

Shelby
Sinema
Sullivan
Tester

Thune
Tillis
Toomey
Warner

Whitehouse
Wicker
Young

NAYS—25

Baldwin
Blumenthal
Booker
Cantwell
Cardin
Casey
Cortez Masto
Duckworth
Gillibrand

Heinrich
Hirono
Klobuchar
Markey
Menendez
Merkley
Rosen
Sanders
Schumer

Shaheen
Smith
Stabenow
Udall
Van Hollen
Warren
Wyden

NOT VOTING—16

Alexander
Blunt
Burr
Cruz
Enzi
Ernst

Feinstein
Fischer
Harris
Loeffler
Manchin
Paul

Perdue
Portman
Risch
Rounds

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the Dietz nomination, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I was absent for the rollcall vote No. 279, on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 757, the nomination of Beth Harwell of Tennessee to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEI KHRUSHCHEV

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life and contributions of a prominent Rhode Islander, Sergei Khrushchev.

You may recognize his last name. His father, Nikita Khrushchev, came to power after the death of Joseph Stalin and led the Soviet Union during some of the darkest days of the Cold War. Sergei Khrushchev's life is necessarily intertwined with that of his father. Yet Sergei was his own man and achieved much in his own right.

Sergei Khrushchev was born in Moscow in July 1935. Naturally gifted and

with a keen mind, he received a doctorate from Moscow Technical University. He would become an accomplished rocket and computer scientist, working on guidance systems for missiles and in the Soviet space program. In 1964, his father was removed from power and relegated to obscurity. During this time, Sergei helped his father write his memoirs.

At the end of the Cold War, Sergei came to America with his wife Valentina and joined Brown University as a visiting scholar. He became a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and taught there until his retirement in 2012. Sergei used his considerable talents to benefit students, colleagues, and fellow Rhode Islanders. He gave generously of his time, taught at other institutions, and gave lectures across the country.

Sergei sought to increase knowledge and understanding, particularly between Americans and Russians. In 1991, he was quoted in *The Providence Journal* stating, "I think it is important for everyone to understand that many of the mistakes made during the Cold War that led to dangerous conflicts were based on misconceptions and misunderstandings . . ."

Fully embracing their new life in America, Sergei and Valentina received their green cards in 1993 and became citizens in 1999. Sergei was proud to become a citizen. Sergei and Valentina were proud members of their Cranston community. Sergei owned a large Buick for years as it reminded him of the cars he saw when he first visited America as a young man with his father.

After his death, one of his colleagues described Sergei as " . . . very passionate about the subjects he taught" who "managed to infect the students with his genuine enthusiasm and curiosity." The colleague also said that even years after leaving Sergei's class, students " . . . recall [his] amazing combination of open-mindedness, thorough knowledge of the subjects . . . and unassuming manner of discussion and debate."

It is clear that Sergei lived an impactful life, a life that broke down walls and built bridges. I offer my heartfelt condolences to Sergei's wife Valentina, their family, and Sergei's many friends, neighbors, colleagues, and students.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY "SKIP" AHLGREN

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Larry "Skip" Ahlgren of Petroleum County for his dedication to his community and volunteer efforts.

Skip currently serves as president of the Montana Association of State Grazing Districts and previously served

as county commissioner. These titles are only the beginning of his service to Petroleum County. Skip and his wife Diane spend hundreds of hours volunteering in various community groups and focus putting their time into Montana's youth.

Winnett Agriculture Community Enhancement and Sustainability, ACES, is a group cofounded by Skip that brings Petroleum County producers together to address the problems facing the environment and their community. The group also works with Montana's youth to create opportunities that will bring them back to the community where they were raised. As farmers and ranchers play a key role in one of the most rural counties in Montana, Skip saw an opportunity to serve them and created this incredible organization.

Skip is described by friends and colleagues as an all-around good guy, a man who embodies Montana values, and a true friend. It is my honor to recognize Larry "Skip" Ahlgren for his service and dedication to Petroleum County.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID W. ARMSTRONG, JR.

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the legacy of David W. Armstrong, Jr., of Helena, MT on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Dave is a distinguished World War II veteran who played a pivotal role in the U.S. Army's plan to liberate Norway from Nazi occupation as well as numerous search and rescue missions across northern Europe.

Dave first came to Helena in February 1943 to begin training sled and pack dogs at nearby Camp Rimini. Camp Rimini was one of only two sites that produced dogs for the Army's K-9 Corps during the war. Later, Dave found himself stationed in Newfoundland, where he and his dogs participated in the recovery of downed personnel and sensitive equipment from aircraft wreckage sites in Greenland and Baffin Island.

After the war, Dave returned to Montana with his wife Alice and founded the annual Race to the Sky, which preserves the legacy of the soldiers and the dogs who served at Camp Rimini. Dave also preserved the legacy of this special program in his 2008 memoir "Camp Rimini and Beyond." Were it not for his efforts, the memory of this unique program and its special place in our State's history may have been lost to time.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I want to thank Dave for his service to our State and to our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO NICK BUTOROVICH

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of recognizing Butte Police Officer Nick Butorovich for his heroism in the face of danger.

On Tuesday, September 15th, 2020, during a routine late night shift, he

pulled an unconscious woman from a rolled-over, burning car, just in time, saving her life. The woman suffered second- and third-degree burns, but because of Officer Butorovich's quick and selfless actions, the driver is alive today.

Butte Sheriff Ed Lester told the community, "This is an outstanding example of a patrol officer doing his job and being in the right place at the right time. If Nick arrived 30 seconds later or hesitated because of the danger, this woman would not have survived."

When Officer Butorovich arrived at the scene, he saw an SUV at an intersection rolled over and burning—as other emergency personnel were on the way. He immediately located the driver still hanging upside down by her seatbelt in the burning car. She was unconscious.

As flames were consuming the car, Officer Butorovich quickly cut her free and dragged her to safety—without concern for his own personal safety. During the rescue, he sustained second-degree burns.

Butte Fire Chief Jeff Miller also agreed that the driver would not have survived without his quick-thinking actions, saying, "From what my guys told me, when they arrived—and they were fairly close behind the police—that it wouldn't have been long at all, that they most likely wouldn't have been able to save her, that it would have been too late. He was there just in time, took the appropriate action and literally saved her life."

Officer Nick Butorovich proudly continues the tradition of law enforcement in his family. He is the grandson of former Butte Silver-Bow sheriff, the late Bob Butorovich, who served his community for more than 12 years.

Officer Butorovich exemplifies what it means to serve as a law enforcement officer in Montana, and I thank him for his heroism and service.●

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY ANNE JOHNSON

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of recognizing Shirley Anne Johnson of Missoula for her many decades of service to her community through the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Bozeman, MT, in 1939 and lived in several different communities across the State while growing up. She eventually settled in Missoula with her husband Ted and became an elementary school teacher. During those years, she joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary and rose through the ranks, eventually chairing her local auxiliary club and becoming grand auxiliary president for the State of Montana.

During her work for the Eagles, Shirley donated much of her time to the creation and maintenance of Missoula Manor Homes, a nonprofit retirement home for seniors in need. Shirley and her husband were involved in Missoula

Manor Homes from the very beginning. They played a direct role in securing land and overseeing its construction. In later years, she donated her time to Missoula Manor Homes bake sales every month, raising money for the residents of the facility.

Mrs. Johnson continues to serve her community, volunteering for the Missoula Food Bank and remaining involved with the Eagles. She has 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. In October, she was honored with the Legion of Honor Award by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains for her nearly six decades of community service.

Shirley Anne Johnson embodies the spirit of community that is so common across Montana. I congratulate Shirley and thank her for steadfast commitment to service.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MCCLURE

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of recognizing Mr. George McClure of Gallatin County for his decades of service to the Bozeman community, including his 25 years as a volunteer at Hospice of Bozeman Health.

George spent his career as a professor of architecture at Montana State University. After many years of educating our State's next generation of architects, he retired in the mid-1900s. Yet his service to the community was not finished.

Once he retired, he began volunteering at Hospice of Bozeman Health. For the last 25 years, George has shown up to volunteer every single Tuesday. His volunteer work focuses on administrative and paperwork jobs, allowing the nurses and other staff to be more focused on patient care. The staff say of George that "he magically gets it done" and that "he is the wind beneath our wings."

Even the COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed George down. Despite the potential risk to his own health, he has continued to show up every Tuesday throughout the pandemic to do his volunteer work. His presence always gives the staff at Hospice of Bozeman Health a much needed morale boost as they deal with the grim reality of the pandemic and continue to care for patients.

I thank George for his tireless service and his courage to carry on despite the hardship of the pandemic. He exemplifies what it means to put service before self.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 18, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing

that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 107. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the enrolled joint resolution was signed on December 18, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. TILLIS).

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-6171. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators on Form CPO-PQR" (RIN3038-AE98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6172. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Portfolio Reconciliation Requirements for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants - Revision of 'Material Terms' Definition" (RIN3038-AE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6173. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption from Registration for Certain Foreign Intermediaries" (RIN3038-AE46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6174. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants" (RIN3038-AF06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6175. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Execution Facility Requirements" (RIN3038-AE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6176. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Trading Risk Principles" (RIN3038-AF04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6177. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Margin Rules Relating to Security Futures" (RIN3038-AE88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.