

agents trying to overturn a law that they didn't like.

I also conducted oversight into the FBI's handling of its investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

As a result of our and other committees' investigative efforts, we now know that one of the documents used by the FBI to establish and broaden its early investigation of President Trump was an unsubstantiated political opposition research dossier, prepared by Christopher Steele for the opposition research firm Fusion GPS and paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee.

As Senator GRAHAM and I described in our criminal referral of Christopher Steele earlier this year, this dossier was used by the FBI to help justify a FISA warrant to surveil a Trump campaign volunteer.

I am proud of the role that the committee has played in bringing additional details about these events into public view, both through the criminal referral of Steele and through the official release of the committee's interview of Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson, which took place last August.

My oversight work on this committee has also been bipartisan. Ranking Member FEINSTEIN and I shared equally in the questioning of witnesses involved in the Trump Tower meeting, and we worked together to release the results of the Committee's investigation in May of this year.

Even though I am chairman of Judiciary, my oversight focus extended to health care related matters.

Nonprofit hospitals have been a particular concern.

One nonprofit chain, called Mosaic Life-Care, had been suing low-income patients for debts that should have been covered by the hospital. Tax-exempt hospitals cannot be in the business of profiting off poor people.

After a 16-month inquiry, Mosaic finally changed its ways and approved debt forgiveness for over 3,000 patients. That debt forgiveness was worth approximately \$16.9 million.

And when Iowans began contacting me about the rising cost of EpiPen, I began to investigate. In 2007, a pack of two EpiPens cost \$100. By 2016, the cost exploded to \$600.

In a nutshell, Mylan had classified the EpiPen as a generic under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program rather than a brand name drug.

Because of this incorrect classification, Mylan only had to pay a 13-percent rebate instead of a 23.1-percent rebate.

I asked the Health and Human Services inspector general to look into these practices.

The inspector general found that the taxpayers may have overpaid for the EpiPen by as much as \$1.27 billion over 10 years because of the incorrect classification.

Eventually, Mylan settled a False Claims Act case with the Justice De-

partment for \$465 million. Upon learning of that settlement, I expressed my disappointment that it didn't seem the taxpayers had been made whole.

On August 16, 2018, the FDA finally approved a generic EpiPen, which gives consumers more purchasing options.

Simply stated, oversight works.

I also investigated, with Senator WYDEN, Gilead's pricing decisions for its hepatitis C drugs—Sovaldi and Harvoni. Our joint report was a ground-level view of how a drug is priced and what steps some drug companies will take to maximize profit possibly to the detriment of patients in need.

Nursing home social media abuse has also been a focus of mine.

New technologies offer new ways for bad conduct to occur. Steps ought to be taken to stop that.

After extensive communication with CMS about these issues, the government issued a guideline that made clear that compromising photos and recordings of residents is a form of abuse.

But, we didn't stop there.

After reading reports about spending and management problems at the Wounded Warrior Project, I looked into that too.

Reports had shown Wounded Warrior was not spending 80.6 percent of their programs expenses on veterans in fiscal year 2014. My investigation found that Wounded Warrior had been incorporating donated media and millions of dollars in fundraising to get to that 80.6 percent. A more accurate figure is about 68 percent.

Americans want the Wounded Warrior Project to be successful, and if its current leaders are listening to this, I want to reiterate my best wishes that it help as many veterans as possible.

I have also taken a keen interest in the Red Cross over the years.

Most recently, after reports of mismanaged spending after the earthquake in Haiti, I decided it was time to look under the hood.

What I found was troubling, to say the least.

My inquiry found that the Red Cross did not track costs on a project by project basis; instead, it used a complex and inaccurate process to track spending. The Red Cross was simply unable to provide the exact cost of each project and program in Haiti.

Worst yet, my inquiry found that the head of the Red Cross attempted to terminate a review by the Government Accountability Office and lied about it. I will continue to keep my eye on the Red Cross.

During my time as chairman of Judiciary, I have also conducted extensive oversight of our broken immigration system.

For every major terror attack on American soil by a foreign national, I reviewed just how the perpetrators entered the country in the first place. What I found was that often these terrorists and other criminals would lie or conceal information on their visa applications to enter the country.

They often knew which visas to exploit to commit their crimes, which ranged from espionage, to theft of trade secrets, to trafficking.

The committee has also looked into how Homeland Security and State vet refugees, monitored the mass migration caravans, reviewed hundreds of pages of visa and immigration documents, and repeatedly raised concerns with the controversial EB-5 investor visa program.

When Congress created the program, the goal was to spur growth for rural and underserved areas. Now, the EB-5 program has become an often illicit funding source for big-moneyed interests in some of the largest cities around the country. It is no surprise that the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate also raised national security concerns about the program.

Since 2016, I have written eight letters, held three hearings, and introduced legislation to remedy the glaring problems that plague this program.

I wait with anticipation on the EB-5 modernization and reform regulations the Department of Homeland Security promises to publish very soon.

These are but a few examples of what I have tried to do right by the people of Iowa and the taxpaying public.

Being chairman of the Judiciary Committee has been a rewarding experience, one that I will cherish as some of the most productive years of my career representing the great people and State of Iowa.

I look forward to continuing my oversight work both as chairman of Finance and as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee in the next Congress.

After all, as experience has shown, oversight works, and I will continue to fight the good fight on behalf of "We the people."

TRIBUTE TO CONNIE MCKENZIE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to recognize a truly exceptional individual who has been a member of my staff for many years. It is bittersweet to stand before you today to recognize the well-deserved retirement of Connie McKenzie, of my Juneau, AK, office.

Connie isn't originally from Alaska, but you would never know it. She moved to our great State in the summer of 1987 to take a seasonal job in Skagway with a cruise ship tour company, but those few weeks in the Alaskan summer soon turned into a home. She has been in Alaska ever since, and that summer job quickly turned into a successful career in the tourism industry in southeast Alaska, giving Connie the opportunity to work closely with community members, interact with local businesses and to help grow the regional economy. She is a people person to her core and someone we all quickly relate to, a valuable trait for any career.

Connie soon gained a reputation as someone to go to when you needed something done. She is a problem-solver who doesn't know the word no. From the beginning, her ability to find solutions, showcase her region, and quickly develop professional contacts made her a well-respected member of the community. For more than 20 years, she has been a dedicated volunteer and officer of local and statewide political groups, including the Capital City Republican Women, district cochair, and the Republican State Central Committee. She has been active in Beta Sigma Phi and a variety of community service projects.

Connie's local involvement eventually opened doors for a new career, one in public service. In 2001, Connie began working for the Alaska Congressional Delegation. She first started working for Congressman YOUNG, now the Dean of the House. She was a natural fit and soon was running a joint office for the entire congressional delegation. It was my good fortune to join the U.S. Senate with a seasoned staff member like Connie. Her regional knowledge and work experience have, no doubt, helped me represent the unique needs of Alaskans, particularly those in southeast.

After serving in this role for many years, Connie left the office in 2013 to work for the State administration under then-Governor Sean Parnell, but she just couldn't stay away, nor could we last too long without her. Thankfully, in 2015, she came back to us and has served our Juneau office in service to Senator SULLIVAN and me. She has been a dedicated public servant, and I know I speak on behalf of so many Alaskans when I say we will be sad to see her go.

Congressman YOUNG said of Connie that she "is one of the rare gems that comes along rarely in a Congressional career. From the moment I hired her she has been the embodiment of a perfect staff. She is the person who the people of Southeast Alaska have come to rely upon for sound policy advice, every kind of constituent service and has gone above the call of duty to serve as a counselor for the mentally ill and homeless population. She faced any challenge with a positive demeanor, rock solid ethics and made it all look easy. Her guidance to me has been a godsend and a large part of my own success in not only Southeast Alaska but statewide. Whether employed directly by me, the Congressional delegation or any other entity, Connie has always been a stalwart supporter, volunteer and overall great person. Connie, we will sorely miss you!" I couldn't agree more with DON's words.

Connie has done a great job representing the Alaska Congressional Delegation. She brings new meaning to the term professional. Regardless of what side of the political spectrum you are on, you know you will get a straight and fair answer from Connie. Constituents appreciate her work, other elected officials are comfortable

working with her, and the office staff is always asking for and depending on her expertise. In my office, she is our informal office trainer. If you want to know how to do something, Connie is the one to ask. She has provided hundreds of Alaskans with casework assistance on nearly the same amount of issues, from taxes to immigration to forest management, you name it. Connie has handled it.

People that work with Connie will always find a brilliant, caring person that demonstrates a good sense of comradery and teamwork. This is what her colleagues and friends say about her, and I couldn't say it better myself.

Connie's departure will certainly create a loss for me and my team, but I know Connie won't be at a loss for things to do. She is an avid outdoors woman, enjoying skiing, hiking, and biking with her husband Mitch and dog Brodie whenever possible. No hill is too steep, no trail is too long, she tackles each adventure with enthusiasm and a deep love for the outdoors.

Often when I would travel to her region, Connie somehow found time in my otherwise packed schedule to fit constituent meetings into a hike through the Tongass or some other outdoor adventure, giving us a chance to fill our lungs with fresh air while we worked. I will miss those hikes together, but now, I will just have to schedule them with her rather than the other way around.

Connie may be retiring from her career of public service, but I have no doubt she will continue to remain engaged in her community. It is in her blood. Connie leaves behind a legacy of hard work, humor, and commitment to Alaska that will forever be remembered. I wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life. Connie; I'll see you on the trails.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, over the past 12 years, I have had the privilege to serve the citizens of Tennessee and our country with the finest group of people that I have ever been around. I truly love them.

Today, in my final statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I want to recognize the people who have become like family, past and present—178 hard-working, tenacious, conscientious public servants—and thank them for all they have done to make a difference in the lives of countless Tennesseans and to make our world a better place:

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MARY LINCOLN

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Mary Lincoln of Liberty County for her 100 years of determination, joy, and service for others.

At 107, Mary Lincoln has lived through 19 Presidents, two World Wars, the Great Depression, and was born before women could vote. Ms. Lincoln was born in 1911, just north of Rudyard, MT, in a small homestead shack. As an infant, she was placed in a cardboard box with blankets and laid atop of the home's oven to keep warm. From then on, Mary Lincoln has embodied the true spirit of Montana, keeping a light heart and always staying busy.

Mary Lincoln graduated from Havre High School at 16, where she then went