

and conviction to fight to end slavery and keep our Union together.

Juneteenth Independence Day is also an important moment to recognize how far we have come and take note of how far we have yet to go. At the time the Constitution was drafted, Native Americans were referred to as savages, African Americans were fractions of human beings, and women were not referred to at all. The genius of our Constitution wasn't its perfection, but rather that it inspired each generation to expand the concepts of liberty and freedom and make our Nation's promise real for more and more people. We must not rest until that liberty and freedom is real for all people, and this Juneteenth let us all recommit to helping our country live up to its fundamental promise and highest ideals.

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SCRANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce on their 150th anniversary. I am proud to highlight their many accomplishments and significant contributions to my hometown of Scranton and northeastern Pennsylvania.

Eleven years after the city of Scranton was incorporated, 13 visionary and ambitious men met in the upstairs of a grocery store and formed the Merchants Association to encourage the economic growth of the city. Scranton was an industrial center of mining and railroads, and the association's first order of business was to establish equitable freight rates. Later, the association was renamed the Scranton Board of Trade and in 1923 was officially chartered as the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

For a century and a half, the chamber has actively served the region, always with the mission of cultivating a healthy business ecosystem that could attract, preserve, and create jobs in the area. In fact, the chamber has always been a national leader and trendsetter within the business community. In 1945, as many Scrantonians were serving in World War II, the chamber spearheaded a community effort to save jobs at the Murray Bomber Wing Plant, which resulted in the launching of the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company. This innovative effort created what is considered the American standard model for economic development. Today, as the largest business network in northeastern Pennsylvania with more than 1,500 member companies representing a variety of employers, the chamber helps to foster economic development, provides small businesses access to affordable capital, facilitates leadership development programs, and leads workforce development initiatives.

From Scranton's early days as a hub for American entrepreneurship and industry, the chamber has played a crit-

ical role and continues to be one of the region's strongest and most effective business and community advocates. It has worked in partnership with numerous stakeholders to address the challenges brought on by an ever-changing regional economy.

Although the mining and freight-dependent industries that represented the growth of the greater Scranton region's early days represent a bygone era, today, new industries now call northeastern Pennsylvania home. These new fields of business have helped the area become a regional leader in education, medicine, and manufacturing. Today, the region builds upon its rich history of industrial ingenuity, economic prosperity, and most notably, new Americans and immigrants seeking opportunity. In light of the region's diverse heritage and progress towards true equality, the chamber hosted its inaugural NEPA Women's Leadership Conference in 2015. I am proud of the chamber's continued efforts as it strives to promote the region as an ideal location for businesses of all genders, ethnicities, races, socioeconomic groups, sizes, and fields. The greater Scranton area continues to be well positioned to attract and retain businesses, startups, and entrepreneurial ventures.

It is a privilege to pay tribute to Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce's historic legacy and the contributions its members have made to the city of Scranton and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania over the last 150 years. I wish the chamber continued success and prosperity as it celebrates this extraordinary sesquicentennial anniversary.

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize my constituents at the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce on their 150th anniversary and highlight their contributions to making the greater Scranton region a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Established in 1867 as the Scranton Board of Trade, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce is the largest business network in northeastern Pennsylvania, with more than 1,500 member companies representing a variety of employers. The chamber is also the parent organization to a number of affiliates that support economic development, provide small business lending services, facilitate leadership development programs, and guide workforce development initiatives. From Scranton's early days as a hub for American heavy industry, the chamber has actively served the region for more than 150 years, always with the mission of attracting, sustaining and growing jobs in the area.

Since its inception, the chamber has been recognized as one of the region's preeminent business and community advocates. It has worked in partnership with numerous stakeholders to address the challenges brought on by an ever-changing regional economy. For their

part, as the region transformed over the last century, so too has the chamber. Since 1923, the chamber has evolved and developed a number of affiliates whose missions are to address and respond to the changing regional dynamics through economic, industrial, workforce, and community development. These affiliates have worked to diversify the region's economy and utilize the tools and resources available to them to meet the needs of the community and its business members.

Today, new industries now call northeast Pennsylvania home and have helped the area become a regional leader in fields such as education, medicine, and manufacturing. Most notably, what drives the region today is building upon the greater Scranton area's rich history of industrial and economic prosperity. These are key points the chamber and its partners have seized on to promote the region as an ideal location for businesses of all sizes and specialties. With a history of success and an abundance of talent and expertise, the greater Scranton area is well positioned to attract entrepreneurs and businesses alike.

