

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

“Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1178. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Consumer Response Annual Report”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1179. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inflation Adjustments and Other Technical Amendments Under Titles I and III of the JOBS Act” (RIN3235-AL38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1180. A communication from the Executive Director, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller’s 2016 Office of Minority and Women Inclusion Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1181. 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; Otsego County, New York” (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1182. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council’s 2016 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1183. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rehabilitation of the Jetty System at the Mouth of the Columbia River; Jetty A, North Jetty, and South Jetty, in Washington and Oregon” (RIN0648-BF95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1184. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Recreational Boat Flotation Standards—Update of Outboard Engine Weight Test Requirements” ((RIN1625-AC37) (Docket No. USCG-2016-1012)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1185. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 55th Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1186. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement

Model; Delay of Effective Date” ((RIN0938-AS90) (CMS-5519-IFC)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1187. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments—Treatment of Third Party Payers in Calculating Uncompensated Care Costs” ((RIN0938-AS92) (CMS-2699-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1188. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0050—2017-0068); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1189. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1190. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1191. A communication from the Acting President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1192. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1193. A communication from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1194. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1195. A communication from the General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1196. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Con-

sumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau’s fiscal year 2016 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1197. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Director, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1198. A communication from the Acting Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1199. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1200. A communication from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diversity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1201. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2017; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1202. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 115th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-15. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada relative to their ratification of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, Both houses of the 92nd Congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following resolution proposing to amend the United States Constitution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (Two-Thirds of Each House Concurring Therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be