

Colonel McAleer spent more than a decade overseas, including two tours each in Germany and Korea, and two 15-month tours in Iraq. As a lieutenant, he completed critical assignments in austere locations on the Demilitarized Zone in Korea. As a captain and major with the Army Special Operations Command, he participated in the detention of Bosnian war criminals, served as a fire support officer for twenty AC-130 gunship and similar missions in Kosovo, an operation to rescue American hostages in South America, and numerous exercises that served as blueprints for post-9/11 operations. In Iraq, as battalion operations officer and, later, Squadron Commander, he worked to secure dangerous areas in southwest Baghdad, Abu Ghraib, and then Diyala Province. His units were marked by their discipline, determination, purposeful operations, and focus on the needs of the civilian population. He led efforts in intelligence, governance, essential services, and reconciliation. As a colonel, serving as Chief of Future Operations for Combined Forces Command in Korea, he synchronized the U.S. and South Korean response to North Korea's artillery shelling of Yong Pyong Island, the death of Kim Jong Il, and a North Korean ballistic missile launch. He led major joint and international planning efforts on the Korean Peninsula to prepare military forces and governments for contingencies, especially in the areas of rear area logistics, noncombatant evacuation, and countering and preventing the use of weapons of mass destruction.

With the exception of his current assignment as an Army legislative liaison, Colonel McAleer spent his entire career in combat units, either in command or operations positions. He spent 6 years in command of four units: Bravo Battery 1-39 Field Artillery, Airborne; Bravo Battery 1-321 Field Artillery, Airborne; 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery; and Fires Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. A soldier's soldier, focused on his assigned mission and the wellbeing of those under his command, he touched thousands of lives, developing countless leaders and young soldiers in his units.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Colonel McAleer for over 26 years of service to his country. He played a key role in defending our national interests while positively impacting the soldiers and families under his command. He has been an excellent Army liaison to the Senate. We wish Bob, his wife Kate, daughter Catherine, and son Colin all the best as they continue their journey of service.●

#### 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, without amendment:

S. 229. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1434. An act to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

S. 2921. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2901. An act to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5462. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers.

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

At 4:04 p.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. 579. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 4030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building".

H.R. 4926. An act to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway".

H.R. 5146. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5385. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office".

H.R. 5562. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the "Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 5687. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office".

H.R. 5794. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office".

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:51 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 bills and joint resolution:

S. 229. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1434. An act to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

S. 2673. An act to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 2917. An act to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

S. 2921. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2366. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

H.R. 5739. An act to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 105. Joint Resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 78. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building".

H.R. 1707. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2112. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 2223. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building".

H.R. 2678. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building".

H.R. 3534. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4939. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office".

H.R. 5030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the "Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5759. An act to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program" (Rept. No. 113-288). Additional and minority views filed.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

\*Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*David J. Berteau, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Margaret C. Wilmoth, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. James B. Laster, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. James G. Foggo III, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Derek P. Rydholm, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Larry D. Wyche, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Lawrence F. Thoms, to be Brigadier General.

\*Navy nomination of Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., to be Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Col. Shelley R. Campbell, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mark C. Nowland, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Colonel Michael G. Amundson and ending with Colonel Clifford W. Wilkins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in

the Congressional Record on November 12, 2014. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Barry K. Taylor)

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Darsie D. Rogers, Jr., to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Stephen J. Hager, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Eugene J. LeBoeuf, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. John C. Harris, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Lewis G. Irwin, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David E. Quantock, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Anthony R. Ierardi, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Vincent R. Stewart, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Andrew E. Busch, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Richard D. Clarke, Jr., to be Major General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. John F. Mulholland, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Aaron T. Walter, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. David W. Ling, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Troy M. Shoemaker, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Scott H. Swift, to be Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Taft Owen Aujero and ending with Jeffery Lynn Richard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 15, 2014. (minus 105 nominees beginning with Peter G. Bailey)

Air Force nominations beginning with Peter Brian Abercrombie II and ending with Jason C. Zumwalt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 31, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with George W. Clifford III and ending with Young J. Jun, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Travis K. Acheson and ending with Paul C. Zurkowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2014.

Air Force nomination of Jennifer C. Alexander, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Joyce P. Fiedler, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert B. O. Allen and ending with Keith M. Vollenweider, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Richard Y. Baird and ending with Jerome L. Vinluan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Richard M. Burgon and ending with Joshua N. Scott, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nomination of Allyson M. Yamaki, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Aaron J. Agirre and ending with Gregory S. Zilinski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Erika S. Abraham and ending with Fei Zhang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Rhett B. Casper and ending with Stacey Elizabeth Zaikoski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jose C. Aguirre and ending with Sandy K. Yip, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jason D. Eitutus and ending with Brian K. Wyrick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Sarahann Beal and ending with Carol C. Walters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with David P. Abbott and ending with Kevin D. Underwood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mohammed H. Aljallad and ending with Anita M. Yates, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2014.

Army nomination of Kimberely Derouenslaven, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Barry C. Busby, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Lamar D. Adams and ending with G001317, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014. (minus 6 nominees beginning with Steven R. Berger)

Army nominations beginning with Eric C. Anderson and ending with D011466, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014. (minus 9 nominees beginning with Steven R. Ansley, Jr.)

Army nominations beginning with Randy L. Brandt and ending with Kenneth R. Williams, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014.

Army nominations beginning with Michael D. Acord and ending with D006516, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014. (minus 8 nominees beginning with Treavor J. Bellandi)

Army nomination of Darrell R. V. Tran, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with George W. Mason III and ending with Alvin D. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014.

Army nominations beginning with John W. Bozicevic and ending with James E. Scalf, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2014.

Army nomination of Patrick M. McGrath, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Peggy E. D. McGill and ending with Elena M. Scarbrough, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 17, 2014.