

In 1961, President Eisenhower called on the United Nations to address hunger, leading to the creation of the World Food Programme. Since then, the World Food Programme has provided lifesaving help in some of the world's most difficult places and conditions.

The United States remains a strong partner of the World Food Programme and one of its biggest funders. During my time in the Senate, I joined several of my colleagues such as the late Senator Dick Lugar and Senator BOB CASEY in strong bipartisan support for the organization and related efforts to combat hunger at home and abroad.

Today, the World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian orga-

nization and the leading global agency delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. It provides more than 15 billion meals to 100 million people in more than 80 countries each year. Through war zones, floods, famines, and earthquakes, the World Food Programme is on the ground for those most in need, a ray of hope in the lives of the most vulnerable. It has truly earned recognition as "the world's first responder," as noted by U.N. Secretary General António Guterres.

Like all first responders, it did not hesitate to answer the call when the COVID-19 pandemic hit earlier this year. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted every sector of life all over the world, adding another level of hardship on those in the midst of conflict and poverty and potentially doubling the number of people facing acute hunger to 270 million. But since the start of this emergency, the World Food Programme has continued providing relief to children and families in the mounting crisis.

While the need for food relief has drastically increased during the pandemic, hunger has long been used a tactic in conflicts around the world. Food supply chains are disrupted or humanitarian aid is restricted, essentially starving innocent civilians caught in the crossfire. In turn, starvation leads to more conflict over scarce resources. The link between food insecurity and conflict is clear: one fuels the other. And it is also clear that helping populations with emergency relief and long-term sustainability prevents millions of people from experiencing the horrors of starvation as a tactic of war and conflicts from erupting out of the desperation of hunger. Not only is it a moral responsibility to aid the world's most vulnerable, but it is in the best interest of the international community for a more secure world.

The World Food Programme is one of the best examples of the good that comes from global cooperation. From our American farmers working alongside farmers all over the world, to the staff on the ground, it takes many to help feed the world's poor. No country alone would be able to reach every corner of the globe, especially in the most entrenched of conflicts such as Yemen, Syria, and South Sudan. It is critical that the United States continues to support the World Food Programme, and I will continue to work to ensure that Congress provides the funds to do so.

While the global COVID pandemic is a setback in feeding the world, I am confident that the World Food Programme will help lead the way to alleviating the suffering. I again congratulate the World Food Programme and all of its staff for their courageous efforts.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a rollcall vote on H.R. 8900, the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021, I would have voted no.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH T. MCELVEEN

• Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor Mayor Joseph T. McElveen of Sumter, SC. Mayor McElveen served in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from the Citadel in 1968 and from the University of South Carolina Law School in 1971.

Mayor McElveen has served on the city council, as a member of the S.C. House of Representatives for Sumter County, and now is retiring after serving as mayor of Sumter. He has dedicated over 20 years of his life to serving the great people of Sumter and has seen prosperity and growth come to Sumter County firsthand.

I want to thank Mayor McElveen for his service and for emulating in his life what it means to be a public servant.●

REMEMBERING DONALD LEE CLARK

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great man and Montanan.

Donald Lee Clark was a soldier, husband, father, professor, author, and mentor who loved, lived, and learned for all of his 90 years.

He tested positive for COVID-19 on November 28, 2020, and died 7 days later. At a time when it is easy to be a cynic, Clark was unusually optimistic, surrounding himself with family and friends who admired and loved him.

Throughout his accomplished life in the Air Force, where he served our Nation as a colonel, Clark never lost sight of making time to enjoy the world or people around him. He earned a 3rd degree black belt in Judo from the Kodokan Judo College while stationed in Japan. He learned to scuba dive as an attache in the Soviet Union in hopes of diving in the world's deepest lake. He taught himself to ride a unicycle just for the fun of it and took up skiing in his 40s while living in New Hampshire as a research fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He skied the Alps while serving as an action officer assigned to the joint staff in the Office of International Negotiations.

He was born in Dallas, TX, to Victor and Sheppard Clark. Don is survived by his wife of 65 years Patricia Conway Clark, their two sons Brian and his wife Marie of Kalispell, Darren and his wife Myrna of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, and three grandsons Kellin Clark and his wife Lauren Fox of Washington, DC, and Ryan Clark and Kevin Clark of California. He was preceded in death by his older sister Delores.

Don and his sister were raised in Dallas by their single mother Sheppard. He attended Southern Methodist University on theology and ROTC scholarships and graduated with a degree in sociology. He later earned his masters in political science from George Washington University while in the Air Force.

He met and later married the love of his life Patricia Conway in 1955 at Perkins Chapel on the campus of Southern Methodist University. After graduating from SMU, Clark began his military service career, which included assignments around the U.S. and the world.

During his military career, he served in the Strategic Air Command as a B29 navigator, Air Training Command, Security Service, and Intelligence. Most of his 23-year military career was focused on intelligence. He was a Soviet specialist for numerous U.S. delegations including the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, Law of the Seas, and Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions.

He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1974 and moved his family from DC to Bozeman to ski at Bridger Bowl and become the assistant to the president at Montana State University. Six years later, he became the director of international education where he also taught courses in political science. He later started MSU's International Education programs while teaching classes in international affairs. While at MSU, he wrote a weekly newspaper column for several Montana dailies, excerpts from which were sometimes broadcast over Voice of America. His writings also appeared in "Skiing" magazine, the Air University Review, the "Alternative," and Defense Analysis.

After 20 years of teaching at MSU, Clark retired again and moved with Patricia to Flathead Lake just outside of Bigfork, MT. In his retirement, Clark started writing fiction and published several novels intertwining his passion for politics, world affairs and the human condition. In his 70s, Clark also volunteered his time to numerous community groups. Clark joined CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocates—and became a key volunteer working with families and children in need. He served on the State advisory board for CASA and on the United Way and Red Cross advisory boards in Montana.

Don was never a victim in life or in death, but his loss is his final teaching moment. Even as his mind was fading with Alzheimers, he maintained his positive attitude. He never failed to tell his family how proud he was, how much he loved them, and what a wonderful life he had lived. Don will be missed.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:58 p.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 bills, without amendment:

S. 906. An act to improve the management of driftnet fishing.

S. 3257. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the "Elmar 'Sarge' H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 3461. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the "Audie Murphy Post Office Building".

S. 3462. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the "Ralph Hall Post Office".

S. 4126. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the "Joseph G. Demler Post Office".

S. 4684. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 Arapahoe Street in Thermopolis, Wyoming, as the "Robert L. Brown Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 970. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop a plan for the removal of the monument to Robert E. Lee at the Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1240. An act to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen.

H.R. 4988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Walnut Street in Bordentown, New Jersey, as the "Clara Barton Post Office Building".

H.R. 5040. An act to direct the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to study the effects of drone incursions on wildfire suppression, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5123. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 476 East Main Street in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building".

H.R. 5451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 599 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, New York, as the "George H. Bael Post Office Building".

H.R. 5458. An act to modify the boundary of the Rocky Mountain National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5459. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to correct a land ownership error within the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5562. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4650 East Rosedale Street in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Dionne Phillips Bagsby Post Office Building".

H.R. 5972. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 11 in Wilmington, Delaware, as the "Marv Ann Shadd Cary Post Office".

H.R. 5983. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4150 Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Woodie Rucker-Hughes Post Office Building".

H.R. 6016. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14955 West Bell Road in Surprise, Arizona, as the "Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 6161. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 158S Yanceyville Street, Greensboro,