

his 20-year tenure the longest in Yuma County history.

Sheriff Ogden always understood the importance of getting to know the community he served and encouraged his employees to get involved in charities, religious groups, and service organizations.

He valued teamwork and recognized that no one can succeed on their own.

This philosophy of always having each other's back was something he carried with him throughout his time with the sheriff's office, and it was reflected in the way he treated those around him.

Sheriff Ogden was known to write personal birthday and anniversary cards for each of his employees, just to show that he valued their service and friendship and that they were important to him.

When asked about the benefits of serving in law enforcement, Sheriff Ogden said that, when you go home tired and beat after a long day, you sleep well knowing you did some good.

Sheriff Ralph Ogden did a lot of good, and I know he is resting well.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Swezey, United States Air Force, Retired, Franklin, Wisconsin.

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-889. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert R. Ruark, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-890. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Affairs; Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act" (RIN0648-BB86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-891. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Statutory Amendments Requiring the Modification of the Definition of Hard Cider" (RIN1513-AC31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-892. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-893. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015 inventories of commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-894. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-655, "Elderly Tenant and Tenant with a Disability Protection Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-895. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-656, "Council Financial Disclosure Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-896. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-657, "Condominium Owner Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-897. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-658, "Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-898. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-659, "Downtown Business Improvement Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-899. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-664, "Specialty Drug Copayment Limitation Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-900. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-665, "Regulation of Landscape

Architecture and Professional Design Firms Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-901. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-666, "Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Establishment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-902. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-668, "Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-903. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-669, "State Board of Education Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-904. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-670, "Nationals Park and Ballpark District Designated Entertainment Area Signage Regulations Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-905. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-671, "Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-906. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-672, "Collaborative Reproduction Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-907. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-673, "Fair Credit in Employment Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-908. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-674, "Urban Farming and Food Security Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-909. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-676, "Death Certificate Gender Identity Recognition Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-910. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-677, "Fair Criminal Record Screening for Housing Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-911. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-678, "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-912. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-679, "Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-913. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-680, "Bryant Street Tax Increment Financing Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-914. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-681, "District of Columbia State Athletics Consolidation Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-915. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-682, "Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-916. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-683, "Snow Removal Agreement Authorization Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-917. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-684, "Wage Theft Prevention Clarification and Overtime Fairness Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-918. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-685, "Land Disposition Transparency and Clarification Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-919. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-686, "First-time Homebuyer Tax Benefit Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-920. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-687, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-921. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments" (RIN3245-AD44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2017; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-922. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies: Passive Business Expansion and Technical Clarifications" (RIN3245-AG67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2017; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-923. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Policy, Planning, and Liaison, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Lower Tier Small Business Subcontracting" (RIN3245-AG71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

February 23, 2017; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-924. A communication from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Veteran-Owned Small Business Verification Guidelines" (RIN2900-AP93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 478. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to prohibit baiting exemptions on certain land; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 479. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 480. A bill to reauthorize the Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 481. A bill to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 482. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 483. A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 484. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 485. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. GARDNER,

Mr. BROWN, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 486. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 487. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 488. A bill to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. SASSE):

S. Res. 74. A resolution congratulating the State of Nebraska on the 150th anniversary of the admission of that State into the United States; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 75. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the largest organization of food and nutrition professionals in the world; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 76. A resolution expressing support for the designation of March 21, 2017, as "National Rosie the Riveter Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 77. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns.

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.