

Kansas, and America was a young democracy—isolated and protected by two vast oceans.

Over the course of his career, America matured both politically and culturally, like that young man who left Abilene, Kansas, to go to West Point.

By the time Eisenhower retired from public life, the United States was the leader of the free world and at the summit of historic prosperity and peace.

It has taken a long time for the historians to discover and figure out Eisenhower's greatness. President Eisenhower anticipated problems and averted them before they ever became a crisis. His steady hand, his quiet strategy, didn't draw attention like the administrations that followed him.

Now, six decades later, for that kind of unique leadership, he is considered one of our greatest presidents, which is why we are here today.

Like Lincoln, he came from very humble origins. He never forgot the hometown that made him, and famously said, "The proudest thing I can claim is that I am from Abilene" (June 22, 1945, Abilene, Kansas).

He saw the promise that America holds for everyone and the reciprocal responsibility to serve the country that offered him so much.

Ike's values were America's values—strength, humility, discipline, integrity.

Now, we live in an era where it can seem those things no longer matter.

But they do.

We wouldn't be where we are today without them.

We are here today to ensure Ike's place in American and world history, for his achievements both as Supreme Allied Commander Europe and as the 34th President of the United States.

When asked about his legacy, Eisenhower responded, "The United States never lost a soldier or a foot of ground in my administration. We kept the peace. People asked how it happened—by God, it didn't just happen, I'll tell you that."

We build this memorial today not only to honor a single person, but as a symbol for all generations of the greatness of America and what our values have made possible at home and abroad.

Lest anyone forget what can be achieved in the land of the free and the home of the brave, let them come here and understand what Eisenhower, and America, have done. And what they, in turn, can do for themselves and for our nation's future.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:45 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3043. An act to modernize hydropower policy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3705. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the use of certified mail and plain language in certain debt collection activities.

H.R. 4173. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:08, p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 194. An act to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3243. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President *pro tempore* (Mr. HATCH).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3043. An act to modernize hydropower policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3705. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the use of certified mail and plain language in certain debt collection activities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4173. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line; to the Committee on Veterans' 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-3418. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations" (31 CFR Part 515) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3419. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Credit Union Occupancy, Planning, and Disposal of Acquired and Abandoned Premises; Incidental Powers" (RIN3133-AE54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3420. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3421. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program" (RIN1840-AD21) received in the Office of the President *pro tempore* of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3422. A communication from the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3423. A communication from the Vice Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2018-

2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3424. A communication from the Director of the National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Inspector General Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3425. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3426. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUBZone and Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA) Amendments" (RIN3245-AG92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2016; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3427. A communication from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; The Endocrine System" (RIN2900-AO44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3428. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeless Veterans" (RIN2900-AQ07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3429. A communication from the Bureau Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning Non-Geostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems and Related Matters" ((FCC 17-122) (IB Docket No. 16-408)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3430. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Cost-of-Capital Composite Railroad Criteria" ((RIN2140-AB38) (Docket No. EP 644)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3431. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates" ((16 CFR Part 1307) (Docket No. CPSC-2014-0033)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3432. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Main Studio Rule" ((FCC 17-137) (MB Docket No. 17-106)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3433. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Coast