

Bill held the position of executive director of the State municipal league for over four decades because, for all those years, he led the organization with skill, energy, commitment, and vision. The New Mexico Municipal League is 106 incorporated municipalities and 14 other organizations strong because of Bill's work over the years growing the organization. The league functions as one of the most effective voices for New Mexico communities in our State. Over two-thirds of New Mexico's population resides in incorporated municipalities. While Bill's responsibility for promoting those communities was great, he gladly took on the challenge and achieved enormous success over the years.

Bill was a staple in New Mexico politics, a staple at the State legislature. His work was, in large part, responsible for giving the municipal league the strong voice it now has. Bill knew the facts. He knew the programs. He knew the laws. He knew the people. He understood the complexities of how cities work and brought his deft negotiating skills to the table to further the interests of communities around the State. He was, according to Roundhouse veterans, "a force to be reckoned with."

Bill helped launch the New Mexico Self Insurers Fund and the National League of Cities Mutual Insurance Fund, and he initiated the first bond pool for New Mexico cities so they could access national bond markets and save money on interest rates.

Bill's reach was wide. At various times, he served on the board of directors of the National League of Cities. He testified before Congress on the infrastructure needs of cities. At the time of his passing, he served as vice chair of the New Mexico Finance Authority, a legislatively created agency that helps finance important infrastructure projects for cities, counties, and State agencies. And he was serving as a member on the State water trust board, a board that funds water projects critical to our arid State.

Over the years, Bill's work earned him the Governor's Distinguished Public Service Award and the New Mexico Distinguished Public Administration Award, among other awards.

Bill's many decades of public service also included serving our Nation for 8 years in the U.S. Air Force. Bill earned his master's degree in public administration from Pennsylvania State University.

Bill served our State with integrity, honesty, and a sense of humor, and he helped mentor the next generation of public servants.

Bill's influence in our State was far and wide. His work will continue to have a positive impact in the years to come. We will miss you, Bill, but we will not forget you.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 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. 4351. An act to require certain grantees under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to submit a plan to track discriminatory land use policies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5003. An act to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5931. An act to require a review of the effects of FHA mortgage insurance policies, practices, and products on small-dollar mortgage lending, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5932. An act to ensure greater transparency regarding the terms and conditions of financing provided by the People's Republic of China to member states of the international financial institutions.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4998. An act to prohibit certain Federal subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4351. An act to require certain grantees under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to submit a plan to track discriminatory land use policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5003. An act to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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mortgage lending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5932. An act to ensure greater transparency about the terms and conditions of financing provided by the People's Republic of China to member states of the international financial institutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-4144. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Veterinary Accreditation Program" ((RIN0579-AE40) (Docket No. APHIS-2017-0065)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4145. A communication from the Director of Congressional Relations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2019 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4146. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Volunteer Survey: Fiscal Year 2019"; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Foreign Relations.

EC-4147. A communication from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to the Defense Articles and Services authorized and furnished to foreign countries and international organizations under FMS, Chapter 2, Arms Export Control Act (OSS-2020-0202); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4148. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department 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 9mm semi-automatic pistols to Mexico in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4149. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2020-0022 - 2020-0037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4150. A communication from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2019 Military Assistance Report"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4151. A communication from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Joint Employer Status Under the National Labor Relations Act" (RIN3142-AA13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4152. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's