

and would say, "If you have dreams to do something, you, yourself have to work hard to get to that goal."

Wesley grew up using dog teams in the wintertime to camp and hunt long before snow machines were prevalent and available in his region. His traditional knowledge of the subsistence lifestyle was extensive, and he enthusiastically shared with his community. He learned whaling from his grandfather and uncle and later became a whaling captain. He took it upon himself to teach the next generation whaling. His daughter's generation was sent off to boarding schools, and so many youth were not taught the traditional ways of hunting and needed to be re-taught when they returned. He taught many of his nephews traditional hunting methods and said it was his job to give back, just as his elders had taught him how to hunt whale and inland animals. He observed changes in sea ice and climate in his generation and shared with the world what he saw.

Wesley also served on the North Slope Borough's Inupiat History, Language and Culture Commission. He often stressed the importance of language, and his dream was an immersion camp in which only Inupiat was spoke. He reminded the youth about the hardships their ancestors experienced and that the whole community looked out for each other. And if you took care of animals and the land, they would take care of you.

In 2018, he served as the keynote speaker at the Elders and Youth Conference in Anchorage, during which he delivered a strong message on respect. He said it is all about respect. It is about respect for self and for one other, as well as a respect for the animals, which he said have spirits just like we do. In fact, when he took his daughter hunting, he taught her where to put a hole behind the neck to release the spirit of the caribou.

Wesley was also known for his Alaska Native rights activism. He participated in the 1961 Barrow Duck Sit-in, protesting the Federal Government's regulation of Native hunting rights, and this protest, among others, led to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. A respected leader, he also helped establish the Alaska Federal of Natives.

Elder Wesley's wisdom and kindness will be missed. He is survived and respected by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends, and his whole community.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN PROCLAMATION 9844 OF FEBRUARY 15, 2020, WITH RESPECT TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES—PM 46

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the southern border of the United States declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond February 15, 2020.

The ongoing border security and humanitarian crisis at the southern border of the United States continues to threaten our national security, including the security of the American people. The executive branch has taken steps to address the crisis, but further action is needed to address the humanitarian crisis and to control unlawful migration and the flow of narcotics and criminals across the southern border. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9844 concerning the southern border of the United States.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 13, 2020.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:16 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 bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2546. An act to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 79. Joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2546. An act to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.J. Res. 79. Joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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-3992. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Bank's Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2021, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3993. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory: Prudent Management of Agricultural Lending During Economic Cycles" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3994. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2020-0005)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3995. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Credit Union Administration's 2020 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3996. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Safety Evaluation of Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-541, Revision 2, 'Add Exceptions to Surveillance Requirements for Valves and Dampers Locked in the Actuated Position'" (NUREG-1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, and 1434) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3997. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Safety Evaluation of Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-568, Revision 2, Revise Applicability of BWR/4 TS 3.6.2.5 and TS 3.6.3.2" (NUREG-1433) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3998. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West

Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Electronic Monitoring Program" (RIN0648-BF52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3999. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder Fishery; Fishing Year 2019" (RIN0648-BI92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4000. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; 2018 Monkfish Specifications" (RIN0648-XG168) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4001. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacktip Sharks, Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks, and Hammerhead Sharks in the Gulf of Mexico Region; Retention Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XT005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 910. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-216).

S. 2299. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the safety and reliability of pipeline transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-217).

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 123. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, and for other purposes.

S. 2336. A bill to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2594. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements with respect to service and retirement for the purposes of veterans' preference for Federal hiring.

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3110. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a

study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Charles Williams, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

\*James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Joseph R. Harris II and ending with Col. Gent Welsh, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Billy M. Nabors, to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. AnnMarie K. Anthony and ending with Col. Brian E. Vaughn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Dann S. Carlson and ending with Col. Lisa K. Snyder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Steven J. deMilliano and ending with Brig. Gen. Russell L. Ponder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Andrew J. MacDonald, to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Todd M. Audet and ending with Brig. Gen. Gregory T. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020. (minus 1 nominee: Brig. Gen. Jon S. Safstrom)

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Christopher E. Finerty, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Wilson, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Ronald F. Taylor, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Aaron R. Dean II, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael S. Martin, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Douglas K. Clark and ending with Col. John F. Kelliher III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2020.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Joshua E. Erlandsen and ending with Tosha M. Vann, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Matthew G. Adkins and ending with Catherine M. Ware, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jenara L. Allen and ending with Sarah M. Wheeler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Daniel J. Adams and ending with Zachary E. Wright, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jennifer R. Bein and ending with Angela K. Stanton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Wesley M. Abadie and ending with Scott A. Zakaluzny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lior Aljadeff and ending with Hyun J. Yoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jason K. Adams and ending with Danielle N. Ziehl, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Victoria M. Aglewilson and ending with Deborah L. Willis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nominations beginning with Junelene M. Bungay and ending with Alexandra L. Mccrary-Dennis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Air Force nomination of Christopher J. Nastal, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Alexander Khutoryan, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Daniel S. Kim, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Marilyn L. Smith, to be Major.

Army nomination of Zachary J. Conly, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Audrey J. Dean, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael W. Brancamp, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Tracy J. Brown, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kenneth A. Wieder, to be Major.

Army nomination of Chong K. Yi, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with John C. Benson and ending with Sean M. Vieira, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Army nomination of Ross C. Puffer, to be Major.

Army nomination of Amanda G. Luschinski, to be Major.

Army nomination of June E. Osavio, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Yasmin J. Alter and ending with Debby L. Polozock, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.

Army nominations beginning with Otha J. Holmes and ending with Jonathan W. Murphy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 4, 2020.