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He is an American hero who has made Montana proud, and we are eternally grateful for his service.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. McCumber, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) has signed the following bill:

H.R. 2940. An act to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019.

At 2:24 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2722. An act to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. DUFFY of Wisconsin, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. CLOUD of Texas, and Mr. SPANO of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. RUTHERFORD of Florida.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2722. An act to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### 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-1817. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Related to Section 951A (Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income) and Certain Guidance Related to Foreign Tax Credits" (RIN1545-BO54) re-

ceived in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1818. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of 7.62mm automatic rifles and parts to India for the Indian Armed Forces in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-016); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1819. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2019 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1820. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Retirement System: Annual Report Required by Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1821. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2019 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1822. 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; Buffalo, New York" (MB Docket No. 19-118) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 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-101. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to provide adequate funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of the proposed project to deepen the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

##### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 307

Whereas, deepening of the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet is a historic infrastructure project that is vital to our nation's economic prosperity; and

Whereas, the expansion of the Panama Canal has made it imperative to improve access on the Mississippi River for larger Post-Panamax ships for export and import of goods; and

Whereas, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the state of Louisiana desire deepening the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet; and

Whereas, the project is approved and awaiting federal funding; and

Whereas, thirty-one states will receive economic benefits by the enhanced water carrying capacity of the Mississippi River Ship Channel, also known as the gateway to America's Heartland; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River Ship Channel and tributaries currently account for seven hundred fifty billion dollars of the nation's economy and two million four hundred thousand jobs; and

Whereas, each new additional foot of water draft will account for an additional one million dollars in cargo on a vessel; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of the proposed project to deepen the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet; Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, the assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the commander of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, and the governor.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 440. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that a patent owner may not assert sovereign immunity as a defense in certain actions before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1224. A bill to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1227. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, and for other purposes.

S. 1416. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit anticompetitive behaviors by drug product manufacturers, and for other purposes.

#### 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. KING (for himself and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. 2048. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a demonstration initiative focused on the development of long-duration energy storage technologies, including a joint program to be established in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2049. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to automatically discharge the loans of certain veteran borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.