months to write and pass the DISCLOSE Act in the House of Representatives. The DISCLOSE Act is based on the idea that voters have a right to know what individuals and interests are financing the political advertisements trying to influence their votes. It was vigorously opposed by deep-pocketed special interests that prefer to operate in the dark and hide behind front organizations, but Karen kept at it. She spent countless hours negotiating every comma and definition. With perseverance, we succeeded in eking out a victory of 219 to 206 in the House. The Senate version failed by one vote, and we have been trying to pass it here ever since.

Karen helped us pass legislation protecting whistleblowers who put their careers at risk to expose wrongdoing—an issue that has become even more important in recent years. She recognized that the success of our democracy depends on people's willingness to speak truth to power, and it is our job to advance the truth for the public good.

During my time in the House, Karen served in a number of key roles, including as policy director of my Assistant to the Speaker's Office, where she accompanied me to all the House leadership meetings as well as the House-Senate bicameral leadership meetings. She always had good insights and was respected by all. Karen also served as counsel on the House Budget Committee during the time I was the ranking member on the committee and played an important role during my participation in the bipartisan budget negotiations headed by then-Vice President Biden. During our tenure on the House Budget Committee, House Democrats proposed budgets to expand economic opportunity for all, strengthen Medicare and Social Security, put our country on a path for strong jobs and wage growth, and much more. She was at the center of these efforts and understood that budgets are more than just lists of programs and tabulations of dollars and cents—they represent the priorities and values of the American people.

Upon arriving in the Senate, Karen's deep roots in the Upper Chamber got us off to a quick start. She set up our office and had an insider's knowledge of how to navigate many of the Senate's byzantine traditions and processes. With her wise guidance, we were able to achieve much for Marylanders in a short time.

Karen's love for the twists and turns of lawmaking and politics is surpassed only by her love of children and animals—her first stop after leaving our office was the Nyumbani AIDS orphanage in Kenya, where she has served as a guardian angel for many years. She has helped to raise funds for supplies for the orphanage while taking a direct personal interest in the children who live there, sharing photos and stories and delighting in their growth and progress. Karen's charitable efforts have never been abstract—she has personally hauled supplies on her trips to Nyumbani, and, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, she jumped in her car and drove to New Orleans to help rescue and rehome animals. While a loss to the Senate, Karen's retirement gives her more time to spend on the many causes close to her heart, including to her continued service on the Nyumbani board of directors.

Karen Robb was not a bystander to any project she embarked on. She was hands-on, all in, and whatever it takes. From the smallest detail to the biggest obstacle, she threw herself into her work and our lives. She is a compassionate person who always puts others first. My family and I will be forever grateful for Karen's friendship, many talents, and loyal service. Our entire team will miss her and the wisdom she brought to the often-hectic world of congressional offices. I wish her the very best as she embarks on her new adventures.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:41 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 bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3989. An act to amend the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 to modify certain membership and other requirements of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, 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. 3250. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of the noted American philanthropist and business executive Julius Rosenwald, with a special focus on the Rosenwald Schools, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5472. An act to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the ''Jimmy Carter National Historical Park''.

H.R. 5852. An act to redesignate the Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut as the ''Weir Farm National Historical Park''.

H.R. 6535. An act to deem an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7460. An act to extend the authority for the establishment by the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation of a commemorative work to commemorate the mission of the Peace Corps and the ideals on which the Peace Corps was founded, and for other purposes.

At 3:03 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 979. An act to amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to incorporate the recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office relating to advance contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 2730. An act to establish and ensure an inclusive and transparent Drone Advisory Committee.

S. 3418. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide capitalization grants to States to establish revolving funds to provide hazard mitigation assistance to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards, and other related environmental harm.

S. 5036. An act to amend the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 to extend the Secret Service overtime pay exception through 2023, and for other purposes.

At 6:26 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 107. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, 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. 3797. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make marijuana accessible for use by qualified marijuana researchers for medical purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. SANDERS:

S. 5063. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional recovery rebates to individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 5064. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase retirement savings, to improve retirement plan administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 5065. A bill to provide more than $435,000,000,000 in immediate and long-term investments in communities to promote economic justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. 5066. A bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to support small and very small meat and poultry processing establishments,