

just how much Paul meant to the people of Colorado.

He was perhaps most proud of this crowning achievement: being a tamale maker. He left an indelible impact on the culinary landscape of the State. I won't be the first or last to say this, but Paul's tamale shop, La Casita, makes the best tamales in Denver. People flocked to his restaurant, a landmark in north Denver, not only because of his delicious "mile high traditional" tamales but because of the community he created for all who visited. For the past four decades, anyone seeking fresh tamales and stimulating conversation about politics made a visit to Paul's restaurant.

The consummate public servant, Paul was often called the godfather of Colorado politics. He served the State faithfully as a State senator, a member of the Denver school board, and an adviser to elected officials at the local, State and Federal levels. I often relied on Paul's guidance, and I feel the loss of his counsel and friendship deeply.

I admire Paul because he never let partisanship get in the way of a good idea. As a supporter of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents, he valued a person's character and integrity, not party affiliation. Good people make the call to public service worth heeding, and Paul was one of the best. He embodied the Colorado principle that when you work together, things get done for the good of Colorado's families. Paul's example inspires my approach to bipartisanship and collaboration in the Senate today.

Paul's hard-working, entrepreneurial spirit stems from his early life and experiences. He started selling the Denver Post at the age of 6 and was delivering groceries for a local market by the eighth grade. At that young age he even tracked down a customer who owed him for a newspaper, then negotiated with the man to pay interest for holding out. His early training in negotiation paid off for Colorado because Paul became one of our State's talented bridge-builders: he formulated commonsense public policy and then brought people together to achieve it.

The son of the founder of a meatpacking union, Paul had politics in his blood and was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1974. In the Senate, Paul was a champion of many issues, but education issues held a special place in his heart and on his agenda. His leadership ensured the passage of Colorado's first bilingual education bill, and he cofounded the Chicano Education Project to implement bilingual curricula across the State. Paul furthered his commitment to educating Colorado's future leaders by later joining the Denver school board, and he personally set up scholarship funds to support undergraduate and graduate students.

For all of his work and in recognition of his leadership throughout the State, Paul received awards too numerous to recount here. Most recently, he was

awarded the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver's Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, at this year's Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner, the Colorado Democratic Party honored him with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

My thoughts and prayers are with Paul's beloved wife Paula, his children, and his family, and I share their profound grief at the loss of my dear friend and confidant. But Paul's legacy will endure through the family he cherished, the generations of public servants he mentored, and the gift of inspiration he imparted to all of us.

I can think of no better way to describe Paul than as authentic, a real believer in what people could do through a good education and hard work, and a man who nourished a better political system the same way he nourished us with the best tamales in Denver. Paul Sandoval will be deeply missed but always remembered, for his extraordinary spirit.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:35 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. 1038. An act to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.

H.R. 2146. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to require accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3336. An act to ensure the exclusion of small lenders from certain regulations of the Dodd-Frank Act.

The message further announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes, and agree to the con-

ference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoint the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill (except section 141) and the Senate amendment (except sections 1801, 40102, 40201, 40202, 40204, 40205, 40305, 40307, 40309-40312, 100112-100114, and 100116), and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MICA, YOUNG of Alaska, DUNCAN of Tennessee, SHUSTER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAWFORD, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Messrs. BUCSHON, HANNA, SOUTHERLAND, LANKFORD, RIBBLE, RAHALL, DEFAZIO, COSTELLO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Messrs. CUMMINGS, BOSWELL, and BISHOP of New York.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of section 142 and titles II and V of the House bill, and sections 1113, 1201, 1202, subtitles B, C, D, and E of title I of division C, sections 32701-32705, 32710, 32713, 40101, and 40301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. UPTON, WHITFIELD, and WAXMAN.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 123, 142, 204, and titles III and VI of the House bill, and section 1116, subtitles C, F, and G of title I of division A, section 33009, titles VI and VII of division C, section 40101, subtitles A and B of title I of division F, and section 100301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HASTINGS of Washington, BISHOP of Utah, and MARKEY.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for consideration of sections 121, 123, 136, and 137 of the House bill, and section 1534, subtitle F of title I of division A, sections 20013, 20014, 20029, 31101, 31103, 31111, 31204, 31504, 32705, 33009, 34008, and division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HALL, CRAVAACK, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 141 and 142 of the House bill, and sections 1801, 40101, 40102, 40201, 40202, 40204, 40205, 40301-40307, 40309-40314, 100112-100114, and 100116 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CAMP, TIBERI, and BLUMENAUER.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1038. An act to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.