

in Iowa, Mike set his sights toward New Hampshire and accepted a teaching job at the Gonic School. He quickly assumed managerial duties in addition to his teaching responsibilities as the school's teaching principal. Mike was a fitting choice when a full-time principal position opened a short time later at the nearby William Allen School, where he served for 6 years before being promoted to assistant superintendent of the city's school system. A dozen years later, he made a seamless transition to superintendent of all Rochester schools.

As superintendent, Mike has retained a deep connection to the classroom, even in a sprawling district comprised of 11 public schools with over 4,400 children and 800 employees. He is a constant presence in the halls of city schools, and teachers are quick to point out how his caring, compassion, and guidance make it easier for them to fulfill their essential roles as educators. He has also forged meaningful relationships outside school walls with business and nonprofit leaders in the Greater Rochester region, all in an effort to strengthen the educational programs he is able to offer to students.

Under Mike's leadership, Rochester schools have been quick to adapt to a changing learning landscape, embracing technology and alternative educational methods in order to provide the best education possible to city students. He has been influential in developing training programs at Spaulding High School's Creteau Regional Center that pair bright high school students with local businesses looking to grow. This is an approach that can help satisfy demands statewide for a capable, qualified workforce.

Mike has accomplished so much in his four decades in the Lilac City schools. Words like visionary, innovator, and community builder are often used to describe his tenure; yet, if one were to ask Rochester teachers, staff, administrators, school board members, and residents about Mike Hopkins, one quality emerges more often than the others: his humility. Mike always put the interests of students and teachers first, and when he found success, he was always eager to share credit with others. He was driven by a desire to better the lives of students, and his impact on the Rochester community will be felt for years to come.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in thanking Mike Hopkins for his service and wishing him all the best as he begins a well-deserved retirement. ●

#### RECOGNIZING THE ANCHORAGE NORTH STARS

● Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize and congratulate an incredible group of young Alaskans on their victory in the 2019 USA Hockey National Championship. On April 8, 2019,

the Anchorage North Stars beat the McKinney North Stars of Texas 4-3 to win the Youth Tier II 16U National Championship.

USA Hockey is the major governing body for ice hockey in the United States. There are almost 600,000 players across the various age groups. Make no mistake; the best youth hockey players in the country were competing in this tournament, which makes the North Stars' victory all the more significant.

The Anchorage North Stars traveled nearly 4,000 miles to compete with 11 other teams for the title. Early on in the tournament, during round-robin play, the Anchorage North Stars lost to the McKinney North Stars in a hard-fought 3-2 battle. However, like many great sports stories, the Anchorage North Stars found redemption.

Late in the championship game, the teams were tied 3-3, but Hayden Fox, who had already scored one goal in the third period, scored the game-winning goal for the Anchorage North Stars with less than a minute left on the clock. The Anchorage North Stars held their lead and came home with a national championship, the first for an Alaska youth hockey team since the mid-90's.

Hockey is a way of life for many Alaskan families. Many of these players have been in the sport since they were young kids. The North Stars' victory is a testament to the years of hard work and commitment by each and every player and coach, not to mention all the support from parents and other family members who were there from the beginning providing support, driving the players to and from practice, and cheering them on to victory. This achievement was a long time in the making, and I think it is important to recognize that kind of dedication.

Throughout the season, the North Stars adhered to two mottos—"Let's Leave No Doubt" and "Together We Can." This spirit of confidence and comradeship took the North Stars all the way to the final round, and they showed the entire country what kind of team they are. They performed at the highest level on the biggest stage, and I think it is safe to say that there is no one doubting them now. ●

#### 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

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

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 986. An act to provide that certain guidance related to waivers for State innovation under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall have no force of effect.

H.R. 2157. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

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#### 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-1261. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2019; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-1262. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2018-2019 Marketing Area" ((7 CFR Part 985) (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0073)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1263. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order; Reallocation of Council Membership" ((7 CFR Part 1209) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0009)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1264. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program: Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances for 2017 NOSB Recommendations (Livestock and Handling)" ((7 CFR Part 205) (Docket No. AMS-NOP-17-0080)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1265. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to