

sacrifice of SGT John Massick, an American patriot who epitomizes what is rightly referred to as America's Greatest Generation.●

RECOGNIZING WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

● Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, Massachusetts has been the birthplace of revolutions for centuries, from sparking the American Revolution to leading the world in biotechnology, education, and medicine. It is a natural home for the next era of the technology revolution. I am proud that Worcester, MA was identified by TechNet and the Progressive Policy Institute as a "Next in Tech" city, with a thriving startup environment poised to drive innovation and job creation for years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:22 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 479. An act to require a report on the designation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 3:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to compliance with title X requirements by project recipients in selecting subrecipients.

H.J. Res. 67. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees.

The enrolled joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 479. An act to require a report on the designation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 254. A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (Rept. No. 115-23).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021.

*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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 807. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 808. A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 809. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to study the feasibility of providing certain taxpayers with an optional, pre-prepared tax return, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 810. A bill to facilitate construction of a bridge on certain property in Christian County, Missouri, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SASSE):

S. 811. A bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 812. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from

infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 813. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 814. A bill to require that States receiving Byrne JAG funds to require sensitivity training for law enforcement officers of that State and to incentivize States to enact laws requiring the independent investigation and prosecution of the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 815. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow rollovers from 529 programs to ABLE accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 817. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 818. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with disabilities to save additional amounts in their ABLE accounts above the current annual maximum contribution if they work and earn income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CASEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. McCASKILL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 819. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. NELSON, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CORTEZ

MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 820. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 821. A bill to promote access for United States officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetans areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 822. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 823. A bill to ensure the digital contents of electronic equipment and online accounts belonging to or in the possession of United States persons entering or exiting the United States are adequately protected at the border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 824. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 825. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 826. A bill to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 109. A resolution encouraging the Government of Pakistan to release Aasiya Noreen, internationally known as Asia Bibi, and reform its religiously intolerant laws regarding blasphemy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 110. A resolution relating to proceedings of the Senate in the event of a partial or full shutdown of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 111. A resolution celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Purchase; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 112. A resolution designating April 5, 2017, as "Gold Star Wives Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 113. A resolution recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Center on Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. DAINES):

S. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that those who served in the bays, harbors, and territorial seas of the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975, should be presumed to have served in the Republic of Vietnam for all purposes under the Agent Orange Act of 1991; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to establish an independent commission to examine and report on the facts regarding the extent of Russian official and unofficial cyber operations and other attempts to interfere in the 2016 United States national election, and for other purposes.

S. 179

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 179, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 194

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 194, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a public health insurance option, and for other purposes.

S. 205

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 324

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

S. 372

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes.

S. 374

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 374, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 393, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow