

Time and again, the PBFD has remained vigilant and steadfast in their commitment to providing the best emergency services to the community. True dedication and generosity are characteristics frequently used to describe this department; once, PBFD firefighters pitched in to just to pay for gas to drive the trucks to the next emergency. Today, the future of the department looks bright, as it grows at an unprecedented rate and now includes four stations. I look forward to hearing of their continued success.

Congratulations on 50 years, Pelham Batesville Fire Department and district, and thank you for your continued services to the upstate.●

TRIBUTE TO LARRY COTTER

● Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, today, on the occasion of his retirement, I would like to honor Lawrence P. “Larry” Cotter, a very special Alaskan who, for years, has given his heart and soul to our fishing industry, one of Alaska’s most vital cultural and economic industries.

Larry began working in Alaska’s commercial fishing industry in 1974, when he was a seafood processing worker in Juneau. He then spent 8 years as a labor organizer and representative for seafood processing workers and longshoremen. Additionally, Larry served on the advisory panel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for 6 years and then as a voting member of the council for an additional 6 years. The time of Larry’s service on the council was during the transition years when foreign fishing was being phased out, our U.S. domestic fishing and processing capabilities were stepping up to replace the foreign fleets, and allocation issues among U.S. fisheries interests were first coming to the forefront.

These were difficult, challenging, and exciting times in Alaska’s fishing industry, and Larry was on the frontlines for all of it, helping to shape the most sustainable, best managed fisheries in the world.

Until recently, Larry has served as founding CEO of the Community Development Quota—CDQ—Group, known as the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, or APICDA, which has provided jobs and scholarships for thousands of Aleutian and Pribilof Island residents, and has helped develop the workforce and build infrastructure throughout the region.

Larry is my friend and a great Alaskan. His leadership in the seafood industry has helped make Alaska the “superpower of seafood.”

Thank you, Larry, for your tremendous contributions to our sustainable fisheries. Enjoy your retirement, and best of luck in your continuing endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to

the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA—PM 48

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by the situation in Nicaragua, including the violent response by the Government of Nicaragua to the protests that began on April 18, 2018, and the Ortega regime’s systematic dismantling and undermining of democratic institutions and the rule of law, its use of indiscriminate violence and repressive tactics against civilians, as well as its corruption leading to the destabilization of Nicaragua’s economy.

The Executive Order blocks all property and interests in property within United States jurisdiction of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

(i) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged or attempted to engage in, any of the following:

(A) serious human rights abuse in Nicaragua;

(B) actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in Nicaragua;

(C) actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Nicaragua;

(D) any transaction or series of transactions involving deceptive practices or corruption by, on behalf of, or otherwise related to the Government of Nicaragua or a current or former official of the Government of Nicaragua, such as the misappropriation of public assets or expropriation of private assets for personal gain or political purposes, corruption related to government contracts, or bribery;

(ii) to be a leader or official of an entity that has, or whose members have, engaged in any activity described in section (i) or of an entity whose property and interests in property are

blocked pursuant to the Executive Order;

(iii) to be an official of the Government of Nicaragua or to have served as an official of the Government of Nicaragua at any time on or after January 10, 2007;

(iv) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of:

(A) any activities described in section (i); or

(B) any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Executive Order; or

(v) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Executive Order.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Executive Order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the Executive Order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 27, 2018.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:15 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. 3554. An act to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans.

H.R. 5784. An act 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”.

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

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 27, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3554. An act to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 793. A bill to prohibit sale of shark fins, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-388).

S. 3143. A bill to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States (Rept. No. 115-389).

S. 3367. A bill to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-390).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 3279. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas (Rept. No. 115-391).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. John N. T. Shanahan, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Kevin B. Schneider, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Stephen J. Hager and ending with Col. Nelson G. Rosen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 5, 2018.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Laura L. Yeager, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Jeffrey W. Burkett and ending with Brigadier General Russ A. Walz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel James R. Camp and ending with Colonel James G. Silvasy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Darrin K. Anderson and ending with Colonel John W. Pogorek, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nomination of Col. Thomas A. Dukes, Jr., to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Christopher L. Montanaro, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Vito E. Addabbo and ending with Brigadier General Boyd C. L. Parker IV, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Elizabeth E. Arledge and ending with Colonel Roger P. Suro, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Sami D. Said, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. David W. Allvin, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Brent W. Scott, to be Rear Admiral.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. John J. Bartrum and ending with Col. Anita

L. Fligge, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lisa M. Bader and ending with Ilaina M. Wingler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2018.

Air Force nomination of Sung-Yul Lee, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Francisca A. Alaka Lampton and ending with Michael D. Zimmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nominations beginning with Christopher Gene Adams and ending with Benjamin Paul Zuniga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Air Force nominations beginning with Steven D. Sikora and ending with Anita Sargent, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2018.

Army nomination of Harold E. Turks, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Benjamin M. Lipari and ending with Gregory S. Soule, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 5, 2018.

Army nomination of Jennifer L. Wright, to be Major.

Army nomination of Christiaan D. Taylor, to be Major.

Army nomination of Shayne R. Estes, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael W. Keebaugh, to be Major.

Army nomination of Heins V. Recheungel, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of John R. Schwab, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Amanda L. Silvers, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ricky L. Warren, Jr., to be Major.

Army nomination of Eric R. Swenson, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Anthony C. Adolph and ending with Kay K. Wakatake, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Scott S. Brennehan and ending with Kevin V. Thompson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2018.

Army nomination of Richard S. Taylor, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Daniel S. Marshall, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kindra C. New, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Sandra L. Ahinga and ending with D014887, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2018.

Army nomination of Rhonda C. Pugh, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of James D. Foley, to be Major.

Navy nominations beginning with Joshua C. Andres and ending with Travis R. Vosler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2018.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Raymond David Vela, of Texas, to be Director of the National Park Service.

*Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

*Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2020.

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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

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 Mr. WICKER:

S. 7. A bill to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 8. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 9. A bill to require the Director of the National Science Foundation to develop an I-Corps course to support commercialization-ready innovation companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 10. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain Federally-subsidized loan repayments for dental school faculty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. REED, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3658. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report on the death of Jamal Khashoggi, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 3659. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.