

wife Terese and I have been blessed by our friendship with PAT and his wife Marcelle.

The end of this Congress also marks the end of Senator RICHARD BURR's time in the Senate. I have worked with Senator BURR on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, on which we both sit. We have found common ground on a number of issues, most notably our shared interest in bio-defense and pandemic preparedness, upon which we have worked jointly for years. We led the effort in the Senate to pass the ABLE bill in 2014, which allows people with disabilities and their families to save for care and accommodations related to their disabilities. We also worked to advance out of committee a bipartisan pregnancy discrimination bill, which I still hope to get over the finish line this week. We have also disagreed at times, for example, when we both advocated for our respective States to receive critical title I education funding. I also served with Senator BURR on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence where, as the senior Republican on the committee, he helped to steer the committee through the treacherous waters of the Russia report detailing Russia's efforts to interfere in the 2016 election and to aid Donald Trump's candidacy. Even when the elements of his own party pressured him to do otherwise, Senator BURR stood up for American democracy and put country before party.

Senator ROY BLUNT of Missouri is also retiring. In agreement or disagreement, Senator BLUNT has been an honest broker, one who worked to try and find common ground and who was honest when he could not. In the past year, he and I have worked successfully to sort through some challenging issues related to pregnancy discrimination and the Congressional Accountability Act. The details of the legislation here are not as pertinent here as the manner in which he engaged in the issue—respectfully, substantively, and productively. He and I have also worked together on adoption issues for many years and together lead a bill to make the Adoption Tax Credit refundable, which allows many more low-income families to benefit. He has been an excellent partner in that effort. I regret that we have not been able to enact that bill into law prior to his retirement, but I will continue to seek its passage in the coming Congress. Finally, ROY and I have worked for years to build and repair bridges in smaller, rural areas of our respective States by allocating additional funds to so-called off-system bridges.

I did not have the privilege of working with Senator RICHARD SHELBY of Alabama when he was a member of the Democratic Caucus in the 1980s, before my time in the Senate. Regardless, Senator SHELBY and I have been neighbors on the third floor of the Russell Senate Office Building, which means that we often find ourselves walking to

vote on the Senate floor at around the same time. Early in my career, I found myself delivering to Senator SHELBY's office a box of ice cream from the legendary Creamery at Penn State, the result of lost bet between Penn State and the top-ranked Alabama football team in 2010. Most recently, Senator SHELBY was critical to bringing back the ability of Senators to advocate for community projects in their home State through the appropriations process. As the senior Republican on the Appropriations Committee, Senator SHELBY has been unwavering in his belief that Senators understand the critical needs of their communities and should have the opportunity to advocate for them. Due to Senator SHELBY's efforts to bring back congressionally directed spending and my advocacy for worthy projects throughout Pennsylvania, communities large and small are addressing critical local needs, from early childhood to infrastructure to healthcare, among others.

Senator ROB PORTMAN of Ohio is also retiring from the Senate this year. Ohio shares a border with Pennsylvania, and, not surprisingly, we share many of the same concerns. For example, we both believe in the critical importance of our manufacturing base to the American economy and the need to support the workers upon whom our manufacturing might is built. We have both been critical of China and its efforts to undermine the American manufacturers and workers, especially in the case of steel production. Senator PORTMAN and I have partnered to protect some of the last American manufacturers of electrical steel from deliberate Chinese market distortion. I have also worked with Senator PORTMAN and his fellow Ohioan Senator SHERROD BROWN on several iterations of legislation called Leveling the Playing Field to help manufacturers respond to unfair market competition from China and Chinese enterprises operating under the protection of the Chinese Government. I also want to note that Senator PORTMAN and I have a shared interest in children's mental health and teamed up recently on S. 4757, the Investing in Kids' Mental Health Now Act, a bill to increase the availability of mental health resources for children.

Finally, I wish to note the departure of Senator JIM INHOFE of Oklahoma from the Senate. A member of the Senate since 1994, Senator INHOFE is known first and foremost as a champion of our military and the men and women who serve our nation. He has served on the Senate Armed Services Committee capably for decades, most recently as the senior Republican on the panel. This year, we honored Senator INHOFE by naming the annual defense authorization bill after him. I am especially grateful to Senator INHOFE and the Armed Services Committee for including the Global Food Security Act in the FY23 Defense authorization bill, which will strengthen our country's effort to promote food security around

the world and also fight extremism and political unrest around the world. This good national security bill is one of many ways in which Senator INHOFE's leadership on issues related to the continent of Africa will continue far after his retirement, as 16 of the 20 countries targeted by the Global Food Security Act's development program are in Africa. Senator INHOFE and I also share a deep concern for the brave Afghans seeking freedom from the Taliban and recently joined together to write to the Biden administration urging it to do all that it could to assist with the evacuation of the students and guardians of the Merefat School, the first co-educational school in Afghanistan and a leading beacon of efforts to promote the education and equity of girls in Afghanistan. Our efforts helped the successful evacuation of hundreds of children and their families who were at risk under the Taliban's brutal regime.

