

are being made. By establishing a process that considers the totality of conservation efforts, we incentivize private investment in species recovery, streamline federal decision-making, and promote the comprehensive efforts of states, local communities, and tribes.

Efforts to strengthen the ESA are—and have been—ongoing. This legislation is part of a larger legislative package of 18 bills introduced by Members of the Congressional Western Caucus, a group of 75 representatives who focus on addressing issues impacting local communities in the rural West and beyond, including strengthening and modernizing the ESA. As a Western Caucus Member, I am proud to work with my colleagues to advance priorities like this for Central Washington. The package also includes efforts I have supported in the past, such as ensuring the best available science is used to make ESA listing decisions and providing more transparency by making this data publicly available.

By bringing the ESA into the 21st Century, the Western Caucus aims to create a more comprehensive, streamlined approach to species recovery, while ensuring our communities are not burdened by overregulation and misleading data. We should not tie our hands when it comes to species recovery. Using the best available science, considering all ongoing conservation measures, streamlining the process for listing decisions, and empowering state and local efforts will create a comprehensive approach to advance species recovery and fulfill the true intent of the ESA.

The ESA was created to protect and recover endangered and threatened species. We must remain committed to this shared goal by strengthening and modernizing the Endangered Species Act for future generations. The WHOLE Act and these legislative efforts put forward by the Western Caucus are a strong step forward, so I humbly ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the WHOLE Act of 2020.

CELEBRATING MARGARET PHILLIPS MOORE MCCLANAHAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Margaret Phillips Moore McClanahan of King, North Carolina. Margaret was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 16, 1920.

Margaret is a graduate of King High School and the Women's College of the University of North Carolina—now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. After graduation, she went on to complete a dietetic internship at the Duke University Medical Center and then served as an industrial dietitian at Western Electric for 33 years. From age 65 until her 80's, she was heavily involved in public health in Stokes County.

A woman who is invested in her community, family, and faith, Margaret has made a profound impact on western North Carolina. She was a founding member of the King Outreach Mission in the mid 1970's and was a founder

of the Stokes County Habitat for Humanity in 1999. Since the founding of the King Outreach Mission, she's served as a weekly volunteer, board member, newsletter writer and editor, and organizer of a fundraising rummage sale which eventually led to establishment of a thrift shop.

As an active member of her church, Margaret plays the piano for the Special Ministries program and previously served as the church historian. For years, she directed the preparation of Wednesday night suppers for church members who attended weekly groups. But her activities don't stop there. She also competed in Seniors Games and has gone in to win medals at the regional, state, and national levels in swimming.

To her family, Margaret is the quiet, wise matriarch, and continuously showers love, pride, and wise counsel to her three children, two grandchildren, and three great-granddaughters. Her compassion, modesty, and faith make her a remarkable role model. I wish Ms. Margaret Phillips Moore McClanahan a very happy—and blessed—100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 2; NAY on Roll Call No. 3; and YEA on Roll Call No. 4.

HONORING CARY JONES' 44 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the career of Cary Jones of Oregon for his 44 years of public service to our nation and our Veterans as he retires on January 31, 2020 from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Cary began his service to our nation when he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served honorably for twenty-six years before retiring as a Senior Chief Yeoman. On July 1, 2001, Cary started working with VA Portland Health Care System as Personal Support Assistant in the Public Affairs, Release of Information and Patient Advocates, Release offices. It was during this time that Cary began working with members of the Oregon delegation and responding to congressional inquiries.

During my time in Congress, Cary has always been the point of contact for my office. He was responsible for helping the countless veterans who reached out to my office for assistance, often out of pure desperation, to get a response to grievances with their care. I will always be grateful for Cary's approach to the job. His professionalism and dedication to our men and women in uniform showed in the way he treated every inquiry with the utmost ur-

gency they deserved to ensure our veterans concerns were addressed.

The VA Portland Health Care System, our Veterans, and the Congressional delegations of Oregon and Washington will be losing an institution on January 31st when Cary officially retires. I would like to once again thank Cary and wish him and his wife Linda a well-deserved retirement after forty-four years of dedicated federal service. I hope he can finally enjoy some much-earned time in his workshop.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine industries of the future.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an update on implementation of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force.

SVC-217

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

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