

We took our first step today. In an historic moment, the U.S. Senate voted to suspend military support for the Saudi-led operations in Yemen. The administration should heed this clear signal and end all military support, including supplies of U.S. spare parts and technical support. We must refocus our efforts to help broker an end to the conflict.

Second, the United States must send a clear message to Saudi Arabia or any other autocratic regime: We do not tolerate the slaughter of political dissidents. We must hold accountable all those responsible for murder of Jamal Khashoggi. That means we must impose sanctions on the Crown Prince himself.

The Senate's vote today sends a clear message to Saudi Arabia and President Trump: We will hold you accountable, we will not trade away our Nation's values, and we will not abdicate our responsibility in decisions of peace and war. S.J. Res. 54 reins in the President's largely unencumbered war-making powers and ends unconditional U.S. military support for the Saudi campaign in Yemen without an authorization from Congress. For these reasons, I was proud to vote in support of this resolution.

#### REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS SELECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am placing a hold on S. 1010, the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, out of deep concern for the implications of this bill for the Copyright Office and its administration of U.S. copyright laws. The Constitution delegates to Congress the power to "promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." Currently, the Librarian of Congress appoints the Register, who acts under the Librarian's direction. The Librarian is uniquely positioned to bring to bear the interest of the public and concerns around freedom of speech, scholarship, access for the disabled and other societal values, as well as incentivizing creators to continue to innovate and produce new works.

At certain times, I have been deeply concerned that rights holders have seemed to capture the Copyright Office. Politicizing the appointment of the Register and reducing the influence of the Librarian would only cement that tendency. The voice of the public will always be more diffuse than those with vested interest in locking up works for as long as possible. Congress must ensure that all voices are heard, and the structure of the Copyright Office is integral to achieving that goal. Again, this is Congress's responsibility, and ceding ever more power to the Executive, as this bill does, over matters within our purview is an abdication of

our responsibility which I believe we will regret.

For these reasons, I have placed a hold on S. 1010, and I encourage my colleagues to give serious consideration to the concerns I have expressed about this bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO JEFF FLAKE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, at the end of each session of the Congress, we, the Senate, take a moment to express our appreciation and acknowledge the efforts of those Members who will be retiring in just a few weeks. This year, one of our colleagues who will be leaving is Senator JEFF FLAKE.

JEFF will be leaving us after a career of nearly 20 years in Congress. He has impressed many of us with whom he has worked with the strength of his views and determination to fight for those things in which he truly believes, both as a Senator and a proud husband to his wife Cheryl and father to his five children. He has been a reliable advocate for what he sees as the best interests of Arizona and the future of the Nation. He leaves behind a legacy of which he should be very proud.

JEFF was born in Snowflake, AZ. His family name was well known to the people in his neighborhood in part because it was named for his great-great-grandfather, William J. Flake, an early pioneer. His family played an important role in the founding and day-to-day life of their town, and JEFF always embodied the pioneering spirit through his work in Congress.

After graduating from Brigham Young University with a bachelors of arts in international relations and a master of arts in political science, he took a 2-year leave of absence to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in South Africa.

JEFF's early career work as the executive director of the Foundation for Democracy in Namibia and executive director of the Goldwater Institute helped prepare him for the House of Representatives. He became a strong voice for the political views of the people from back home.

Several years later Arizona's Senate seat was open and JEFF took up the challenge. The people of Arizona and our Nation were fortunate to have him to rely on for so many issues. He has been a steady and dependable force for tackling difficult, complex, and occasionally unpopular issues in the Senate while remaining respectful of his fellow colleagues and loyal to Arizona.

As a Senator, JEFF worked tirelessly to reduce the deficit and control government spending. As chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, I sincerely appreciate his efforts and share the same goal of reducing waste and ensuring the government operates efficiently. His keen insight and attention to these critical issues will surely be missed in Congress.

While serving with him in the Senate, I also learned that JEFF is an avid

survivalist. It was a pleasure to read about his excursions to small, distant islands with only a few key survivalist tools in tow. As an Eagle Scout, I understand how important these skills are to have, and it is always fun to hear about others putting these critical skills to use and what they learn along the way. If he would like to continue participating in survivalist adventures after leaving Congress, I would be happy to recommend some places in Wyoming that he might enjoy camping in for an extended period of time.

We both have a strong western heartbeat that we express every day in everything we do. Diana joins in sending our best wishes to JEFF and his family and we thank him for his hard work and dedication to the State of Arizona and this country. I appreciate his willingness to serve and work so hard for what he believes in. He has helped encourage and inspire another generation of leaders. In that way and so many others he has made a positive difference.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL NELSON

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to someone whose passion for service is literally out of this world.

As a payload specialist, BILL NELSON spent 6 days orbiting our planet aboard the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.

When he looked down on Earth, he didn't see blue States or red States.

Instead, he saw green land, blue oceans and lakes, including some big ones in Michigan, and a whole wide world worth protecting.

A decade and a half later, BILL NELSON was sworn in as U.S. Senator for Florida.

His previous experiences in space, as a U.S. Army captain, as a State legislator, and in the U.S. House of Representatives have shaped every decision he has made since then.

I remember Senator NELSON's swearing-in, because it was my first day, too, and we have been serving together ever since.

Senator NELSON has been such a forceful advocate for technology—no surprise given his time at NASA—and for protecting consumers.

He has fought every day to do right by our seniors, keeping Medicare and Social Security strong, working to eliminate the Medicare Part D "donut hole," and expanding access to home healthcare.

He has been a strong voice for protecting our environment, particularly from oil drilling, an issue close to the hearts of people in both Florida and Michigan.

One of my favorite memories of Senator NELSON actually took place in Michigan, during a 2016 codel.

Senator NELSON came to Michigan to tour our Coast Guard installations as ranking member on Commerce.

He got the full tour: Station Grand Haven, Air Station Detroit, Station St.