

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5895, ENERGY AND WATER, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF  
**HON. BARBARA LEE**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, first, let me thank Ranking Member LOWEY and all of the Ranking Members of these subcommittees for their leadership and negotiation skills. This bill is truly a testament to Democratic leadership.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I rise today to speak on H.R. 5895, the conference report that contains the Fiscal Year 2019 bills for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Energy and Water, and the Legislative Branch.

While this is not a perfect bill, I support this bill, which provides \$8.8 million in new funding for Members to pay interns. As someone who started as an intern in the office of the late Congressman Ron Dellums, I know how important interns are to ensure that Capitol Hill runs smoothly.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Military-Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, I am proud that this bill provides a total of \$97.1 billion in spending—which is \$5.15 billion more than the fiscal year 2018—for our veterans.

The bill also includes important report language which ensures greater oversight of jointly managed projects between the VA and the Army Corps of Engineers, like the Alameda Point project in my district.

Finally, while this is a good bill, I worry that this bill is short-sighted and will not address future funding needs for the VA Mission Act. As the daughter of a veteran, I know that our servicemembers and their families make enormous sacrifices to serve our nation.

Their tireless service more than earns them our commitment to addressing this funding issue. So, I look forward to continuing to work on this and improve quality of life for our servicemembers and their families.

But I am deeply concerned, Mr. Speaker, about the \$65 million included in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for a new low-yield nuclear weapon. I tried in Committee and on the Floor to cut this funding, but Republicans rejected my amendment.

Mr. Speaker, the warhead funded in this bill would set a dangerous precedent—that of arming our submarines with a low-yield ballistic missile—something that has never been done in the many decades of our nuclear deterrence.

What's worse—funding this warhead lowers the threshold for nuclear weapons use and could put us on a dangerous path to war.

And frankly our nation shouldn't just rely on building more nuclear weapons. We must ensure that diplomacy is our nation's first pathway to address these global challenges.

Mr. Speaker, we are making Americans less safe with this nuclear weapon. I am deeply disturbed with this inclusion and I hope my colleagues will join me in opposition to this funding of a nuclear weapon.

HONORING CHRIS MAZDZER FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**  
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 24, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris Mazdzer, who made history at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeong Chang.

Hailing from our very own Saranac Lake, New York, Chris is an American Olympian sensation. Chris made his debut in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and then again in the 2014 Sochi games, where both times he finished 13th in men's singles luge. But it was not until 2018 that Chris made history and finished with an incredible silver medal win, Team USA's first ever medal in that event. Chris trained tirelessly at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, and I know he has inspired the next generation of athletes from across our region.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to congratulate Chris Mazdzer for his well-earned silver medal, and honor him for showing the world just what the North Country has to offer.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SERGEANT COLIN GEORGE DRAKE

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**  
OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 24, 2018*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor the life and service of Sergeant Colin George Drake from New Richmond, Wisconsin.

As a member of the U.S. Army, Sergeant Drake embodied the best qualities of all Americans. He was loyal to his country, respected by his battalion, and loved by his family and community. Sergeant Drake committed his life to help others. He enlisted in the United States Army as a Behavioral Health Technician and voluntarily served on two consecutive deployments to Kuwait in 2012 and 2013 as a member of the 785th Medical Detachment, Combat Operational Stress Control, in Madison. Sergeant Drake faithfully served his country until his death on June 1, 2018.

Sergeant Drake's exemplary service will always be remembered. His family, his home State of Wisconsin, and his country are eternally grateful for his sacrifice. It is my honor to

pay tribute to him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Sergeant Colin Drake for the sacrifice he made for this country and for our freedom.

HONORING ALONNA K. RUBIN

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**  
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 24, 2018*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Alonna K. Rubin, President and Founder of Families In Arms, a non-profit dedicated to help children with autism and their families.

