

which established the Crime Victims Compensation Fund. I also joined my colleagues in supporting the 1994 enactment of the Violence Against Women Act. This landmark legislation enhanced penalties for sex offenders and made hundreds of millions of dollars available for activities and programs to respond to the needs of domestic violence survivors.

The Judiciary Committee, which I chair, has continued to make the protection of victims' rights a top priority. Two years ago, we approved the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which makes new resources available to help survivors of human trafficking. We also approved the Survivors' Bill of Rights, which establishes new rights for survivors of federal crimes of sexual violence. We cleared the Justice for All Reauthorization Act, which enhances crime survivors' ability to seek restitution and improves victims' access to legal services. And we approved the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016.

Supporting and protecting victims of crime will again be an important priority this year in the Judiciary Committee. Last week, I convened a hearing to examine allegations that dozens of young athletes experienced sexual abuse at the hands of coaches, instructors, and others.

Senators FEINSTEIN, COLLINS, and I also recently introduced a bill, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act, to ensure that sexual assault allegations by young athletes will be reported and investigated promptly. This year, we also will make it a priority to extend and update programs authorized under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

In closing, crime victims and survivors in the United States deserve our assistance in helping them cope with the often devastating consequences of crime. That is why it is so important that we support the mission of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting passage of this important resolution.

#### REMEMBERING DAVID CULP

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my dear friend David Culp in early February. As one of the leaders of the arms control community for decades, David was an indefatigable advocate for reducing the threat of catastrophic nuclear war and stopping the proliferation of nuclear weapons. In particular, David's work was critical for Senate ratification of the New START Treaty, which established limits on the number of deployed strategic nuclear weapons in the United States and Russia.

More recently, David worked closely with my staff on a number of arms control initiatives, including my efforts to scale back the Pentagon's trillion-dollar nuclear spending spree, restrain excessive and destabilizing missile de-

fense systems, and cancel a new nuclear-armed cruise "missile that would make Americans less safe.

I will miss David's wisdom, humor, and strategic insight, but I am comforted to know that his legacy lives on in the robust and committed arms control community he helped lead. I will continue to be inspired by David's memory, and I offer my deepest condolences to his friends and his family.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JAMES C. FOX

• Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I want to honor the work of the Honorable James C. Fox, who retired last month after over 35 years of service on the Federal bench.

Judge Fox was born in Kansas but has spent most of his life in North Carolina, graduating from the University of North Carolina with both his undergraduate and law degrees. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Don Gilliam in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. After time in private practice and as the county attorney for New Hanover County, Judge Fox was nominated by President Reagan to serve where he had previously clerked: the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Judge Fox served chief judge from 1990-1997, and while he took senior status in 2001, he maintained a significant caseload until his retirement last week. His dedication to the law is to be commended and is exceeded only by his dedication to his family. I wish him all the best in retirement as he spends time with his wife, Kate, and his children and grandchildren, and I am grateful for his service. •

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 1343. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 353) to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1343. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1301. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

S. 861. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations.

#### 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-1172. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1173. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1174. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; St. Charles County, Missouri and Incorporated Areas" (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1175. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Washington County, Oregon and Incorporated Areas" (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1176. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List; Addition of a Person to the Entity List; and EAR Conforming Change" (RIN0694-AH30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1177. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled