

Dr. Hunter's contributions reach far beyond the campus. In the community, she has served on the boards of directors of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, and the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance, and she worked with the Maine Arts Commission to develop a cultural strategic plan for the State of Maine. Currently, she serves on the boards of Maine & Company and the Maine Development Foundation to foster economic growth and job creation and on the advisory network for the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute.

Her achievements have been widely recognized. In 2016, Dr. Hunter was inducted into the Deborah Morton Society at the University of New England in honor of her work to advance women in scientific fields. Last year, she received the Wilma Award from the Collins Center for the Arts at the University of Maine for her promotion and enhancement of cultural activities and the Kenneth M. Curtis Leadership Award from the Maine Development Foundation for her commitment to economic opportunity.

In a recent interview, Dr. Hunter said that her leadership decisions have always been guided by the best interests of students and the people of Maine. Her decades of distinguished service and reverence for education have created a legacy that demonstrates how faithfully she has followed that guidance, and that will benefit our great State for many decades to come.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### SOUTH DAKOTA HONOR FLIGHT

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I recognize 45 South Dakota veterans who are visiting our Nation's capital on May 15, 2018, as part of the Midwest Honor Flight.

South Dakota's veterans have played an important role in making our Nation great. Through their sacrifices, America has triumphed, remained a free and vibrant nation, and helped others obtain their own freedoms. I am honored to welcome these American heroes to our Nation's Capital to see the symbols of their sacrifice, and I appreciate the opportunity to meet with them and thank them for their service. We cannot thank our veterans enough for putting their lives on the line when America's security demanded it.

The Honor Flight veterans, in alphabetical order, are as follows: Stanley Allen, Jr., William Anderson, Benard Aning, Wallace Bothwell, Gordon Brower, Charles Bryan, Merdith Buchholz, Lucien Charette, James Davis, Elmer Frank, Donald Freese, Donald Gross, Robert Hempel, Arlen Jensen, Leroy Johnson, Kenneth Jorgenson, Harold Kleihauer, Lloyd Kraft, Richard Landsman, Donald Leat, Gordon Leboutilier, Melvin Lubbers, Kenneth Mattheis, Robert McClaren, Clay-

ton McLaughlin, Ronald Mount, Ray Nielsen, Kenneth Peterson, Arvis Raml, Milton Schavee, Eugene Schnider, Ronald Schorg, Arnold Schwarz, Warren Sealey, Ronald Sheard, Richard Sinclair, Wayne Spars, Gordon Spars, John Stene, Gerald Sutherland, Chester Vander Zee, Clarence Vanderlei, Norman Woods, James Yonkers, and Herbert Yost.

It gives me great pleasure to honor those who have defended our freedom and to recognize the service and sacrifice of these courageous South Dakotans.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 p.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. 3053. An act to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2018, and ending May 14, 2020: Dr. Tenzin Dorjee of Fullerton, California.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3053. An act to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### 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-5170. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2018; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-5171. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to sell beer and wine in military commissaries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5172. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Credit Union Administration's 2017 annual report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5173. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uplift Cost Al-

location and Transparency in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators" ((RIN1902-AF37) (Docket No. RM17-2-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5174. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Special Payments at Age 72" ((RIN0960-A116) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5175. 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: Durable Medical Equipment Fee Schedule Adjustments to Resume the Transitional 50/50 Blended Rates to Provide Relief in Rural Areas and Non-Contiguous Areas" ((RIN0938-AT21) (CMS-1687-IFC)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5176. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "DOES Lacks Policies and Procedures to Effectively Monitor D.C.'s First Source Program"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5177. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "How Not to Create Affordable Housing: A Cautionary Tale About Disappointed Homeowners and Lost Taxpayer Dollars"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5178. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fewer than One-Fifth of First Source Provisions Have Been Effectively Implemented and the District Has Not Demonstrated Success in Hiring and Retaining District Employees"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5179. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Statutory Amendments and Technical Corrections to Small Business Government Contracting Regulations" (RIN3245-AH02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2018; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5180. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY2017 Annual Report on Small Entity Compliance Guides"; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5181. A communication from the Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Monthly Compensation for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury" (RIN2900-AP23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5182. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to certification granted in relation to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.