

taken significant steps to address concerns that have delayed membership in the past. The government has strengthened the rule of law, undertaken intelligence sector and defense reforms, and increased public support for NATO membership in recent years. Notably, the Montenegrin Parliament passed legislation in November 2014 to reform the judicial sector, including the establishment of a special prosecutor's office for organized crime and an anti-corruption agency. This legislation is now being implemented, with the special prosecutor's office carrying out a high-profile arrest of former President of Serbia and Montenegro Svetozar Marovic on corruption charges in December 2015. We need to see continued high profile arrests to prove the rule of law will be fully respected, but this is an important signal.

Montenegro's democracy is young, but it is on the right track. There is no doubt Montenegro needs to continue making progress to uphold the rule of law, fight organized crime, tackle corruption, and foster a free and independent media environment. I believe American engagement will be critical helping Montenegro achieve these goals. On the tenth anniversary of Montenegro's historic independence, I will continue to push for a strong transatlantic partnership between our countries.

HONORING SERGEANT ROBERT WILSON III

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today we pay tribute to Sergeant Robert Wilson III of the Philadelphia Police Department, who sacrificed his life to protect innocent civilians during an armed robbery at a store called GameStop in north Philadelphia in March 2015.

Sergeant Wilson was there buying a present for his son when he confronted two armed robbers. He moved to draw attention away from the area where the civilians were standing in what ended up being a fatal exchange of gunfire.

For his exceptional bravery and selflessness in the face of danger, President Obama awarded Sergeant Wilson with the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, 1 of 13 officers who received the award and the first member of the Philadelphia Police Department to earn such an honor.

No medal or distinction can adequately pay tribute to Sergeant Wilson's sacrifice and the horror his family has gone through over this last year. Sergeant Wilson's grandmother, Constance, who accepted the medal on his behalf, said of the pain of losing her grandson, "a big hole was put in my heart."

Sadly, the Wilson family is not alone in its sacrifice: 128 police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2015, including five in Pennsylvania. To paraphrase something President Lincoln once said, they gave the "last full measure of devotion" to the communities they served.

As public officials, we have a deep and abiding obligation to support those serving in law enforcement. Our support must be in deed and in word, which means making sure those law enforcement officers have the resources they need to keep our communities and themselves safe. All public officials must pray and ask humbly whether our actions are worthy of the valor of those who serve.

On the Senate floor today, we express our profound gratitude for the service of Medal of Valor recipient Sergeant Wilson and the sacrifice of his family.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANDREW W. GURMAN

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the upcoming inauguration of Dr. Andrew Gurman of Hollidaysburg, PA, as the 171st president of the American Medical Association on June 14, 2016.

Dr. Gurman is an orthopaedic hand surgeon who maintains a private practice in Altoona, PA. He is the first hand surgeon and only the second orthopaedic surgeon to have been elected to serve as president of the AMA.

Dr. Gurman graduated from Syracuse University and received his medical degree from the State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, in 1980. After completing his surgical internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at the Montefiore Hospital/Albert Einstein program in New York City and a fellowship in hand surgery at the Hospital for Joint Diseases Orthopaedic Institute, Dr. Gurman entered practice in central Pennsylvania and became active in local medical societies, having served as both speaker and vice speaker of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He was also a member of its board of trustees and executive board. Dr. Gurman has also served as the chair of the Altoona Hospital bylaws committee and orthopaedic surgery peer review committee, as well as the chair of orthopaedic service.

I want to congratulate Dr. Gurman on his election and inauguration as the president of the American Medical Association and wish him well. I look forward to working with him in his new role to craft policies that will improve access to affordable, high-quality health care and make a difference in the lives of countless patients across the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO FRED AND CONNIE TAYLOR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to sing the praises of Fred and Connie Taylor, two incredibly talented and dedicated members of the Casper community. Fred serves as the choir director and his wife, Connie, serves as the organist and director of the handbell choir at the Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in my hometown of

Casper, WY. Through music, Fred and Connie Taylor have helped our congregation share in God's love, grace, and teachings for 24 years. Last Sunday marked their last service in leading the musical ministry of the church as they start their well-earned retirement.

Fred and Connie Taylor have been married for over 50 years. Since they first met at the University of Dayton, this lovely couple has been celebrating life and music together. In fact, music brought them together. The couple met when Fred was performing in the role of Elijah in Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Connie was assigned to be his accompanist. Since that day, they have been performing together and sharing their musical talents in schools and churches across the nation.

The Taylors fell in love with Wyoming during a trip to our great State in 1979. A short time later, Fred and Connie moved to Hanna, WY. Fred got a job as band director at the school and Connie took the position as the choir director. In 1986, they moved to Casper, WY. Fred became bass trombonist and assistant conductor of the symphony. Connie devoted herself to inspiring and spreading the love of music to children in the Casper schools.

