

1964, was elected to the Board of Governors of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, a position he held continuously until 1977. He served as Chairman of the Exchange from 1967 to 1968 and was inducted into the FIA Futures Hall of Fame in 2007.

During his tenure on the Board of Governors, contracts on live animals were successfully introduced to the market, representing the first in a wave of innovation in contract design. He was also involved in changing the structure of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange to make it more democratic and in revitalizing the audits and investigations department to attract new exchange members.

Mr. O'Brien's entrepreneurial spirit is best illustrated in his countless contributions to the futures industry as he built the largest independent futures brokerage and clearing firm in the United States. He pioneered new industry practices and created opportunity for others, including taking delivery of the first live cattle contract traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, broadcasting the first live commodity report from the trading floor, and sponsoring the first woman to work on the trading floor in 1966.

The longevity of Mr. O'Brien's career and the lasting success of his company are a testament to the focus placed on the relationships that have been built with more than 80,000 clients, his employees, and his family. Mr. O'Brien is survived by five children, 22 grandchildren, and 33 great grandchildren.●

RECOGNIZING BOWLING GREEN UTILITY WORKERS

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, during the early morning hours of December 11, 2021, Kentucky endured a series of tornadoes that proved to be the deadliest storms in the Commonwealth's history. There was damage throughout Southern Kentucky and beyond. Roofs were ripped off and trees snapped like twigs, but in this difficult time our community continues to come together and help one another. Immediately after, volunteers from all around Kentucky and even outside the Commonwealth showed up to help clean up the debris. Despite the devastation, I am reminded that the unbridled spirit of our Commonwealth shines its brightest during these times of adversity.

Of the many heroes that emerged during this crisis were the people of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities who immediately responded to the destruction and worked collectively to restore electricity to countless homes. Bowling Green Municipal Utilities reported 24,000 of its 31,500 customers were initially without power and 52 transmission polls had been severely damaged. By the next morning half of these powerless homes had their electricity restored. This should have been time for the men and women of BGMU to enjoy the upcoming holiday season. Instead, they responded to the call of

duty, working long shifts in the freezing cold. Because of their efforts, they were able to restore power to countless members of the community and provided relief to those most in need. We have a long road to recovery, but if we all display the perseverance our linemen and Kentuckians demonstrated, the Commonwealth will soon be back better than ever. I would like to personally thank people of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for their continued service to all the impacted communities.●

RECOGNIZING THE EMPLOYEES OF 5 STAR ELECTRIC

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Of the many heroes that emerged during this crisis were the people of 5 Star Electric who immediately responded to the destruction. 5 Star Electric sent out 140 linemen to restore the electrical grid, and, after a second storm hit Christian County later in the month, sent multiple crews to Hopkinsville to provide assistance to the impacted communities.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, 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 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1836. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5746) an act to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of nonexcess property of the Administration, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1836. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CASEY, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Financial Literacy in Retirement: Providing Just-In-Time Information and Assistance for Older Americans and People with Disabilities" (Rept. No. 117-54).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

*Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

*Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

*Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

*Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*Susan Harthill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2027.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Jacqueline Scott Corley, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Ryan K. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Jason M. Frierson, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Andrew M. Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Mark A. Totten, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3496. A bill to improve research and development of medical countermeasures for novel pathogens; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 3497. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to award grants to public institutions of higher education located in a covered State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3498. A bill to support endemic fungal disease research, incentivize fungal vaccine development, discover new antifungal therapies and diagnostics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 3499. A bill to amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006

to repeal certain obsolete requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 3500. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the reporting of abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3501. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to issue a short-form terms of service summary statement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 3502. A bill to establish an Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Community Inclusion at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 3503. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3504. A bill to amend Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3505. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain Nurse Corps payments from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3506. A bill to strengthen the public health workforce loan repayment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3507. A bill to improve air quality management and the safety of communities using the best available monitoring technology and data; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. COONS):

S. 3508. A bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 3509. A bill to strengthen the authority of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to foreign drug facility inspections; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 3510. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3511. A bill to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 3512. A bill to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 3513. A bill to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation infringes on the territorial integrity of Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 490. A resolution recognizing the essential work of United States Capitol personnel on the anniversary of the insurrectionist attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. Res. 491. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2022 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. Con. Res. 27. A concurrent resolution affirming the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental human right that is essential to a free society and protected for all people of the United States under the Constitution of the United States, and recognizing the 236th anniversary of the enactment of the Virginia Statute for Religious