

before post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries were formal diagnoses.

Kinsey's friends recognized him as a man who actively worked to make positive changes for veterans throughout his career. Upon his retirement from civil service in 2000, he continued to blaze trails within the American Legion, serving in local, State, and national capacities. He was instrumental in founding American Legion Post 74 in North Little Rock, where he served as founding commander and commander for 14 years.

He made an annual trip to Washington, DC, during the American Legion's testimony to Congress about its legislative priorities and advocated on behalf of Arkansas veterans.

In 2018, he became the first African-American State commander of the American Legion of Arkansas. Kinsey was not focused on the tag-line and pressures that may arise from being the first minority to sit in the State commander seat because, in his words, "All our blood runs the same." This was one of many examples of how he led his life with humility and selflessness.

During his time in the Air Force, Kinsey specialized in security, where he fought to protect his fellow airmen in combat. During his time serving veterans, he fought to strengthen the benefits they earned. Service, advocacy, and security were his life's tenets.

At the celebration of the American Legion's 100th anniversary, Kinsey said his time as commander was his way of giving back blessings to help others and what could be a more rewarding experience than to be able and help a veteran in need.

He served in the greatest capacity alongside his wife, Dianna and their two daughters, Meredith and Allison and their grandsons. He was a loving father, caring coworker, servant leader, gracious husband, and friend to all. His wife recently said that his motto was "For God and country." I hope we can learn from his example to remember the American blood flowing through all of us and work together to make this country better than we found it.

I join R.D Kinsey's family, friends, and all Arkansans in mourning his passing. His fingerprint will forever mark Arkansas. From Florida, North Little Rock, Washington, and everywhere in between, his legacy will carry on with current and future generations. In his spirit we will continue to advance the benefits for and meet the needs of American veterans.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM HALVORSON

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Jim Halvorson of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation for his dedication to Montana and his 32 years of public service.

Raised near Pendroy, MT, Jim graduated from the Montana School of

Mines, better known today as Montana Tech University. After years of work in both Wyoming and Colorado, Jim made his way back home to the Treasure State and went on to begin his career with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation. He started out as a petroleum geologist and was eventually appointed as Administrator. Jim's role included administering Montana's oil and gas conservation laws, promoting conservation, and overseeing oil and gas exploration and production in the State.

As Jim enters into retirement, he can rest assured that he has made a lasting impact on Montana's oil and gas industry. He will now have the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of his labor as he plans to spend more time in the great outdoors, whether that be fishing or enjoying time with his wife of 40 years, Diana.

It is my honor to recognize Jim Halvorson for his dedication to the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation and for his 32 years of public service to the great State of Montana. Jim, thank you for your many years of public service and your commitment to preserving our State's oil and gas reserves. I wish you all the best in your retirement. You make Montana proud.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:28 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, without amendment:

S. 144. An act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1286. An act to establish the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2024. An act to establish the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3222. An act to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4404. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River in the State of Florida as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6337. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7002. An act to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by blue and yellow lights in support of Ukraine.

H.R. 7025. An act to prohibit the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from funding entities that commit, fund, or support gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7693. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Park Foundation.

H.R. 8404. An act to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1286. An act to establish the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2024. An act to establish the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 8404. An act to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes.

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-4612. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE Coverage and Reimbursement of Certain Services Resulting from Temporary Program Changes in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic" ((RIN0720-AB81) (RIN0720-AB82) (RIN0720-AB83)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4613. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE Coverage and Reimbursement of Certain Services Resulting

from Temporary Program Changes in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; Correction” (RIN0720-AB81) (RIN0720-AB82) (RIN0720-AB83)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4614. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation” (RIN0790-AL20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4615. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation” (RIN0790-AK99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4616. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Maximizing the Use of American-Made Goods, Products, and Materials (DFARS Case 2019-D045)” (RIN0750-AK85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4617. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal to reduce the frequency of a required Report to Congress by the Department of Energy regarding excess contaminated facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4618. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report relative to annual reporting requirements on defense manpower for fiscal years 2021 and 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4619. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Explosives Safety Board 2021 Report to Congress”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4620. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4621. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4622. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4623. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4624. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4625. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative

Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4626. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibition on Inclusion of Adverse Information in Consumer Reporting in Cases of Human Trafficking (Regulation V)” (RIN3170-AB12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4627. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Debt Collection Practices (Regulation F); Pay-to-Pay Fees” (12 CFR Part 1006) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4628. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fair Credit Reporting; Permissible Purposes for Furnishing, Using, and Obtaining Consumer Reports” (12 CFR Part 1022) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4629. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Streamlining management and Occupancy Reviews for Section 8 Housing Assistance Programs” (RIN2502-AJ22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4630. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “The Fair Credit Reporting Act’s Limited Preemption of State Laws” (12 CFR Part 1022) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4631. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Defense Production Act Fund Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2021”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4632. A communication from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the final maps and perimeter boundary descriptions for the enclosed Wild and Scenic Rivers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4633. A communication from the National Listing Coordinator of the Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Removal of Johnson’s Seagrass From the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species Including the Corresponding Designated Critical Habitat” (RIN0648-XR119) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4634. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled “NUREG-2159, Rev. 1, ‘Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan Required for Special Nuclear Material of Moderate Strategic Significance’” (RIN3150) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4635. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Management Directive (MD) 12.3, NRC Personnel Security Program” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4636. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal to revise the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008, as amended; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4637. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementing Statutory Addition of Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to the Toxics Release Inventory Beginning with Reporting Years 2021 and 2022” (RIN2070-AL04) (FRL No. 9427-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4638. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Vermont: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 9581-02-R1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4639. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Delaware: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 9625-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4640. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Guidance Regarding the Changes Made by the American Rescue Plan Act to the Election of Alternative Minimum Funding Standards for Community Newspaper Plans under Section 430(m)” (Notice 2022-31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4641. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Applicability of section 432(b) (7) following a merger involving a multiemployer defined benefit plan that has received special financial assistance” (Rev. Rul. 2022-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4642. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal that would amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4643. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Unified Payment for Medicare-Covered Post-Acute Care: Analysis and Development of the Prototype Unified PAC Prospective Payment System Called for in the IMPACT ACT"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4644. A communication from the Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a data snapshot entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used by Dual Eligibles: 2022"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4645. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Non-Emergency Medical Transportation in Medicaid, 2018-2020"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4646. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2022 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 4503, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-132).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 117-3: Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden with six declarations and one condition (Ex. Rept. 117-5)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Senate advice and consent subject to declarations and conditions.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, which were signed on July 5, 2022, by the United States of America and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 (Treaty Doc. 117-3), subject to the declarations of section 2 and the condition of section 3.

