

Baptist Church. After a few years there, he reached out to other community organizations in the area facing administrative challenges.

Finally, he, his wife, Mary, and their three children Doug, Karen, and Barbara moved to Billings, where Paul accepted the directorship of Friendship House of Christian Service. He helped coordinate and expand programs there including early childcare, afterschool programs, and nutrition classes.

Though Paul is retired, he continues to preach one Sunday each month at All Nations Church and still attends morning briefings at the Billings Police Department.

Paul has built a life around helping others and building stronger communities.

He is a role model for Montana, and Billings is a better place because of his work.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:20 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3397. An act to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood.

H.R. 4376. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out certain upgrades to research equipment and the construction of a research user facility, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 4378. An act to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out the construction of a versatile reactor-based fast neutron source, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4533. An act to designate the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Lexington VA Health Care System" and to make certain other designations.

H.R. 4675. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a low-dose radiation basic research program.

H.R. 4979. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and to make technical changes to the competitive need limitations provision of the program.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) reported that on today, February 14, 2018, he has signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 96. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3397. An act to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM edu-

cation research focused on early childhood; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 14, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 951. A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-208).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Michael Rigas, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

\*Jeff Tien Han Pon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

\*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. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Internal Revenue Service's private debt collection program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2426. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to return premiums paid under the margin protection program for dairy producers to participating dairy operations; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2427. A bill to establish a task force to identify countervailable subsidies and dumping; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2428. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to exempt certain small entities dealing in foreign exchange that serve small- and medium-sized businesses from certain capital and margin requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2429. A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that using drugs or illegal substances to cause a person to engage in a commercial sex act constitutes coercion and using drugs or illegal substances to provide or obtain the labor or services of a person constitutes forced labor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2430. A bill to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities and related benefits for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services in event of any period of lapsed appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 406. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of United States v. Ahmed Alahmedalabdaloklah; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 266

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from