

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

• Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, today I would like to honor the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts—the oldest chartered military organization in the Western Hemisphere—on its 381st Fall Field Day Tour of Duty. Its charter was signed in 1638 by John Winthrop, then-Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The Ancient and Honorables continue to serve the Commonwealth as a vital part of its militia, subject to the direction of the adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Although the Ancient and Honorables have long served as the honor guard for the Governor of the Commonwealth, they continue to play an integral role in the State's civic rituals. Among their responsibilities, they participate in the inaugurations of State constitutional officers, the annual State of the Commonwealth address, and the yearly celebration of the Constitution of the United States from the historic State house in the heart of old Boston, but most importantly, they stand ready to assist in times of peril or emergency.

May the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts long continue its role in fostering, supporting, and preserving the civic life of the city of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America. The Ancients serve as world ambassadors of the United States, where, on their Fall Field Day Tour of Duty, they pay their respects to fallen soldiers of all nations who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom.

Today I would like to recognize the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts for their civic responsibilities, patriotic duties, and community service. May they continue their proud traditions for many years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 791. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1668. An act to rename a waterway in the State of New York as the "Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel".

S. 2554. An act to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees.

S. 2559. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the Marrakesh Treaty, and for other purposes.

S. 3479. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4854. An act to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 4:48 p.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 bill, without amendment:

S. 3508. An act to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1093. An act to require the Federal Railroad Administration to provide appropriate congressional notice of comprehensive safety assessments conducted with respect to intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation.

H.R. 6756. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote new business innovation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6757. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement and family savings, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1595. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 302) to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, September 28, 2018, he has signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 46. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York.

H.R. 2259. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to expand services and benefits for volunteers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1551. An act to modernize copyright law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4958. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2018, 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.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1093. An act to require the Federal Railroad Administration to provide appropriate congressional notice of comprehensive safety assessments conducted with respect to intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6756. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote new business innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 6757. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement and family savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3532. A bill to authorize the United States Postal Service to provide certain non-postal property, products, and services on behalf of State, local, and tribal governments.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 28, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 791. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes.

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S. 2559. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the Marrakesh Treaty, and for other purposes.

S. 3479. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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-6624. A communication from the Chief of the Recruiting Policy Branch, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruiting and Enlistments" ((RIN0702-AA78) (32 CFR Part 571)) received