

continued to stand to support the brave men and women who serve our country today. Main Street shall see them wave the red, white, and blue for the last time on September 11, 2019.

In the days after the events of September 11, Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and Joann Miller were just like the rest of the country: they wanted to heal the Nation. So they acted, devoting their time and energy to honor and salute those who were lost and those who are willing to make the greatest sacrifice our Nation can ask. Since beginning their effort, these ladies have not missed a single Tuesday to share their message of patriotism and solidarity. Nothing could deter them, not the heaviest rains, the coldest snows, the blazing summer sun or even a dislocated shoulder. The Freeport Flag Ladies have showed up every week—no matter what.

When troops were deployed to Afghanistan and later Iraq, these women took this as an expansion of their mandate—traveling up to Bangor to send off soldiers and greet those returning home. The Freeport Flag Ladies have given up much themselves to ensure their mission is carried out week after week. Their own comfort has been forgone in their pursuit to bring comfort to their fellow countrymen. In waving the flag and shaking the hands of soldiers, Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and Joann Miller have represented the best of our Nation and the ideals of the flag they wave.

I want to thank the Freeport Flag Ladies for their commitment to honoring both the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and the soldiers who are currently serving and defending the United States. Their mission is not political. It is clear that what they do is an act of love and appreciation for the great sacrifices made by those who serve our country. These unwavering patriots are a reminder to the American people of what the flag represents. While they may wave their flags for the final time on September 11, 2019, the patriotism of these women will continue to be remembered and celebrated.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI CENTER FOR MISSOURI STUDIES

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today, I stand to recognize the grand opening of the State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies on August 10. The Center for Missouri Studies was established in 2014, and this new facility will move the State Historical Society from its home of 100 years to a new, visionary center meant to connect scholars of varied disciplines, showcase artwork by renowned Missourians, and provide state-of-the-art space for educational programming.

The State Historical Society of Missouri was founded in 1898 by the Missouri Press Association and has been an integral part of the preservation of Missouri's history ever since. Not only does it support research at centers in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, St. Louis, and Springfield, it also houses an extensive collection of manuscripts, newspapers, books, maps, photographs, and art. Thanks to the efforts of dedicated staff over decades, the public can explore the records, myths, and culture that comprise the rich history of our State.

The new Center for Missouri Studies will build upon the State Historical Society's mission to "collect, preserve, publish, exhibit, and make available" to the public myriad resources and opportunities to learn. The center will feature a large art gallery, multipurpose and classroom space, an expanded research center, and modern conservation lab space. Not only will the public have greater access to historical archives and artwork, expert scholars will be able to study and examine the society's extensive collections in a space designed to facilitate collaboration.

The commitment of the State Historical Society of Missouri to preserve our history as we look forward to the beginning of a third century in our State is to be commended. The potential for the public to enjoy our State's unique past with greater ease cannot be undervalued. The dedication of the State Historical Society to drive this project to completion serves as an example to others. I extend my sincere thanks for all they do. Congratulations to Executive Director Gary Kremer and all State Historical Society of Missouri staff on this important occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO CHLOE JEAN MILSTEN

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Chloe Jean Milsten of Park County for her spirit of entrepreneurship in Livingston.

While still in high school, Ms. Milsten opened and operated her own business, Chloe's Barkery. Located in downtown Livingston, Chloe's Barkery sells dog treats to the Park County community. Now, after her high school graduation, she continues to manage the shop, providing Montanans with a unique, healthy bakery tailored for dogs.

Ms. Milsten's family has been a tremendous support system during her business endeavors. Her parents were some of her biggest influences in encouraging her to launch her business. Additionally, her younger sister Taeyha assists in the day-to-day operations of the store. Chloe's Barkery is the perfect example of a successful family-operated business that we can all be proud of in Montana.

Ms. Milsten's interest in animals is not merely related to her entrepre-

neurial spirit, but also that she hopes to become a veterinarian one day. I applaud Ms. Milsten for her impressive motivation and perseverance in owning and operating a successful small business, and I look forward to seeing all she accomplishes in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE DILLON

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Caroline Dillon of Rochester, NH, as July's Granite Stater of the Month for her work ensuring that every public high school and middle school in New Hampshire provides free feminine hygiene products to students who cannot afford them.

When Caroline first learned about "period poverty" in her high school's U.S. history class, she was shocked by the magnitude of this crisis. Period poverty occurs when someone does not have the means to afford basic feminine hygiene products. Caroline knew many of her classmates were on the reduced or free lunch program, and it did not take long for her to connect the dots and realize that some of her classmates were struggling with this problem every month.

Caroline turned her concern into political action. She took her history teacher's advice, who told Caroline's class that, if they ever had a problem with how things were run in the State, they should reach out to an elected official. She reached out to State Senator Martha Hennessey, an outspoken advocate for women's health and education.

Caroline, who at the time was not old enough to vote, worked with Senator Hennessey to draft the bill and to gain support for their legislation in the New Hampshire State House and among interest groups. Their argument was simple: If students do not need to bring essentials like toilet paper to school, why should they need to bring their own feminine hygiene products, which are just as essential?

Thanks to Caroline's efforts, the New Hampshire Governor last week signed into law a bill that mandates that every high school and middle school in the Granite State provide free feminine hygiene products in their female and gender-neutral bathrooms.

I want to thank Caroline once more for her work to help reduce the stigma around periods and to provide essential feminine hygiene products for those in need. I want to congratulate her as well for demonstrating how powerful individual compassion and advocacy can be in our democracy.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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 11:10 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 397. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 434. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

H.R. 759. An act to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes.

H.R. 776. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

H.R. 1058. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1307. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1365. An act to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

H.R. 1984. An act to amend chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to annually submit to Congress a report on all disaster-related assistance provided by the Federal Government.

H.R. 2035. An act to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to life-span respite care.

H.R. 2507. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain program under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3239. An act to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3245. An act to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3299. An act to permit legally married same-sex couples to amend their filing status for income tax returns outside the statute of limitations, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3375. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3409. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 434. An act to amend the National Trails System act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1307. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1365. An act to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1984. An act to amend chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to annually submit to Congress a report on all disaster-related assistance provided by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2507. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3239. An act to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3409. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2258. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

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-2111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Oxazolidine, 3,3'-Methylenebis[5-methyl-," (FRL No. 9995-09-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2112. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Nadja Y. West, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2113. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2114. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN1557-AE47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2115. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rule: Simplifications to the Capital Rule Pursuant to the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996" (RIN1557-AE10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2116. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Removal of Obsolete Infectious Waste Incinerator Regulations" (FRL No. 9997-29-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2117. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to Nonattainment Permitting Regulations" (FRL No. 9996-96-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2118. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District; Correction" (FRL No. 9997-33-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2119. 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 "Treasury Decision (TD): Income Inclusion When Lessee Treated as Having Acquired Investment Credit Property" (RIN1545-BM74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2120. 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 "Regulations on the Requirement to Notify the IRS of Intent to Operate as a Section 501(c)(4) Organization" (RIN1545-BN25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2121. 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 "Allocation of Creditable Foreign Taxes" (RIN1545-BM56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the