

lives. He was a family man—in fact, an individual prone to public displays of affection. Completely devoted to his wife, Janet, his children, and his grandchildren. He was a pillar of the Cleveland community, proud of his ethnic heritage and a role model for immigrants. George Voinovich was the children of immigrants, and his career demonstrates how far one can go in this great Nation through hard work and character. He was a profoundly ethical individual, chosen by his Senate colleagues to lead the Senate Ethics Committee. He epitomized the way the Senate should be.

Senator Voinovich's loss is not only a loss for Ohio, but a loss to the Nation. For even in retirement, Senator Voinovich had much to contribute to the public discourse. Days before his death, he was out making speeches. He never slowed down. He was expected to serve as a delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention in his beloved Cleveland.

So let me take this opportunity on behalf of the people of Alaska to thank Janet for sharing George with the Nation. I express condolences to the entire Voinovich family.

The Voinovich family also includes Senator Voinovich's former staff members, some of whom are still part of our Senate family. I would like to personally express condolences to Tara Shaw, who served Senator Voinovich on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. After Senator Voinovich's retirement, Tara came to my office in the role of legislative director and currently serves as legislative director to the Senator from Wyoming, Mr. ENZI. Great Senators groom great staff members. And George Voinovich was one great Senator.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID WEINER

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today, along with my colleague, the ranking member of the Budget Committee, Senator SANDERS, I wish to honor and recognize the outstanding service of David Weiner on his retirement after 32 years of public service, including 25 years at the Congressional Budget Office. David's expertise as a forecaster, modeler, and policy analyst have made him an invaluable contributor to the development of much of the key tax legislation of the past quarter century, starting with the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Since 2013, David has led CBO's tax analysis division, superbly overseeing its forecasts of tax revenues, cost estimates of legislative proposals, reports on important current issues in tax policy, and development of the modeling infrastructure needed to conduct those tasks.

David's first job in Washington was as an evaluator at the U.S. General Accounting Office. He then moved to the Office of Tax Analysis in the Department of Treasury, where he constructed models to estimate revenue effects and produce economic analyses

of numerous tax proposals, including those related to capital gains, corporate tax integration, and taxpayer compliance. At Treasury and later at CBO, David was also responsible for the forecasts of individual income tax receipts. CBO was very fortunate in 1991 when David brought his skills to the agency, where he built and maintained microsimulation models used for forecasting receipts and analyzing changes in the distribution of tax burdens. He also wrote influential studies on critical topics in tax policy, including marriage penalties and bonuses in the tax system and effective Federal tax rates. In the tax analysis division, David served as the unit chief for modeling from 2002 to 2009, Deputy Assistant Director from 2009 to 2013, and Assistant Director for the rest of his tenure at CBO.

As head of the tax analysis division, David has led his staff in providing high-quality and timely analysis of tax policy and budget issues. His expansive knowledge of tax policy and how it interacts with other facets of public policy has been a tremendous resource to the Congress. Colleagues who have worked with David appreciate his uncanny ability to find solutions to challenges and his commitment to producing top-caliber analyses but they will especially miss his wit, his generosity with his time and knowledge, and his compassion.

I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to David for his service to our Nation. We wish him well in his retirement from CBO and hope he will continue in future years to lend his expertise to the analysis of important tax policy issues.

I would like to now yield to my colleague Senator SANDERS for his remarks.

Mr. SANDERS. I thank Mr. ENZI and join him in commending Mr. Weiner for his many years of dedicated and outstanding service to CBO, the Congress, and the American people. Through his diligence and hard work, he has more than earned additional time for biking, training for the annual Washington Post hunt, and most importantly, for his family—his wife, Joan, and his sons, Kevin, Daniel, and Eric.

We hope our colleagues will join us in thanking Mr. Weiner for his service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DARIN GORDON

• Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I request that a copy of my letter to Darin Gordon, TennCare director and deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Health Care Finance Administration, be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

TRIBUTE TO DARIN GORDON

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your service as director of TennCare over the past 10 years.

As the state's longest-serving TennCare director and the longest-serving Medicaid di-

rector in the country, you have helped transition our state's Medicaid program from being one of Tennessee's biggest budget headaches to being consistently ranked as one of the nation's most fiscally responsible.

As Governor of Tennessee, I saw firsthand the impact that runaway health care costs can have on other important state programs—like higher education and roads and bridges. For the past ten years, you have worked tirelessly to restrain unnecessary state spending on TennCare and have developed innovative solutions to increase patient access and satisfaction. Your leadership has proven that you understand how critical it is for the state to get health care costs under control, and I'm also impressed with what you've been able to accomplish under both a Democratic and Republican governor.

Medicaid spending is on track to double over the next ten years. Congress needs advice on growing entitlement programs from experienced leaders like you because you understand the challenges states are facing and how the federal role has contributed to the increases in state spending related to Medicaid.

You have led TennCare through challenging times and have been instrumental in helping the state modernize its Medicaid delivery system. I thank you for your service to Tennesseans and your willingness to work with me and my staff to help advance good Medicaid policies and avoid Washington mandates.

