

Medicaid and other programs that Granite Staters struggling with substance use disorder rely on, and she has worked effectively to help reduce the stigma that has hurt our efforts to combat this crisis for far too long.

People like Linda perfectly exemplify New Hampshire's all-hands-on-deck spirit, where we roll up our sleeves and work together to strengthen our communities. Linda's dedication to supporting those struggling with substance use disorder, first responders, and treatment providers has strengthened our State's response to the substance misuse crisis, and her advocacy will continue to help us stem and ultimately reverse the tide of this epidemic. I join all Granite Staters in thanking Linda for her service and congratulating her on a well-deserved retirement.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 2874. An act to achieve reforms to improve the financial stability of the National Flood Insurance Program, to enhance the development of more accurate estimates of flood risk through new technology and better maps, to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risks, and to provide for alternative methods to insure against flood peril, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, November 15, 2017, he has signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1679. An act to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, and for other purposes.

At 5:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 4374. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war, 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. 2874. An act to achieve reforms to improve the financial stability of the National Flood Insurance Program, to enhance the development of more accurate estimates of flood risk through new technology and better maps, to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risks, and to provide for alternative methods

to insure against flood peril, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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-3445. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Troy M. Shoemaker, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3446. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans" ((RIN3170-AA40) (Docket No. CFPB-2016-0025)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3447. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, five (5) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3448. A communication from the Conservation Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2017-2018 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-BB75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3449. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Approval of Corrosion-Inhibited Copper Shot as Nontoxic for Waterfowl Hunting" (RIN1018-BB06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3450. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing Policy and Support, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing Textual Descriptions of Critical Habitat Boundaries for Plants on the Hawaiian Islands" (RIN1018-BA80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3451. A communication from the Endangered Species Listing Branch Chief, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for *Dalea carthagenensis* var. *floridana* (Florida Prairie-clover), and Threatened Species Status for *Sideroxylon reclinatum* ssp. *austrofloridense* (Everglades Bully), *Digitaria pauciflora* (Florida Pine-land Crabgrass), and *Chamaesyce deltoidea* ssp. *pinetorum* (Pineland Sandmat)" (RIN1018-BB48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3452. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HIRE Vets Medallion Program" (RIN1293-AA21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3453. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Ammonium Formate and Formic Acid" ((21 CFR Part 573) (Docket No. FDA-2014-F-0988)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3454. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Calcium Carbonate" ((21 CFR Part 73) (Docket No. FDA-2016-C-2767)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3455. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees during Fiscal Year 2017" (RIN0651-AD02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3456. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organizations" (RIN2900-AP83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-138. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorializing the importance of grid reliability and fuel-secure baseload energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 227

Whereas, Electric generation power plants in this Commonwealth that participate in the wholesale electric markets strengthen competition and enhance the resilience and reliability of the bulk power and transmission systems and are vital to the public interest; and

Whereas, The nation's and the Commonwealth's economy, environment and security depend on a reliable, resilient electric grid powered by an "all of the above" mix of energy generation resources, including traditional baseload generation that is produced from long-term fuel sources located onsite; and

Whereas, The North American Electric Reliability Corporation, whose mission is to assure the reliability and security of North America's bulk power system, in a May 2017