Mrs. Rubin received her B.S. in Broadcast Journalism and Speech Communication in 1995. She went on to get her M.S. in Education in 1997. Married to David in 2000, they welcomed their first son, Jack in 2001. When Jack was diagnosed with Autism at age two, Alonna resigned from her teaching position and became a full-time advocate for her son. She immersed herself in Jack's therapies, and worked alongside specialists to ensure effectiveness of the therapies and strategies. In 2005, David and Alonna were blessed with another little boy, Carter. Since 2008, Alonna has been Co-President of her local school district's Special Education PTA and was an instructor with The Long Island Institute of Professional Studies, teaching "Assisting Students With Autism in the Classroom" for several years. Alonna has been a guest lecturer for Touro College, "Identifying and developing Programs for Gifted Students with Learning Disabilities", as well as giving presentations for Superintendent's Conference days for various school districts on Special Education and Autism. Alonna is the founder of Families in Arms, Inc., along with her father and co-founder Ric Mango.

The mission of Families in Arms is to give families of children with Autism, the opportunity to create memories that go far beyond the walls of therapy. 1 in 59 children in the United States are diagnosed with Autism. Early intervention is the key to helping children with Autism begin to make the greatest strides. Children with Autism typically begin therapy at or around the age of two, often times between 25–40 hours per week.

Families In Arms works to help these very special children and their families step out beyond the walls. Studies show that declarative memory in children with Autism is unharmed, untouched and often stronger than your average person. Children with Autism will always remember the hard work they put in every day for their entire lives. They will never forget the special moments they create with the people that love them the most.

Families In Arms assists families to alleviate financial strain and provide relief so that they are free to create memories that last a lifetime.

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HONORING EMMA HARTLEY, GULF  
COAST HEART WALK WARRIOR

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 24, 2018*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an impressive Gulf Coast philanthropist, Miss Emma Hartley of Gulfport, Mississippi.

My district is nicknamed "Mississippi's Fighting Fourth," earned for Mississippi's spirit and the residents who call her "home." Most Mississippians have a warrior spirit, a tenacity, a willingness to do whatever it takes to live and nurture each other with compassion and intentional care. These qualities embody one of Mississippi's youngest and most determined warriors—ten-year-old Emma Hartley.

Emma was born August 2, 2008, missing a heart valve. Less than 24 hours after her birth, Emma underwent the first of what would become many surgeries. Perhaps it was an innate fighting spirit and a purpose to persevere for the sake of loving others that brought Emma and her heart safely through that first critical surgery. Perhaps she knew then that she would need to grow strong and develop a voice to encourage others to face tough battles with a smile. Perhaps it is simply that God has big plans for this little girl. What is known is that Mississippi's Gulf Coast is blessed by Emma's heart, beating now for over 10 years, and Emma's desire to make a difference in the lives of those facing similar health challenges.

Emma has outlived the expectations of many of her doctors, and she will soon undergo her fifth surgery. Before age 18, she is likely to face several more; but, she endures each procedure with courage and grace. From an early age, Emma participated with her mom, Lisa Northrup, in fundraising efforts such as Rock Your Scar, the March of Dimes, Mended Little Hearts, and the Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. Now, with the support of family, friends, and her church, Emma champions her own efforts, working hard to raise funds, give speeches, and boost awareness of these causes in her local communities.

Crafting and creating artwork, two of Emma's hobbies, are incorporated into her philanthropic efforts, too. For one of her fundraisers this year Emma sold handcrafted wood signs, some of which were ordered from far away. Also, Emma's artwork has been reproduced in awards given to the top Heart Walk high achievers.

This year's Gulf Coast Heart Walk was on September 22. Emma offered the opening prayer to start the event. Mississippi is fortunate to have such a brave, talented, ambitious, and inspiring warrior, like Emma Hartley.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 27 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 24, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian

Issues, I congratulate Prime Minister Pashinyan and the people of the Republic of Armenia on 27 years of independence from the Soviet Union. Since this day 27 years ago, the Armenian people have lived up to their pledge to create a free and independent nation, built on strong democratic principles and a market economy.

Earlier this year, Armenia saw incredible and unprecedented change in its government as a result of the Velvet Revolution. The peaceful transition of power after the revolution is a clear indication of the will of the Armenian people, strongly demonstrating a commitment to a fairer and more democratic state. Since my first visit in 1997, I continue to be struck by the incredible progress Armenia has made towards bolstering its government transparency, strengthening its democratic institutions, and empowering its civil society. I believe it is critical for the United States to continue to deepen its ties with our regional partner at every level of government to ensure this transformation continues.

The Republic of Armenia has also consistently championed the right to self-determination of its neighbors in the Republic of Artsakh. This is a right that Artsakh continues to fight for in its steadfast pursuit of regional security and stability despite a tenuous cease fire. The United States must continue to support a negotiated end to hostilities with Azerbaijan along the lines of the Royce-Engel peace proposals, and take further action to ensure that all parties of the conflict are included.

I join with the Armenian people and the Armenian-American community in celebrating 27 years of independence. I send my best wishes on this important day and pledge my continued commitment to a strong United States-Armenia partnership.

IN TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET.) ROBERT ANDREW COCROFT, UNITED STATES (U.S.) ARMY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 24, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Andrew Cocroft, U.S. Army veteran who passed away on September 12, 2018. He was born to Willie Tilmon Cocroft and Louise Cocroft (Gee) on November 16, 1946, in Conway, Mississippi. The Cocroft family settled in Milwaukee in 1947.

Robert received his formal education in the Milwaukee Public School system and was a fellow graduate of North Division High School in 1965. In 1966, while attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on a football scholarship he was drafted into the U.S. Army but opted to attend Officer Candidate School to become an infantry officer. He was a Vietnam-era veteran who served overseas duty in the Republic of Korea. He joined the 84th Division of the Army Reserve in Wisconsin and climbed the chain of command until earning the rank of Brigadier General. At the conclusion of his military career, he was the Assistant Division Commander of Operations for the 98th Division having commanded at the com-

pany, battalion and brigade levels over his 40 years of active and reserve military service. He officially retired in 2006.

At the time of his passing, he had served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the nonprofit Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. (CVI) for over 14 years. In addition to advocating for the needs of veterans, CVI services include housing for low-income, homeless, minority and women veterans including their families. CVI is distinguished as the largest private provider of transitional housing and permanent supportive housing for veterans in Wisconsin.

Robert served as Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs from 1994 to 2002. He had the overall responsibility for the Department's day-to-day operations, which included administration and management of 900 full-time employees, departmental administrative services, as well as, coordination and direction of strategic planning and program development.

Robert was the immediate past National Commander of the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS) which was established in 1973, through the combined efforts of Robert Cocroft, Willie Sims, and Thomas Wynn (deceased) to advocate on behalf of its members. NABVETS currently has chapters in 80 cities throughout the United States and is certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a claims representative for veterans.

He was a life-long learner and continued his training/education while working and going to school full-time to earn a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Management, Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Officer Candidate School, U.S. Army Paratrooper Airborne School, and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, P A.

Robert leaves behind his beloved wife of 49 years, Jacqueline D. Cocroft to mourn his passing. Additionally he leaves a strong legacy of leadership for his children, Dianna Killins (Cocroft), Robert H. Cocroft and his adopted daughter Annette (Michael) Miller, Grandsons—Devin Tyree Cocroft, Isiah H. Cocroft, Robert T. Cocroft, Jonavan M. Cocroft, Michael A. Killins, Malik A. Killins, Mekhi A. Killins. Granddaughters—Arianna I. Cocroft, First Lieutenant Michelle A. Killins, USAR. Great-grandchildren—McKayla A. Killins and Morgan A. Killins and a host of other family and friends.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Andrew Cocroft was a true servant leader, as demonstrated by his commitment to veteran affairs, as well as, serving on numerous boards and committees both locally and nationally. Robert was my friend and a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure. I valued his service to the 4th Congressional District, including his service as Co-Chair of the 4th Congressional District Academy Advisory Committee, his commitment to building safe transitional housing for veterans in the district, and his advocacy on behalf of low-income minority and female veterans. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to late Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Andrew Cocroft.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER ACT

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, this month we mark the 60th anniversary of the enactment of the National Cultural Center Act, which established the institution now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The 85th Congress and President Eisenhower envisioned a cultural center which would present performances of dance, drama, music, opera, and poetry, develop arts programming to encourage the participation of and educate citizens of all ages, from the young to the elderly, and provide a space for civic activity.

Today, the Kennedy Center accomplishes these original mandates from 1958 to serve the nation through cultural innovation and inclusive programming. This past season, the Kennedy Center showcased 2,203 performances and reached 1,405,796 students through school and community programs. The Kennedy Center has broken ground on an expanded physical campus for civic activity and increased accessibility; the REACH (Renew, Experience, Activate, Create, and Honor) will open the week of the National Cultural Center Act's 60th anniversary.

I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking the many members of the public who over the past six decades have partnered with and supported our national cultural center.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF KALLE KÖNKKÖLÄ AND CELEBRATING HIS LIFE

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2018

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Kalle Könkkölä, an international disability rights advocate and former member of the Finnish Parliament.

Mr. Könkkölä passed away on September 11, 2018. He served from 1983 to 1987 as the first member of the Finnish Parliament with a disability, developing key pieces of legislation on disability inclusion and independent living. Könkkölä was a fervent advocate for the ratification of the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Finland.

Könkkölä also helped to strengthen relationships between Finland and the U.S. in the area of disability policy. This relationship resulted in collaborative activities with the State Department's Special Advisor on International Disability Rights and our Embassy in Finland, including training on our Americans with Disabilities Act, joint efforts with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to advance the inclusion of disability, and discussions on conditions of disabled people in refugee camps.

Könkkölä worked tirelessly for disability inclusion worldwide. He was active in global partnerships for disability and development,

and his work emphasized the need for a robust human rights framework in disability policy. Könkkölä was instrumental in the negotiations that led to the creation of the European Disability Forum in 1996, and he founded the Abilis Foundation, an organization that promotes human rights, equal opportunities, and independent living through grantmaking to disabled people's organizations in low income countries, in 1998.

Könkkölä was a member of the Expert Group on Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities within the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. He brought a unique perspective to the working group, having firsthand experience of many aspects of political life, including running as a candidate, serving in elected office, and advocating with policymakers.

Here in the U.S. Congress, we can honor Könkkölä's life by continuing his work to empower the one billion people in the world who have a disability, especially in political and public life. In partnership with the diverse disability community, we must remove barriers that prohibit the full participation of persons with disabilities as voters and candidates. When barriers are removed, voters with disabilities are afforded their full rights as citizens.

Today, in memory of Mr. Könkkölä, I reaffirm my commitment to supporting persons with disabilities in their pursuit of equal rights. I stand with you today, and for all the days to come.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 26

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine safeguards for consumer data privacy.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine cleaning up the oceans, focusing on reducing the

impact of man-made trash on the environment, wildlife, and human health.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 3478, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy for maintaining situational awareness and operational control of high traffic areas along the borders, to address the protective custody of alien children accompanied by parents, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, to encourage Federal agencies to coordinate on research and the development of technology to combat illicit opioid importation, to establish a narcotic drug screening technology pilot program to combat illicit opioid importation, S. 3405, to reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 3137, to provide for reforming agencies of the Federal Government to improve efficiency and effectiveness, S. 3208, to provide agencies with discretion in securing information technology and information systems, S. 3050, to improve executive agency digital services, S. 823, to ensure the digital contents of electronic equipment and online accounts belonging to or in the possession of United States persons entering or exiting the United States are adequately protected at the border, S. 278, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for innovative research and development, S. 3085, 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, S. 3437, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, S. 3251, to require executive agencies to consider rental in any analysis for equipment acquisition, S. 3309, to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, S. 3191, to provide for the expeditious disclosure of records related to civil rights cold cases, S. 594, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, S. 3209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 413 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, as the "Private Henry Svehla Post Office Building", S. 3237, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 12th Street Lobby in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office", S. 3414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the "Captain Matthew J. August Post Office", S. 3442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the "Arla W. Harrell Post Office", H.R. 50, to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, H.R. 2196, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients, H.R. 1132, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a 2-year prohibition on employment in a career civil