Sec. 2. declarations.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declarations:

(1) Reaffirmation That United States Membership in NATO Remains a Vital National Security Interest of the United States.—The Senate declares that—

(A) for more than 70 years the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has served as the preeminent organization to defend the

countries in the North Atlantic area against all external threats;

(B) through common action, the established democracies of North America and Europe that were joined in NATO persevered and prevailed in the task of ensuring the survival of democratic government in Europe and North America throughout the Cold War;

(C) NATO enhances the security of the United States by embedding European states in a process of cooperative security planning and by ensuring an ongoing and direct leadership role for the United States in European security affairs;

(D) the responsibility and financial burden of defending the democracies of Europe and North America can be more equitably shared through an alliance in which specific obligations and force goals are met by its members;

(E) the security and prosperity of the United States is enhanced by NATO's collective defense against aggression that may threaten the security of NATO members; and

(F) United States membership in NATO remains a vital national security interest of the United States.

(2) Strategic Rationale for NATO Enlargement.—The Senate declares that—

(A) the United States and its NATO allies face continued threats to their stability and territorial integrity;

(B) an attack against Finland or Sweden, or the destabilization of either arising from external subversion, would threaten the stability of Europe and jeopardize United States national security interests;

(C) Finland and Sweden, having established democratic governments and having demonstrated a willingness to meet the requirements of membership, including those necessary to contribute to the defense of all NATO members, are in a position to further the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area; and

(D) extending NATO membership to Finland and Sweden will strengthen NATO, enhance stability in Europe, and advance the interests of the United States and its NATO allies.

(3) Support for NATO's Open Door Policy.—The policy of the United States is to support NATO's Open Door Policy that allows any European country to express its desire to join NATO and demonstrate its ability to meet the obligations of NATO membership.

(4) Future Consideration of Candidates for Membership in NATO.—

(A) Senate Finding.—The Senate finds that the United States will not support the accession to the North Atlantic Treaty of, or the invitation to begin accession talks with, any European state (other than Finland and Sweden), unless—

(i) the President consults with the Senate consistent with Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States (relating to the advice and consent of the Senate to the making of treaties); and

(ii) the prospective NATO member can fulfill all of the obligations and responsibilities of membership, and the inclusion of such state in NATO would serve the overall political and strategic interests of NATO and the United States.

(B) Requirement for Consensus and Ratification.—The Senate declares that no action or agreement other than a consensus decision by the full membership of NATO, approved by the national procedures of each NATO member, including, in the case of the United States, the requirements of Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States (relating to the advice and consent of the Senate to the making of treaties), will constitute a commitment to collective defense and consultations pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

(5) Influence of Non-NATO Members on NATO Decisions.—The Senate declares that any country that is not a member of NATO shall have no impact on decisions related to NATO enlargement.

(6) Support for 2014 Wales Summit Defense Spending Benchmark.—The Senate declares that all NATO members should continue to fulfill or move towards the guideline outlined in the 2014 Wales Summit Declaration to spend a minimum of 2 percent of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defense and 20 percent of their defense budgets on major equipment, including research and development, by 2024.

Sec. 3. condition.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following conditions

(1) Presidential Certification.—Prior to the deposit of the instrument of ratification, the President shall certify to the Senate as follows:

(A) The inclusion of Finland and Sweden in NATO will not have the effect of increasing the overall percentage share of the United States in the common budgets of NATO.

(B) The inclusion of Finland and Sweden in NATO does not detract from the ability of the United States to meet or to fund its military requirements outside the North Atlantic area.

Sec. 4. definitions.

In this resolution:

(1) NATO Members.—The term "NATO members" means all countries that are parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

(2) Non-NATO Members.—The term "non-NATO members" means all countries that are not parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

(3) North Atlantic Area.—The term "North Atlantic Area" means the area covered by Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty, as applied by the North Atlantic Council.

(4) North Atlantic Treaty.—he term "North Atlantic Treaty" means the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington April 4, 1949 (63 Stat. 2241; TIAS 1964), as amended.

(5) United States Instrument of Ratification.—The term "United States instrument of ratification" means the instrument of ratification of the United States of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

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. WICKER:

S. 4560. A bill to enable the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to determine the political status of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4561. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into an agreement with an entity to conduct a study and produce a report on barriers to home ownership for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr.