Street School, to the Rhode Island Historical Society, to the Rhode Island Hospital Association, there is hardly a comer of the State that has not been made better by Roger's energy and contributions.

Roger also enjoyed a successful business career in the financial sector. He is truly a man of many parts. And he is a gregarious, cheerful good person on top of it all.

I wish Roger all the best as he accepts the French Legion of Honor and look forward to celebrating with him next month.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE 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 Foreign Relations.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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–1641. A communication from the Director for the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Center's fiscal year 2020 annual report, other relative reports, and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the reports; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–1642. A joint communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report'' ; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–1643. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''VA Homeless Providers and Grant and Per Diem Program'' (RIN2900–AP54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–1644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Air Plan Approval; WA; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference'' (FRL No. 8742–02–R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Finding of Failure to Submit a State Implementation Plan to Meet the 1987 24-Hour PM10 Standard; Moderate Area Requirements; West Pinal County; Arizona'' (FRL No . 8715–02–R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1646. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control of Emissions from the Application of Deadeners and Adhesives'' (FRL No. 8717–02–R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1647. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Transition Period Penalty Relief for New Schedules K–2 and K–3 for Forms 1065, 1120-S and 8865'' (Notice 2021–39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1648. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS)'' (Rev. Proc. 2021–30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1649. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Special elections for taxpayers with Farming Loss NOLs'' (Rev. Proc. 2021–14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1650. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits'' (Notice 2021–31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1651. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Beginning of Construction for Sections 45 and 48; Extension of Continuity Safe Harbor to Address Delays Related to COVID–19 and Clarification of the Continuity Requirement'' (Notice 2021–41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1652. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Review of Medicare Administrative Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2020''; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1653. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Removal of Obsolete Regulation Regarding Rewards for Information Relating to Violations of Tax Laws Administered by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau'' (RIN1513–AC56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1654. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1655. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary for Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1656. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1657. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1658. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures (Evergreen)'' (Rev. Proc. 2021–19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1659. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''COVID–19 Relief Under Section 42'' (Notice 2021–12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1660. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Additional Relief with Respect to Employment Tax Deadlines Applicable to Employers Affected by the Ongoing Coronavirus (COVID–19) Disease 2019 Pandemic'' (Notice 2021–11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1661. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Section 911 Housing Cost Amounts 2021 Update'' (Notice 2021–18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1662. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Personal Protective Equipment Treated as Deductible or Reimbursable Medical Care Expense'' (Announcement 2021–7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1663. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Extension of Empowerment Zones'' (Rev. Proc. 2021–18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1664. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Providing elections under section 172 set forth in the CARES Act'' (Rev. Proc. 2020–24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1665. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations'' (Rev. Proc. 2021–15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1666. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Extension of Empowerment Zones'' (Rev. Proc. 2021–16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1667. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Limitation on Deduction for Dividends Received from Certain Foreign Corporations and Amounts Eligible for Section 954 Look-Through Exception'' (RIN1545–BP35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1668. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Deduction for Foreign-Derived Intangible Income and Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income'' (RIN1545–BO55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

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. WYDEN:

S. 2579. A bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, with respect to bikeshare projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 2580. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2581. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief for taxpayers affected by disasters or other critical events; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 377

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 598

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to authorize additional monies to the Public Housing Capital Fund of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

S. 745

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 745, a bill to make high-speed broadband internet service accessible and affordable to all Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance tax benefits for research activities.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the residential substance use disorder treatment program, and for other purposes.

S. 1388

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1388, a bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, and for other purposes.

S. 1435

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1435, a bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit product hopping, and for other purposes.

S. 1522

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1522, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to provide a work opportunity tax credit for military spouses and to provide for flexible spending arrangements for childcare services for uniformed services families.

S. 1574

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1574, a bill to codify a statutory definition for long-term care pharmacies.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 1596, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 1642

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1642, a bill to require the Secretary of State to submit a report on the status of women and girls in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers by low-income local educational agencies.

S. 1872

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 1872, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II.

S. 1891

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1891, a bill to transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to support the reuse and recycling of batteries and critical minerals, and for other purposes.

S. 2000

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2000, a bill to promote the United States-Greece defense partnership, and for other purposes.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S.