I wish you the best as you continue your professional career.

Very best wishes.●

GREENFIELD'S 225TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Greenfield, NH—a flourishing community in Hillsborough County that is celebrating the 225th anniversary of its founding. I am proud to join citizens across the Granite State in recognition of this special event.

Greenfield originally encompassed parts of the towns of Peterborough and Lyndeborough, as well as the Lyndeborough Slip and Society Land until the residents petitioned the General Court of New Hampshire to become a separate town, so that they might have access to a church and school. Permission was granted, and the town of Greenfield was incorporated on June 15, 1791.

Founded primarily by Revolutionary War veterans, the town of Greenfield was named by Major Amos Whittemore for its peaceful and fertile location between the Monadnock Hills. The early settlers were known for growing hops, building carriages, and their many sawmills. The first townhall meeting was held at the house of Mr. Daniel Gould on July 5, 1791, and since that time, the population has grown to include 1,477 residents as of the year 2014.

Known for its mountainous terrain, Greenfield is home to North Pack Monadnock and Crotched Mountains. Due to the prevalence of the mountains, the town contains an abundance of scenic trails that travel throughout the region. This has made Greenfield the perfect venue for all kinds of recreational outdoor activities.

Greenfield's past is well represented by its historic meeting house. The town's other notable landmarks include the Crotched Mountain Foundation, a rehabilitation center for handicapped children, the County Covered Bridge, Yankee Siege, a onetime world record holding trebuchet, and Greenfield State Park.

On behalf of all Granite Staters, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Greenfield as they celebrate 225 years of exemplifying what is best about our home, and I thank them for their many integral contributions to the life and spirit of New Hampshire.●

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH KUEHN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kenneth Kuehn who earlier this month left the position of Wisconsin State adjutant and chief operating officer of the Disabled American Veterans, DAV, after 11 years. As Ken steps down from his leadership role with the Wisconsin DAV, I want to acknowledge Ken's service to Wisconsin and our Nation.

Ken is a Vietnam war veteran who began his U.S. military service in April 1971. He is a longtime member of the DAV Kenosha Chapter 20 in Wisconsin, with 34 years as a DAV member. Before becoming the Wisconsin DAV State adjutant and chief operating officer in 2005, Ken served as the Wisconsin department commander from 1996 to 1997.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in offering our congratulations to Ken Kuehn and his wife, Lynn. Ken has dedicated his time, talents, and energy to serving the finest among us, our Nation's veterans. I thank Ken for his service and wish him continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN NIEBERGALL

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to honor a great educator in my home State. John Niebergall of Sherwood, OR, has been recognized as a White House "Champion of Change." John's tremendous recognition and White House visit is well deserved. As an educator for more than 30 years, he has provided so many students at Sherwood High School with hands-on learning opportunities that prepare them for a 21st century career after graduation.

On May 4, I had the opportunity to visit Sherwood High School to witness firsthand the remarkable projects students were turning out in John's Mobile Makerspace. Students enrolled in his career and technical education programs—otherwise known as CTE courses—showed me their expertise handling a laser-cutter and a 3-D printer. John's students also have access to a welding shop and woodworking shop, where one student showed me a guitar he was building. It was clear to see that students participating in John's classes were excited about their work and motivated to be creative in the workspace.

Research has shown that students enrolled in CTE courses graduate from high school at a higher rate, and stu-

dents enrolled in these courses are more likely to show up to class. After getting a tour of John's engineering classes and woodshop classes, it is no surprise to me that Sherwood High School is a high-performing school. The connection between good CTE programs and student success could not be clearer.

I am committed to supporting programs like the ones John teaches in Sherwood and will continue to do all that I can to provide Federal and State-funded career and technical education courses at more schools in my home State. His model can—and should—be replicated around the country. That is why I was thrilled to take a ride in his "Fab-Lab" mobile trailer that was full of computers and manufacturing equipment. He takes this mobile trailer on the road to connect with other CTE teachers in Oregon. When teachers like John collaborate with other educators, more students benefit.

As part of the "Champions of Change" program, the White House recognizes Americans who are making positive changes in their communities. There is no doubt John is doing just that. I commend John for teaching a diverse course load that exposes students to the many different types of CTE fields they could pursue after high school.

To finish, I want to send a big thank you to everyone at Sherwood High School for allowing me to visit. And I want to send a big congratulations to John for this tremendous recognition. I look forward to working with him to promote Career and Technical Education programs in Oregon and across the country.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.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. 5293. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5471. An act to combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, 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. 5471. An act to combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5293. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator Schumer, Senator Whitehouse, and Senator Warren,

under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nominations were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5790. A joint communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the ongoing bilateral security relationship between the United States and the Republic of Cyprus; to the Committees on Armed Services; and Foreign Relations.

EC-5791. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Iraq for the period of June 15, 2016 through August 31, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5792. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Frank J. Grass, Army National Guard of the United States, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5793. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (RIN3170-AA62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5794. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 9947-06-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5795. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "South Dakota: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 9947-04-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Federal Implementation Plan; Utah; Revisions to Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9947-42-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the