

and preeminent national expert on climate change, who is retiring from Wesleyan University.

Professor Yohe has had an impressive and distinguished career. After receiving his PhD in economics from Yale University, he devoted his career to climate impact and mitigation research. He worked as a senior member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, receiving a share of the 2007 Nobel Prize, served as vice chair of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee under President Obama, and has testified before the Senate on multiple occasions to explain the risks and impacts of climate change. Professor Yohe continues to serve as a member of the New York City Panel on Climate Change and has been a member of the faculty at Wesleyan University for more than 40 years. On a more personal note, he has been a great resource to my office, and I hope he will continue to contribute to public policy after his official retirement.

I would like to congratulate Professor Yohe on his retirement from Wesleyan University and take this moment to thank him for his contributions to the scientific community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

At 1:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 863. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The message also announced that pursuant to Section 1652(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission: Mr. GALLAGHER of Wisconsin.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 297. An act to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, 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-793. A communication from the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's development of a plan for integrated overhead persistent infrared capabilities (OSS-2019-0294); to the Committees on Appropriations; Armed Services; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-794. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funding of Department of Defense programs under the Defense Laboratory Modernization Pilot Program; to the Committees on Armed Services; and Appropriations.

EC-795. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-796. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-797. A communication from the Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Bureau's efforts to better align state and federal plans for managing Greater Sage-Grouse habitat on federal lands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-798. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2018 report of the Federal Coordinated Health Care Office; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-799. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Budget Request for fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-800. A communication from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Arms Export Control Act (OSS-2019-0255); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2019-0272); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-802. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, sixteen (16) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-803. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for 2018"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-804. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-805. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-806. A communication from the Congressional Relations Officer of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2018 and Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2019-2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-807. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to National Park Service's Research and Monitoring Activities in Southern Alaska National Parks" (RIN0648-BH90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-808. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi Canyon Block 20, South of New Orleans, LA, Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-1062)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-22. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota urging the United States Congress to amend the Social Security Act to allow states to provide Medicaid services to those persons presumed innocent in jail awaiting trial; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, a basic principle of the United States judicial system is that citizens charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty; and

Whereas, the United States and South Dakota have determined it is right and appropriate to care for our most vulnerable citizens through the Medicaid program, and county jails are populated by many persons who have serious medical conditions and mental illnesses or who are the parents of small children who qualify for Medicaid benefits; and

Whereas, the jail population in the United States is growing faster than the prison population, and approximately two-thirds of the jail population consists of those pending disposition who remain innocent until proven guilty and who are currently not being treated equally to those awaiting trial who obtained bail and were released awaiting adjudication; and

Whereas, providing Medicaid services to persons in jail pending disposition will increase the likelihood that the provision of services is continuous once the person reenters the community; and

Whereas, section 1905(a)(A) of the Social Security Act prevents South Dakota from providing Medicaid services to persons in jail