While they are a dynamic team, Fred and Connie also have significant individual accomplishments. Connie graduated from the University of Dayton with a bachelor of science in music and earned a master of music from Indiana University. Connie is a concerto level pianist. She has performed as an accompanist for the Joffrey Ballet. Her musical expertise has been critical in ensuring the success of numerous performances in our community. As a longtime elementary school teacher in Casper, she taught her students to appreciate the beauty and joy of music. Connie has helped ensure the love of music lives on in the future generations of our State.

Fred's passion for music is best explained by his proclamation that, "Music is part of my soul." He was born in New York City in 1938. As a baby, he would rock and sway along to the sounds of the world's most beloved symphonies. As a young boy, he started singing at his church and in the boys' choir. After serving our Nation in the U.S. Army, Fred earned his bachelor of science in music education from the University of Dayton and a master of music in conducting from Indiana University. Fred is the bass trombonist for the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra and founder of the Casper Brass and Storm Door Company. He has composed over 600 pieces of music. In addition, Fred has performed in and greatly contributed to the Casper College Band, the Casper Municipal Band, and the CC Jazz Band.

Fred explains how his love for music and the state of Wyoming perfectly intertwine stating, "I have a wonderful church choir to conduct; I have a symphony orchestra to play in; everything

I write gets performed.” He also said, “Outside of that, the air is clear and the fish in the river don’t have to cough, and my grandchildren live right around the corner.”

The passion for music is part of the family. The love of music and ability to bring the notes on the page to life extends to every member of their family; Lisa Rich, Steven Rich, Chris Taylor, Nancy Taylor, and their grandchildren Alex Rich, Jeremy Rich, and Abigail Madden.

My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our appreciation for the musical talents of Fred and Connie Taylor which inspire and delight so many people in our community and across the Nation. We are also deeply grateful for their amazing ability to lift our hearts and share the Word of God through music. As quoted in the Bible, I say to each of them, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” All of us privileged enough to know them are blessed. We wish them the best as they embark on their next adventure.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACK AND GEORGETTA TAYLOR

• Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, Kansans work hard to make a difference in our communities, our State, and our Nation. Two of those who exemplify this are Jack and Georgetta Taylor who, for the past 48 years, have called Liberal, KS, home.

The Taylors are true ambassadors for southwest Kansas. During visits to Liberal for the annual Pancake Day or a Kansas Listening Tour stop, they would make certain Robba and I had seen every new business, restaurant, and development. Their pride for Liberal is contagious and makes all under their spell want to call it home. Every time I have visited Liberal, the Taylors were there to make me feel welcome and appreciated.

Jack and Georgetta are also the type of individuals who will drop everything to help others. In fact, a few years ago during Pancake Day, Jack literally gave the shoes off his feet so members of my staff could fully experience the race.

Through their involvement in a myriad of community organizations including the chamber, the Baker Arts Center, and the Booster Club, the Taylors have been important leaders in the Liberal community. They also worked to make certain our Nation’s veterans living in Kansas are cared for through constant communication to recruit a fulltime physician to the local community-based outpatient clinic.

Jack has been a relentless advocate for expanding and improving U.S. Highway 54, one of the most heavily trafficked two-lane highways in the United States. A self-described troublemaker, Jack always approaches tough issues with a charming smile and humorous

narratives. His friendly demeanor, work ethic, and patience epitomize Kansans’ approach to resolving tough issues.

While improving their community has always been a top priority, as they approach 63 years of marriage next month, it is obvious they have always put family first. Relocating to Lawrence will allow them to spend time with their kids and grandkids; yet they will be close enough to visit and cherish the friendships and memories made in southwest Kansas.

By investing their time and talents in the community where they lived, the Taylors made a difference one life at a time. They taught through their actions that satisfaction in life comes from what you do for others rather than what you do for yourself, which is the legacy we want to leave behind for the next generation. While impossible to replace, the Taylors worked tirelessly to bring another generation of leaders to Liberal and southwest Kansas.

Good things continue happening in our State because of individuals like Jack and Georgetta, and I wish them the very best as they move to Lawrence to spend precious time with their family.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 897. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5077. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 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. 5077. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

Report to accompany S. 2390, a bill to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Rept. No. 114-261).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 136. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”.

H.R. 1132. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2458. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lalpalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2928. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”.

H.R. 3082. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Daryle Holloway Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3274. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the “Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office”.

H.R. 3601. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3735. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 3866. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4046. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office.

H.R. 4605. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the “Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building”.

S. 2465. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street in Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office.

S. 2891. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 North Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.