service position for any former political appointee, H.R. 6439, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program, H.R. 6374, to require the Department of Homeland Security to streamline Federal contractor fitness determinations, H.R. 5206, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Office of Biometric Identity Management, H.R. 6443, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a continuous diagnostics and mitigation program at the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the "Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building", H.R. 1209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building", H.R. 2979, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the "Jack H. Brown Post Office Building", H.R. 3230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building", H.R. 4407, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building", H.R. 4890, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the "Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building", H.R. 4913, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the "Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building", H.R. 4946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office", H.R. 4960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building", H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1325 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building", H.R. 5504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building", H.R. 5737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the "Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office", H.R. 5784, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shall be known and designated as the "Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building", H.R. 5868, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the "Bill Harris Post Office", H.R. 5935, to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harristown, Illinois, as the "Logan S. Palmer Post Office", H.R. 6020, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 325 South Michigan Avenue in Howell, Michigan, as the "Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building", H.R. 6116, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the "Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office", an original bill entitled, "Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2018", an original bill entitled, "Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2018", and the nomination of Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the impact of tariffs on the United States automotive industry.

SD-215

10:45 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the rise of American earnings and living standards.

SH-216

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 1862, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, S. 2736, to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region, S. 3233, to impose sanctions with respect to persons responsible for violence and human rights abuses in Nicaragua, S. 3257, to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for serious violations of international law regarding the protection of civilians during armed conflict, S. 3476, to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, S. Res. 435, expressing the sense of the Senate that the 85th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, S. Res. 481, calling upon the leadership of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to dismantle its labor camp system, S. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) continues to make an invaluable contribution to United States and international security, 50 years after it opened for signature on July 1, 1968, S. Res. 602, supporting the agreement between Prime Minister Tsipras of Greece and Prime Minister Zaev of Macedonia to resolve longstanding bilateral disputes, S. Res. 634, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift and honoring the veterans of Operation Vittles, H.R. 2200, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, H.R. 600, to promote Internet access in developing countries and update foreign policy toward the Internet, H.R. 1677, to halt the wholesale slaughter of the

Syrian people, encourage a negotiated political settlement, and hold Syrian human rights abusers accountable for their crimes, and the nomination of Francisco Luis Palmieri, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Department of State.

S-116

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine the global space race, focusing on ensuring the United States remains the leader in space.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine the cyber operational readiness of the Department of Defense; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-106

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Craig Lewis Cloud, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Michael Peter Pelletier, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Simon Henshaw, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Eric Williams Stromayer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, and Dennis Walter Hearne, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the Federal role in the toxic PFAS chemical crisis.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 465, to provide for an independent outside audit of the Indian Health Service, S. 2154, to approve the Kickapoo Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and S. 2599, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine justice for Native youth, focusing on the Government Accountability Office report on "Native American Youth Involvement in Justice Systems and Information on Grants to Help Address Juvenile Delinquency".

SD-628

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. 1010 and H.R. 1695, bills to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide additional responsibilities for the Register of Copyrights.

SR-301

3 p.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the state of the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on a 60 day report.  
SR-418

SEPTEMBER 27

10 a.m.  
Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.  
SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on improving affordability through innovation.  
SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management  
To hold hearings to examine the effect of regulatory policy on the economy and business growth.  
SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary  
To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.  
SD-226

2 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine implementation of the Economic Growth, Regu-

latory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.  
SD-538

OCTOBER 3

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Government Accountability Office reports relating to broadband internet availability on tribal lands.  
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Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws.  
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POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 26

10 a.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.  
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