

others who have earned this prestigious award since it was created in 1911. She will learn, as have other Eagle Scouts, that throughout her life, this accomplishment will bring her recognition as being a person of the highest caliber and character. I fully expect to hear much more from Margaret in the future as she excels in academic, professional, and personal endeavors.●

#### RECOGNIZING BISSON'S SUGAR HOUSE

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Bisson's Sugar House, a New Hampshire institution that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. March is Maple Month in New Hampshire, where maple producers across our State produce more than 90,000 gallons of maple syrup, and the Bisson family represents three generations of this great and tasty tradition.

Lazzare Bisson and his nephew Armand found Bisson's Sugar House in Berlin in 1921, and ran the business together successfully for 15 years. Lazzare then passed the business on to Armand and his wife, Juliette. In 1953, they constructed a new sugar house to support their growing business, and since then, they have welcomed families from New Hampshire and beyond to see their work each spring.

The Bisson family has prioritized preserving the traditional sugaring experience, while also modernizing their operations in order to provide high-quality, delicious maple products to their customers. Each year, the Bisson family taps more than 3,000 trees, and they still boil their sap on a wood-fired evaporator built by Armand and Juliette more than 50 years ago. During the height of the sugaring season in March and April, they make candy with the same evaporator they have used since the 1940s.

Since 1988, Bisson's Sugar House has been run by Armand and Juliette Bisson's niece Muriel and her husband Lucien Blais. For many families, an annual trip to Bisson's Sugar House marks the beginning of spring. As the sugar business has passed from generation to generation, the Bisson family's work has encouraged Granite Staters to treasure our past and embrace the future.

I hope you will join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Bisson's Sugar House and sending them best wishes for a successful harvest and many more years of sharing their traditions with the people of New Hampshire.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WALTER FRANK YORK

● Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, on Monday, March 15, the community of Ashland, KS, celebrated the career of someone who dedicated nearly 45 years to the Stockgrowers State Bank. Walter Frank York has called Ashland home since the day he was born. His parents, Russell and Marjorie, brought

him up in a modest home on a farmer's income during the 1950s and 1960s. Frank, as he came to be called by his family and friends, went on to study finance at Kansas State University, but the Vietnam war draft up-ended his plans before graduation.

Frank ultimately did not serve due to a back injury incurred while playing football for Ashland High, but the draft experience took him to Eagle County, CO, where he used his education to assist his sister with a new business that she was operating in Vail Village near the well-known ski resort. While taking on this challenge in Colorado, he finished his degree at CU Boulder, despite his long-lasting love for the K-State Wildcats. After earning his degree, his route led back home when he applied for a vacant position at a bank in Ashland. His first day at Stockgrowers State Bank was March 15, 1976.

Working as a loans officer, Frank added a sense of small-town care for each of his customers over the years. After all, he would frequently see his customers at church, at the grocery store, and at Friday night sporting events in Ashland and surrounding communities in southwest Kansas. In 2007, he earned the title of executive vice president after years of loyally helping customers. One recent highlight from his career was being awarded as a recipient of the Pioneer Award in early 2020, which is given annually by the Kansas Ag Bankers division of the Kansas Bankers Association. When he achieved the award, one customer of his remarked to the Kansas Ag Bankers: "Frank just makes it simple to do business and helps keep me connected to the Ashland community." In return, Frank likes to share that his clients and colleagues became "family" to him. Being surrounded by good people in an enjoyable community helped keep Frank at Stockgrowers for the entirety of his banking career.

I would be remiss if I did not speak of community involvement while sharing about Frank York. Whether it was being involved in his children's Boy Scouts troop, coaching local youth baseball programs in the summer, announcing football games for Ashland High, broadcasting SPIAA League high school basketball tournaments, or serving on the board of organizations near and far in Kansas, Frank has done it all. He currently serves on the board for KJIL Great Plains Christian Radio, in addition to the Kansas Leadership Center's board, and serves as president of the alumni board for his K-State chapter of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

I have had the joy of getting to know Frank on a more personal level in this past decade, as his son Tyler joined my staff after earning his degree at K-State. Frank lives in the same farmhouse that his grandfather built in 1912, just a few miles outside of Ashland. Farming and ranching has been a side passion and a hobby for him since he returned home for a career at

Stockgrowers. It is something that he intends to continue for years ahead, thanks to the local volunteer firefighters that spared the York farmstead from destruction in March 2017 as wildfires burned close to 80 percent of Clark County. He considers himself blessed to have been of the more fortunate residents of the area. While I have appreciated his friendship over the years, Frank was an invaluable resource to me in the aftermath of the Starbuck Fire. Along with many others from Clark County, he informed me on ways we could help direct the USDA and other governmental agencies to coordinate in providing assistance to those that were severely affected.

The announcement of retirement from Frank came in mid-2020. His emotional final day at Stockgrowers State Bank was on December 31, 2020. Due to the challenges that the pandemic brought to communities of all sizes, a celebration of his retirement, unfortunately, had to be postponed. However, I couldn't think of a better date to celebrate the career of Frank York than the 45th anniversary of his first day of employment at Stockgrowers State Bank. While the difficulties of the pandemic will still prevent many well-wishers from making it to Ashland to personally offer their congratulations, I know that the amount of lives that have been positively affected by Frank are plenty and stretch far beyond Ashland. His family—including wife, Sue, and children Joshua, Tyler, Emily, Adam, and Jennifer—should all be extremely proud of Frank's career. I offer my sincere congratulations to someone I am proud to call my friend, Frank York.●

#### 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 Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:32 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 485. An act to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1799. An act to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the

covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. TRONE of Maryland, Mrs. BEATTY of Ohio, Mr. POCAN of Wisconsin, Mr. PETERS of California, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER of Washington, and Mr. ESTES of Kansas.

At 6:07 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1085. An act to award three congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. 344. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retirement pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, 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-637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District; Correction" (FRL No. 10021-07-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-638. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Jefferson County Gasoline Loading Facilities at Existing Bulk Terminals and New Bulk Plants" (FRL No. 10021-39-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Jefferson County Existing and New VOC Storage Vessels Rule Changes" (FRL No. 10021-19-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-640. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of 40 CFR 63.6(f)(1) and 40 CFR 63(h)(1) to Reflect Court Vacatur of Exemption from Emission Standards During Periods of Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction" (FRL No. 10019-05-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-641. A communication from the Endangered Species Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Bradshaw's Lomatium (*Lomatium bradshawii*) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-642. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2021 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

\*Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*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. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KING, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. KELLY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 1. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of for-

tifying our democracy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 784. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a new employment, training, and supportive services program for unemployed and underemployed individuals, including individuals with barriers to employment and those who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 785. A bill to withdraw normal trade relations treatment from, and apply certain provisions of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 to, products of the People's Republic of China, and to expand the eligibility requirements for products of the People's Republic of China to receive normal trade relations treatment in the future, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 786. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to review laws relating to the illegal passing of school buses and to execute a public safety messaging campaign relating to illegal passing of school buses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 787. A bill to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the local coordinating entity for the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area under that Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 788. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a nonrefundable tax credit for the purchase of gun safes and gun safety courses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 789. A bill to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 790. A bill to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 791. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of General Services to incorporate practices and strategies to reduce bird fatalities resulting from collisions with certain public buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 792. A bill to amend the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 to modify certain agricultural exemptions for hours of service requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):