

Jim will continue his exceptional work in the next chapter of his life. I join countless individuals in the Springfield community in expressing my gratitude for his many years of faithful service.●

TRIBUTE TO GREGG AND PEGGY NIBERT

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to acknowledge Gregg and Peggy Nibert of Clinton, SC, for their dedication and willingness to provide children without families a loving and supportive home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nibert have opened up their hearts and homes through their exceptional service for children in the foster care system. Since entering the foster care program, Gregg and Peggy Nibert have fostered over 38 young children. The couple's very first child was a victim of shaken baby syndrome and blunt force trauma, and after 2 years in their care, the Niberts successfully advocated the child's adoption, resulting in placement with an amazing family.

Dedicating their lives to loving each child that has been placed in their home and extending their support toward fighting for political reform, the Niberts have been working toward providing foster care children with a voice and more rights within the legal system. The Niberts have been working on behalf of foster care children for years and have shown that love and care for others can change lives.

Gregg and Peggy Nibert are an outstanding example of foster parents who have a burning passion and desire not just to provide a home for these children but to love unconditionally and fight relentlessly for them as well. I applaud Gregg and Peggy Nibert for their continued commitment and compassion toward helping foster care children.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 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. 511. An act to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

H.R. 1694. An act to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3114. An act to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3762. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child

achieves, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. KLINE, Ms. FOXX, Messrs. ROE of Tennessee, THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, GUTHRIE, ROKITA, MESSER, GROTHMAN, RUSSELL, CURBELO of Florida, SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. POLIS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

The message further announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of section 1111 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THORNBERRY, ROGERS of Alabama, and Ms. LORETTA Sanchez of California.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 1109, 1201, 1202, 3003, division B, sections 31101, 31201, and division F of the House amendment and sections 11005, 11006, 11013, 21003, 21004, subtitles B and D of title XXXIV, sections 51101 and 51201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. UPTON, MULLIN, and PALLONE.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of section 32202 and division G of the House amendment and sections 52203 and 52205 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HENSARLING, NEUGEBAUER, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1313, 24406, and 43001 of the House amendment and sections 32502 and 35437 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, MARINO, and Ms. LOFGREN.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 1114-16, 1120, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1307, 1308, 1310-13, 1316, 1317, 10001, and 10002 of the House amendment and sections 11024-27, 11101-13, 11116-18, 15006, 31103-05, and 73103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, LAHOOD, and GRIJALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 5106, 5223, 5504, 5505, 61003, and 61004 of the House amendment and sections 12004, 21019, 31203, 32401, 32508, 32606, 35203, 35311, and 35312 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MICA, HURD of Texas, and CONNOLLY.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 3008, 3015, 4003, and title VI of the House amendment and

sections 11001, 12001, 12002, 12004, 12102, 21009, 21017, subtitle B of title XXXI, sections 35105 and 72003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Ms. EDWARDS.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 31101, 31201, and 31203 of the House amendment, and sections 51101, 51201, 51203, 52101, 52103-05, 52108, 62001, and 74001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BRADY of Texas, REICHERT, and LEVIN.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:40 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:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1694. An act to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3114. An act to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2288. A bill to prohibit members and staff of the Federal Reserve System from lobbying for or against legislation, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3762. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-106. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio requesting the United States Congress to renew funding for Save the Dream Ohio to help homeowners in the state of Ohio avoid foreclosure; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NUMBER 107

Whereas, The national housing crisis that began in 2007 led to unprecedented home price declines and sustained and higher unemployment in certain parts of the country, including Ohio; and

Whereas, Families in these areas, including Ohio, struggled to make their monthly mortgage payments and to get out from under deeply underwater mortgages; and

Whereas, In 2008, Save the Dream Ohio was created as a multi-agency foreclosure prevention outreach initiative involving partners from state government, nonprofit housing counseling agencies, and legal aid organizations to address this crisis; and

Whereas, In 2010, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency received \$570.4 million from the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund to administer Ohio's foreclosure prevention program through Save the Dream Ohio; and

Whereas, Save the Dream Ohio has worked with 32 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development-approved nonprofit counseling agencies and over 350 mortgage servicers nationwide to provide assistance to over 24,000 homeowners at risk of foreclosure; and

Whereas, An additional \$60 million was designated for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to stabilize property values and prevent future foreclosures by removing and greening vacant and blighted properties; and

Whereas, Save the Dream Ohio had to stop accepting applications in August 2014, and payments on behalf of homeowners are expected to end in late 2016; United States Department of the Treasury guidelines specify that funds must be dispersed by December 31, 2017; and

Whereas, The Ohio Housing Finance Agency continues to administer the Save the Dream Ohio hotline to connect homeowners with HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and other resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio request the Congress of the United States to renew funding for Save the Dream Ohio through the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund, to continue to provide assistance to homeowners in the state of Ohio at risk of foreclosure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 515. A bill to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

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.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2184. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016" (Rept. No. 114-167).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Kurt B. Hinrichs, to be Rear Admiral.

*Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Andrew S. McKinley, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Captain Matthew T. Bell and ending with Captain Anthony J. Vogt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2015.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 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.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Ladonn A. Allen and ending with Jeffrey V. Yarosh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Sharif A. Abdrabbo and ending with Wilbur A. Velarde, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2015.

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

*Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee 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. CORNYN:
S. 2296. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):
S. 2297. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2298. A bill to specify the state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2299. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve enforcement of the trade laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON:
S. 2300. A bill to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2301. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen requirements related to nutrient information on food labels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ:
S. 2302. A bill to temporarily restrict the admission to the United States of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territory; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN:
S. 2303. A bill to exempt the Department of Defense and other national security agencies from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2304. A bill to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KING, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. SCOTT):