

States Army Reserve, where he achieved the rank of command sergeant major.

During his military service, Mr. Bagneski received numerous decorations, two of which were the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal. Both honors are given to members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. Notably, he also received the National Infantry Association's Order of Saint Maurice, an award recognizing those who make significant contributions in support of the infantry and who represent the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and dedication to duty.

Beyond his military service, Mr. Bagneski has demonstrated extraordinary service to his fellow servicemembers through his leadership in Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Stand Down. He has served his community as a firefighter and EMT, as a Little League baseball coach, and as an active leader in Brewery Workers Local 9.

Mr. Bagneski's lifetime of service to his country, his State, his community, and his fellow servicemembers is an example to us all. I am honored to congratulate him as Milwaukee County's 2016 Veteran of the Year and thank him for dedicating his life to the values we pay tribute to on Veterans Day—duty, honor, and service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TESS BRADY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Tess Brady, a lifelong resident of Stanford, MT. Montanans pride themselves in their care and deep respect for all aspects of our communities, and Tess Brady's commitment to bettering Stanford is no exception.

Tess is the founder of Stanford Beautification, a nonprofit effort that continuously provides service to improve the appearance of Main Street in Stanford. Tess does an amazing job multitasking the various ongoing projects she directs. While her many loyal and generous helpers are critical to these efforts, she is the real fireball behind the projects.

One ongoing project Tess devotes herself to is the planting and upkeep of flower displays along Main Street and at the Stanford courthouse. She takes a water tank on the back of an ATV every day during the summer and waters the flowers—a loving gesture that takes her most of the day.

When fall comes around, you can find Tess working and delegating tasks for the Scarecrow Festival—a seasonal event that began as a competition among businesses and townspeople to

decorate Main Street. In winter, Tess devotes her time to maintaining Christmas decorations throughout the season, despite Montana's snowy winters.

It makes me incredibly proud to see a Montanan so devoted and loyal to her town. Tess truly represents the fundamental Montana values of hard work and service, and I am grateful for the work she does for the Stanford community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2015

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356.

H. Con. Res. 92. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

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 Mr. HATCH:

S. 2258. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reform the surface transportation project delivery program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2259. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2260. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that the Congressional Budget Office prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside of the normal scoring periods; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2261. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 310. A resolution condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 311. A resolution honoring Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as Rutgers celebrates its 250th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 314, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 804

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1110, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

S. 1424

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

S. 1426

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1426, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria

for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1865

At the request of Mr. KIRK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2110

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2110, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2145, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

S. 2151

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2151, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 2208

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

S. 2251

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2251, a bill to provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2253

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2253, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 282

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month.

S. RES. 302

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 302, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

AMENDMENT NO. 2766

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2766 proposed to H.R. 2029, a bill making appropriations for

military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 310—CONDEMNING THE ONGOING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM YEZIDI, CHRISTIAN, SHABAK, TURKMEN, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES BY ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA MILITANTS AND URGING THE PROSECUTION OF THE PERPETRATORS AND THOSE COMPLICIT IN THESE CRIMES

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KIRK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 310

Whereas the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has publicly and systematically targeted communities on the basis of their religious identities, including Yezidis, Christians, Shi'a Muslims, Shabaks, Turkmens, and Kaka'i, in a campaign of violence that includes summary executions, beheadings, torture, arbitrary detainment, forced displacement, rape and sexual violence, and enslavement;

Whereas enslavement and sexual violence against women is a widespread practice among ISIS militants, who have, according to the Yezidi Affairs Directory, captured and enslaved as many as 5,500 Yezidis, including as many as 3,000 women, since August 2014;

Whereas ISIS has established a formal slave trade in which women and girls as young as 5 years old are systematically abducted, transported, categorized according to physical traits and perceived value, and traded among ISIS militants or sold for as little as \$10;

Whereas the Research and Fatwa Department of ISIS has issued guidelines and directions for the enslavement of Yezidi women and children and has justified the actions on the basis of religious teachings;

Whereas the New York Times reported that "the Islamic State has developed a detailed bureaucracy of sex slavery, including sales contracts notarized by the ISIS-run Islamic courts";

Whereas, according to various reports, including testimony before Congress by Khidher Domle, a Yezidi activist and Director of the Media Department at the University of Dohuk, the enslavement and sexual violence used against Yezidi women and children by ISIS militants in their attack on Mount Sinjar was premeditated;

Whereas ISIS has initiated the mass killing of Yezidi men and boys, the sexual violence and enslavement of Yezidi women and children, and the forced displacement of Christians and other religious communities;

Whereas the threat and reach of ISIS extends beyond Iraq and Syria into the rest of the world, as demonstrated by ISIS-affiliated attacks and recruitment of foreign fighters from the United States, Europe, Central Asia, and Africa;

Whereas, according to testimony presented before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on September 29, 2015, it is possible that one of the ISIS militants involved in the sexual slavery of Yezidi women and children is a United States citizen; and

Whereas the United States Government should investigate and urge prosecution of American citizens who are perpetrators of or complicit in such crimes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities;

(2) calls on the Attorney General to commence the investigation and prosecution of any United States citizens alleged to be perpetrators of or complicit in these crimes and to report back to Congress what steps are being taken to investigate and urge the prosecution of those involved; and

(3) calls on the Government of Iraq and the governments of other countries to identify individual perpetrators and individuals involved in these crimes and take appropriate measures to arrest and urge the prosecution of those individuals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 311—HONORING RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY, AS RUTGERS CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 311

Whereas on November 10, 1766, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, William Franklin, granted a charter in the name of King George III for the establishment of Queen's College;

Whereas in 1825, Queen's College was renamed Rutgers in honor of Colonel Henry Rutgers, a university trustee and Revolutionary War veteran;

Whereas in 1864, Rutgers was designated as a land-grant college, offering educational access to a wide range of students who would become the new workforce for expanding businesses, factories, and farms of the United States;

Whereas in 1869, Rutgers became the birthplace of college football by hosting a game against Princeton University and winning 6 to 4;

Whereas in 1946, the University of Newark became part of Rutgers, laying the foundation for Rutgers University–Newark;

Whereas in 1950, the College of South Jersey became part of Rutgers, giving rise to Rutgers University–Camden;

Whereas in 1945 and 1956, the New Jersey State legislature designated Rutgers as the State University of New Jersey;

Whereas in 1989, Rutgers became a member of the Association of American Universities, an association of the top research universities in the United States and Canada;

Whereas with the integration of most of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey into Rutgers School of Biomedical and Health Sciences in 2013, Rutgers undertook the largest merger in the history of higher education in the United States;

Whereas in 2014, Rutgers joined the Big Ten Conference, bringing the long history of collegiate athletics at Rutgers into the storied conference comprised of highly regarded, research-intensive flagship universities;

Whereas in 2014, Rutgers joined the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, the premier consortium of top-tier research institutions in the United States;

Whereas as of November 2015, Rutgers—

(1) educates more than 65,000 students at 31 schools;

(2) employs more than 22,000 faculty and staff;

(3) records more than 1,700,000,000 patient visits annually; and

(4) boasts more than 460,000 living alumni worldwide;

Whereas the 250th anniversary of the establishment of Rutgers is November 10, 2016;

Whereas the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of Rutgers begins on November 10, 2015, with Charter Day festivities on the lawn of Old Queens and will continue through November 10, 2016; and

Whereas Rutgers exemplifies all of the traditions of higher education in the United States because Rutgers is the only university in the United States that is—

(1) a colonial college;

(2) a land-grant college; and

(3) a comprehensive public research university: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as Rutgers celebrates 250 years of rich history as a colonial college, a land-grant institution, and a great State university that has been a source of pride for New Jersey and the people of the United States since 1766.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2770. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2771. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2772. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra.

SA 2773. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2774. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2775. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2776. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2777. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2778. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2779. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI)