

city of Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, a dedicated public servant, a proven leader in northern Nevada, and a friend. As a citizen of Sparks for 71 years, Mayor Martini has been an integral part of our community, and is a Nevadan through and through.

As a Sparks High School and University of Nevada, Reno, graduate, Mayor Martini has devoted his life to improving the community he is proud to call home. Mayor Martini served as mayor of Sparks for over 13 years and was also a member of the Sparks City Council. He has played an instrumental role in a number of projects that benefit the Sparks community. Whether it is his work on the North Truckee Drain project that helps prevent flooding for businesses and homeowners or his efforts to redevelop the Sparks Marina and transform an abandoned parking structure into a beautiful apartment home community, Mayor Martini's legacy of leadership will be preserved through the positive impact that his work will have on this community for generations to come.

His colleagues credit the development and revitalization of downtown Sparks to Mayor Martini's efforts. We have seen tremendous economic growth in the city of Sparks and much of that would not have been possible without the leadership of Mayor Martini.

Additionally, Mayor Martini is a longtime advocate for those who serve the city and has worked to provide support to the community's residents who are in need. For instance, he helped to increase funding for Sparks' police and fire departments and played a key role in the creation of the community assistance center to shelter and offer outreach to individuals and families who are homeless. Further, he helps at-risk children in our community who cannot otherwise participate in recreation programs due to financial hardships by raising funds for the Sparks Youth Scholarship Program.

I congratulate Mayor Martini on his retirement and thank him for his years of service to our community. Sparks and Nevada are better places because of Mayor Martini, and his efforts and stewardship will not be forgotten.●

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-6772. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Vincent K. Brooks, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6773. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Inventory of Contracted Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6774. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6775. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6776. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2017 Plenary Agreements Implementation" (RIN0694-AH44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6777. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; Georgia; Acworth, City of, Cobb County, et al." ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2018-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6778. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as an emergency requirement the amount (including the transfer of funds) so designated by the Congress in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the Community Development Fund; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-6779. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program: Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Malaysia to support the transfer of six MD530G Scout/Attack helicopters, one MD530G Flight Training device, and MD530G training to Malaysian Army in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 18-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6781. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; 25-Hydroxyvitamin D3" ((21 CFR Part 573) (Docket No. FDA-2013-F-1540 and FDA-2014-F-0296)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6782. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Manage-

ment and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6783. A communication from the Director of Regulation, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Wage for Contractors; Updating Regulations to Reflect Executive Order 13838" (RIN1235-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6784. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2017 Annual Report to the Congress on the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6785. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Claim Construction Standard for Interpreting Claims in Trial Proceedings Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board" (RIN0651-AD16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6786. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Describing Agency Needs; Contract Financing" (RIN2900-AP81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6787. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Block Island and Newport, Rhode Island" ((MB Docket No. 18-153) (DA 18-962)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6788. A communication from the Associate Chief of Infrastructure and Policy, Wireline Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment" ((FCC 18-133) (WT Docket No. 17-79; WC Docket No. 17-84)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6789. A communication from the Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toll Free Assignment Modernization" ((FCC 16-137) (WC Docket No. 17-192; CC Docket No. 95-155)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6790. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2006 Procurement Marine Corps (PMC) funds and was assigned case number 16-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: