

Kahaiali'i, Willie mastered the blues at a young age. He became a virtuoso instrumentalist—learning how to play every instrument that might be needed in a show from a guitar to a bass to a ukulele. And his voice was one of a kind. No style was off limits, even opera. He was able to effortlessly bridge blues and Hawaiian, local and mainstream, music and culture.

Over the course of his career, Willie recorded numerous albums and performed with icons like Prince, Steven Tyler, Willie Nelson, and Santana. Always humble, he described himself as “a working musician”—despite earning 19 Na Hoku Hanohano awards, a Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts Lifetime Achievement Award, and a Grammy nomination.

Willie devoted his life to music and understood its power. He went to great lengths to help other local artists in Hawaii succeed and organized his BBQ Bluesfest annually. Even after he began to feel the effects of his illness, he continued to share his music.

Willie showed us all so many things. He was talented, energetic, passionate, and authentic. But what really separated him from the rest was his unrelenting zest for life and aloha spirit.

My thoughts and deepest sympathies are with his ohana and all those who loved him. He will be well remembered and greatly missed.

May his memory be a blessing. May his music live on.●

TRIBUTE TO PETER M. HAYES

● Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the esteemed career and public service of Mr. Peter M. Hayes, who is retiring as associate general manager and chief public affairs executive of the Salt River Project, or SRP.

The Salt River Project is the Nation's third largest public power utility. It manages an extensive system of dams, reservoirs, wells, canals, and irrigation laterals, providing water and electricity to more than 2 million people in metropolitan Phoenix. As associate general manager and chief public affairs executive, Mr. Hayes has not only been integral in providing utilities to Arizonans' homes; he has also supported many issues that have advanced Arizona's economy, including the expansion of public education, the development of transportation systems, and the construction of infrastructure necessary to support Arizona's sports and tourism industries.

Mr. Hayes has also served as chairman of the board of the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute, the chairman of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, a board member of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Arizona Science Center, a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the Arizona State University Barrett Honors College, and a member of the Arizona Commission on the Arts. He served as an aide to the former Minority Leader and Arizona Congressman John J.

Rhodes, as Deputy Director of Congressional Liaison for two Secretaries of the Interior, and as chief of staff to former Arizona Governor Fife Symington. In both the public and private sectors, Mr. Hayes has been a leader in public policy. He has wielded his expertise and vision to manage a wide array of energy and water issues to benefit the State of Arizona.

I thank Mr. Hayes for his years of dedicated work and public service on behalf of Arizona.●

TRIBUTE TO JILL LEBLANC

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Jill LeBlanc of Broadwater County for her tremendous efforts to support the community during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Jill is a certified physician assistant working on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic at the Broadwater Health Center.

During the early stages of the pandemic, when the State of Montana was responding to its first cases and health clinics were still navigating procedures on how to handle the COVID-19 outbreak, Jill dropped everything to go serve. She moved out of her home to keep her children safe and spent countless hours at the hospital educating herself and the staff at Broadwater Health Center with the necessary information and up to date procedures on how to handle the outbreak.

Jill spent one-on-one time with each nurse on her shift to provide consistent updates and guidance on CDC guidelines, proper protective equipment protocols, how to handle isolated patients, and methods to conduct testing for COVID-19, both inside the Broadwater Health Center and through the drive-thru triage system.

When Jill is not working at Broadwater Health Center, she spends additional time sharpening her skills at Deer Lodge Medical Center and Benefis, where volumes of patients are higher.

It is my honor to recognize Jill as a health care hero working to protect the health and safety of all Montanans during these uncertain times. I know that the staff and the patients at Broadwater Health Center are grateful for Jill's selflessness and leadership during this pandemic. I am grateful to Jill for the extraordinary work she is doing to support her community.●

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

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.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 6800. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 3833. A bill to extend the loan forgiveness period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the term of three years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3792. A bill to require parity in the coverage of mental health and substance use disorder services provided to enrollees in private insurance plans, whether such services are provided in-person or through telehealth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. JONES, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3793. A bill to amend the CARES Act to modify the employee retention tax credit to secure the paychecks and benefits of workers, to provide a refundable credit against payroll taxes for the operating costs of employers, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a small business rebate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3794. A bill to expedite transportation project delivery, facilitate infrastructure improvement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3795. A bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise any rules necessary to enable issuers of index-linked annuities to use the securities offering forms that are available to other issuers of securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 3796. A bill to withhold funding authorized under the CARES Act from any State or