As each of these retiring members leave the Senate for the last time and go home to their families for the holidays, I want to wish them my heartfelt thanks for their years of service to the Senate and to the country.

#### REMEMBERING ROBERT "BOBBY" SILVERSTEIN

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Robert "Bobby" Silverstein, a leader in the disability rights movement, who passed away on November 17 from complications from cancer.

Bobby served in a number of roles in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, including as staff director and chief counsel for the Subcommittee on Disability Policy of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, now the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. He drafted, negotiated, and helped pass landmark bipartisan legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and critical amendments to the Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, improving the lives of millions of people with disabilities.

Bobby was an effective leader known for building consensus and his dedication to critical analysis and the basic principle of fairness. Bobby received dozens of national awards honoring his contributions, including the Distinguished Services Award of the President of the United States in 1993. Bobby improved the lives of people with disabilities by enshrining in Federal law their fundamental rights to full participation, equal opportunity, independent living, economic self-sufficiency, education, and employment. He has immeasurably shaped the disability and civil rights movement for the better, and I join former chairs of the HELP Committee in recognizing all of his contributions.

After leaving Congress, Bobby continued to dedicate himself to disability

policy and advocacy. His work has and will continue to make life better for so many people with disabilities and families across the country. He will be remembered fondly.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3129. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-283).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 3370. A bill to release the reversionary interest of the United States in certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-284).

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 3692. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

### 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. PAUL (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 5302. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitations on contributions to health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 5303. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to allow health marketplace pools to be deemed an employer under section 3(5) of such Act for purposes of offering a group health plan or group health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5304. A bill to prohibit the closure of postal facilities during the COVID-19 public health emergency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 5305. A bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 5306. A bill to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 5307. A bill to prohibit certain discrimination against athletes on the basis of sex by

intercollegiate athletic associations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 5308. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to award grants to States to develop, convene, expand, or implement industry or sector partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 5309. A bill to prohibit a Federal law enforcement officer from using lethal force or less lethal force unless such force is necessary, to encourage States to adopt similar laws or policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ROSEN:

S. 5310. A bill to ensure that mental and behavioral health education and training grants awarded under section 756(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act may be used for training to increase skills and capacity to meet the needs of children and adolescents who have experienced trauma; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 5311. A bill to reform the resources available to the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 5312. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into appropriate arrangements with the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 5313. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an excess urban heat mitigation grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 5314. A bill to improve the operation of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 5315. A bill to improve the anti-corruption and public integrity laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 5316. A bill to protect access to kratom; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 5317. A bill to promote democracy in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 5318. A bill to support the creation and implementation of State policies, as well as the expansion of existing State policies, for improving the quality and affordability of charter school facilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 5319. A bill to establish procedures for the removal of the Architect of the Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 5320. A bill to suspend the collection of income taxes and related interest and penalties from United States nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad and to reimburse such nationals for any penalties paid during such a detention; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 5321. A bill to preserve Indian Tribes' and Native Hawaiian organizations' autonomy of access to spectrum over Tribal lands and expedite immediate deployment of telecommunications services for critical government services, including national emergencies, natural disasters, public health and bio-hazard threats, safety, education, opportunity to participate in the broadband economy, self-governance, access to Federal, State, and Tribal voting and elections, and the Federal census count, for the protection of life and property in furtherance of the Federal trust responsibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 5322. A bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase congressional investments in medical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 5323. A bill amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow States and local governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act for infrastructure projects, improve the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, provide Tribal governments with more time to use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 5324. A bill to amend the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to extend the existing aviation workforce development programs and provide grants to develop aviation manufacturing and supplier workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 5325. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop best practices for the establishment and use of behavioral intervention teams at schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LUIJÁN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 5326. A bill to modify certain notice requirements, to study certain election requirements, to clarify certain election requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 5327. A bill to establish the National Task Force on the Response of the United States to the COVID-19 Pandemic; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 5328. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend terminal lakes assistance; considered and passed.