I wish to recognize the significant contributions that the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and its members have made to the city of Scranton and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania over the last 150 years and wish them all the best as the chamber celebrates this sesquicentennial anniversary.

#### 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-5540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extract of *Swinglea glutinosa*; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9977-75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5541. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions dated June 8, 2018; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and the Judiciary.

EC-5542. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Justice Response to Government Accountability Office (GAO) finding of Antideficiency Act (ADA) Violations"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5543. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and

Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5544. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5545. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Information Systems Agency Freedom of Information Act Program" (RIN0790-AJ60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5546. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Violations of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements with the United States" ((RIN9000-AN57) (FAC 2005-99)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5547. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2017 annual report on competition; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5548. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rough Diamonds Control Regulations" (31 CFR Part 592) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5549. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a legislative proposal relative to the President of the United States' fiscal year 2019 budget request; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; AL; Redesignation of the Pike County Lead Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9979-61-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5551. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ID, Crop Residue Burning; Revision to Ozone Requirement" (FRL No. 9979-48-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5552. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Maine; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements" (FRL No. 9979-07-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5553. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9979-32-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5554. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 21st Century Cures Workforce Planning Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5555. A communication from the Director of the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Lung Benefits Act: Medical Benefits Payments" (RIN1240-AA11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5556. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program" (RIN1894-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5557. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-378, "Hearing Aid Assistance Program Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5558. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-379, "Historic Anacostia Vacant Properties Surplus Declaration and Disposition Authorization Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5559. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation, Use of Products and Services of Kaspersky Lab" ((RIN9000-AN64) (FAC 2005-99)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5560. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-99; Small Entity Compliance Guide" ((Docket No. FAR 2018-0001, Sequence No. 3) (FAC 2005-99)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5561. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-99; Introduction" ((Docket No. FAR 2018-0001, Sequence No. 3) (FAC 2005-99)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5562. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Report on the Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5563. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Individual Bluefin Quota Program; Accountability for Bluefin Tuna Catch" (RIN0648-BH17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5564. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Measures to Address Overfishing of Atlantic Shortfin Mako Shark" (RIN0648-BH49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5565. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2017 U.S. Territorial Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits" (RIN0648-XF156) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5566. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications" (RIN0648-BH04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5567. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Modifications to Greater Amberjack Allowable Harvest and Rebuilding Plan" (RIN0648-BH14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5568. 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 "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan; Correction" (RIN0648-BG61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5569. 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 "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch

Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BG61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5570. 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 "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Essential Fish Habitat" (RIN0648-BF82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5571. 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 "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Framework Adjustment 28" (RIN0648-BG46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5572. 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 "Capital Construction Fund; Fishing Vessel Capital Construction Fund Procedures" (RIN0648-AW57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 207. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2535. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to strengthen Drug Enforcement Administration discretion in setting opioid quotas.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2645. A bill to establish a demonstration program under which the Drug Enforcement Administration provides grants to certain States to enable those States to increase participation in drug take-back programs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2789. A bill to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics.

S. 2837. A bill to improve the systems for identifying the diversion of controlled substances.

S. 2838. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require the Drug Enforcement Administration to report certain information on distribution of opioids, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 114-6: Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled with 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 115-6)

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

As reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to a Declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, Done at Marrakesh on June 27, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-6), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Sec. 2. Declaration.

The Senate's advice and consent under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Treaty is not self-executing.

#### 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 Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 3085. A bill to establish a Federal Acquisition Security Council and to provide executive agencies with authorities relating to mitigating supply chain risks in the procurement of information technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 3086. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3087. A bill to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nonprofit organizations for purposes of carrying out shoreline stabilization projects utilizing natural materials that support natural habitats and ecosystem functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BENNETT)):

S. 3088. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of En-

ergy to establish a program to prepare veterans for careers in the energy industry, including the solar, wind, cybersecurity, and other low-carbon emissions sectors or zero-emissions sectors of the energy industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 3089. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2018, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3090. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to clarify that a State may not use an individual's failure to vote as the basis for initiating the procedures provided under such Act for the removal of the individual from the official list of registered voters in the State on the grounds that the individual has changed residence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LEE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3091. A bill to limit the separation of families seeking asylum in the United States and expedite the asylum process for individuals arriving in the United States with children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 551. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of June 18 through June 22, 2018, as National GI Bill Commemoration Week; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to allow the financing by United States persons of sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 352

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr.