

president of the Nevada State Firefighters Association, NSFA, while continuing to serve as fire chief. Mr. Park is truly a role model in the fire services community throughout northern Nevada and across the Silver State.

In August of 1979, Mr. Park was badly burned during an accident after a Wednesday night training class and spent weeks recovering in the intensive care unit. This incident brought great support from the Nevada fire family and ultimately led to the creation of the NSFA Benevolence Fund and the Smith Valley Fire Protection District Community Assistance Fund. Even after this traumatic experience, Mr. Park showed great resilience and continued to serve the district as assistant chief and by instructing EMS training. To this day, Mr. Park continues to be an active participant with the district and responded to over 50 percent of department calls in 2015. Mr. Park stands as a shining example of someone who has gone above and beyond for those around him.

It is the brave men and women who serve in our local fire departments that help keep our communities safe. These heroes selflessly put their lives on the line every day. I extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. Park for his courageous contributions to the people of Smith Valley and the Silver State. His sacrifice and courage earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly put their lives on the line to benefit others.

Mr. Park has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of the Smith Valley Fire Protection District. I am both humbled and honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Park for his years of hard work, and I give my deepest appreciation for all that he has done to make Nevada a safer place. I offer him my best wishes for many successful and fulfilling years to come. ●

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 withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:36 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 bill, with amendment, in which it request the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2276. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 3826. An act to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon.

H.R. 4775. An act to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4775. An act to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3040. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-274).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1879. A bill to improve processes in the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-275).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 2944. A bill to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefit program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2992. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3009. A bill to support entrepreneurs serving in the National Guard and Reserve, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 3024. A bill to improve cyber security for small businesses.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BLUNT for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress for a term of ten years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. KING (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. BURR):

S. 3039. A bill to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 3040. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3041. A bill to repeal the Military Selective Service Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3042. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the uniformed services with respect to their employment and reemployment rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 3043. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program establishing a patient self-scheduling appointment system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 3044. A bill to provide certain assistance for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3045. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reform certain forfeiture procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3046. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety rule for free-standing clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over related death or injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 3047. A bill to help individuals receiving assistance under means-tested welfare programs obtain self-sufficiency, to provide information on total spending on means-tested welfare programs, to provide an overall spending limit on means-tested welfare programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S.J. Res. 35. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to "Interpretation of the 'Advice' Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.