

and emergency medical technicians are volunteers, making significant personal and financial sacrifices to keep the rest of us safe. We owe them all a very deep debt of gratitude.

In particular, I would like to mention one individual from my State of Vermont: Chris “Jake” Jakubiak. This year, the American Ambulance Association honored Chris as a “Star of Life,” for his exceptional skills and commitment to his patients and community. In addition to his full-time job, for the past 14 years, Chris has served as a part-time emergency medical technician. Chris has also been a volunteer firefighter for the past 31 years. To my mind, this kind of selfless service to his community makes Chris a true hero.

Of course, Chris is not alone in this regard. Emergency medical services are a critical component of a robust primary care system in the health infrastructure in Vermont and all across the country; yet it is clear they face significant challenges in terms of recruiting and retaining volunteers, stocking enough medication, and accessing essential equipment. To my mind, if a person is willing to risk their life to protect others, then we in Congress should be able to provide them with the resources they need to do the job. That should include incentives for young people to become paramedics and emergency medical technicians and funding for these providers to purchase enough naloxone and EpiPens and maintain emergency vehicles, among other solutions.

At a time when we are relying more and more on our first responders to protect our communities from crises like the opioid epidemic and natural disasters, we must do everything we can to support these hard-working and dedicated neighbors. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 6, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate,

received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 770. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2061. An act to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

S. J. Res 60. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. NUNES, STEWART, and SCHIFF.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of sections 1252 and 1523 of the House bill, and sections 4, 1002, 1032, and 1721 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WOMACK and YARMUTH.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 228, 563, 564, 1094, and 3120C of the House bill, and sections 561-63 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. POXX and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 701, 712, 1083, 1096, 3111-13, 3118, 3119, 3132, and 4305 of the House bill, and sections 315, 601, 714, 3111-15, 5802, and 7509 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WALDEN, HUDSON, and PALLONE.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 12990-2 and 1236 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HENSARLING, BARR, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 346, 1042, 1202-06, 1210, 1211, 1221-23, 1230A, 1230D, 1230F, 1231, 1234, 1236, 1237, 1239, 1240, 1254-56, 1264, 1267, 1268, 1271, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1288, 12990-1, 12990-2, 12990-3, 12990-4, 1301, 1302, 1521, 1522, and 3116 of the House bill, and section 331, 1061, 1063, 1201-04, 1207, 1211, 1213, 1221-23, 1231-33, 1241, 1244, 1245, 1261, 1262, 1264-66, 1269, 1301, 1302, 1531, 1622, 1623, 1654, 3113, 3116, 6002, 6202-04, 6701, and 6702 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROYCE of California, MAST, and ENGEL.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1634 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MCCAUL, RATCLIFFE, and THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 826, 1043, 1050B, 1073, 1074, 1079, 1085, 1087, 1090, 12990-2, 4319, and 4710 of the House bill, and sections 1025, 1035, and 1715 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, SENSENBRENNER, and NADLER.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 313, 314, 316, 342, 1043, 1076, 1079, 2822, 2830, 2830A, 2831, 2832, 2845-47, 3402, 3549, 4810, 4837, division E, and section 6101 of the House bill, and sections 601, 2833, 2836, and 7518 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WESTERMAN and GRIMALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 506, 511, 569, 822, 831, 832, 834, 835, 860, 875, 880-84, 886, 917, 1101-11, 4711, and 4829 of the House bill, and sections 568, 595, 607, 632, 702, 813, 902, 937, 1101-05, 1122-25, 1254B, 1628, 1639, 1640, 1716, 1726, 2835, and 6702 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SANFORD, ROSS, and LYNCH.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 854, 858, and 1603 of the House bill, and sections 893 and 1604 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SMITH of Texas, LUCAS, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 811, 851-58, 861, 863-68, and 2803 of the House bill, and sections 893, 1626, and 6006 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHABOT, KNIGHT, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 518, 554, 883, 1044, 1049, 1050B, 1075, 1095, 1111, 2848, 3501, 3504, 3522-25, 3528, 3529, and division D of the House bill, and sections 153, 556, 601, 1604, 3501, 3502, 7501, 7502, 7507-09, 7515, and 7517 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mrs. COMSTOCK and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 547, 552, 582, 1411, and 2844 of the House bill, and sections 721, 726, and 1431 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROE of Tennessee, POLIQUIN, and WALZ.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 701 of the House bill, and section 6201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. REICHERT, ROSKAM, and NEAL.

For consideration of sections 313, 314, 316, 342, 1043, 1076, 1079, 1252, 1523, 2822, 2830, 2830A, 2831, 2832, 2845-47, 3402, 3549, 4810, 4837, division E, and section 6101 of the House bill and sections 4, 601, 1002, 1032, 1721, 2833, 2836, and 7518 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BERGMAN.

For consideration of sections 228, 518, 554, 563, 564, 883, 1044, 1049, 1050B, 1075, 1094, 1095, 1111, 2848, 3120C, 3501, 3504, 3522-25, 3528, 3529, and division D of the House bill and sections 153, 556, 561-63, 601, 1604, 3501, 3502, 7501, 7502, 7507-09, 7515, and 7517 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 50802 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law