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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable GEORGE S. HELMY, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by His Grace Bishop David of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate Diocese of New York and New England from Chestnut Ridge, NY.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Mr. President and honorable Members of the U.S. Senate, I humbly offer the following prayer on your behalf. Please bow your heads in acknowledgement of the presence of God in our midst.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank You for this precious gift You have given to each one of us: the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters and our beloved country. We realize that authorities that exist are appointed by You.

We ask, Lord, that You grant us the wisdom, courage, and compassion to serve honorably and to lift our neighbors and to be an instrument of peace in all that we do.

Grant us, Lord, the humility to listen deeply and the strength to act boldly. May our decisions be rooted in justice and our words be filled with kindness, lifting up those who are weary and giving hope to those in despair. As we serve, help us to see beyond ourselves, to seek what is good for all, and to stand steadfast in Your truth and integrity, trusting in Your light to guide our path.

Awaken in each one of us, Lord, a heart after Your own, so that our actions may reflect Your love and mercy and inspire a spirit of unity and sacrifice in every leader, every branch of government, and across our country.

Accept, Lord, our prayers on behalf of ourselves but also on behalf of all of

Your people, Lord, who are in need of Your presence in their lives, as we, too, are in need of Your presence in our lives and in our service, so that we may be an example of collaboration and a source of comfort to those who entrusted us with this sacred responsibility. They put their trust in us, and we place our full trust in You, Lord, to guide and support us so that each of us may play a part in securing peace and prosperity for our country with our humble prayers for Your guidance, for Yours is the glory and the power forever. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 19, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE S. HELMY, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. HELMY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today, the Senate moves forward on confirming more of President Biden's judicial nominees.

Yesterday, the Senate confirmed Judge Embry Kidd to serve a lifetime appointment as a circuit judge to the Eleventh Circuit. Judge Kidd will be an excellent addition to the bench. He is exceptionally qualified. He has extensive experience as a judge, a prosecutor, and an attorney in private practice.

I thank my colleagues for supporting his nomination and for moving him through the Chamber.

Last night, I also filed cloture on another nine nominees to serve as district judges across the country, including Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. If you include these nominations with those I filed last week, I will now have filed cloture on a total of 12 district court judges since the end of last week.

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We will keep working to confirm these nominations as quickly as we can, starting this morning with the cloture vote on the nomination of Mustafa Kasubhai to be a district judge for the District of Oregon.

For the information of Senators, we expect to vote on as many as three judges today. Members should be prepared for another late night on Wednesday to vote on the nominations I filed last night.

Voting on the President's judicial nominees is a core function of the Senate. It is one of our basic responsibilities, and we are going to carry out that responsibility as long as this majority continues.

I am very proud of the judges we have confirmed over the past 4 years under this administration. They have all been highly qualified individuals, and together they represent a wide range of experiences and areas of expertise.

For a long time, this Chamber primarily focused on confirming nominees with backgrounds as prosecutors or from big law firms. Of course, many of these individuals have gone on to serve as excellent judges, but this majority and this administration have cast a wider net. For 4 years, we have expanded the sort of backgrounds and resumes that make for a qualified nominee to the Federal bench. We have more judges from backgrounds in consumer protection and civil rights and voting rights. We have confirmed more women and people of color too. All of these individuals are highly qualified by their own merits, but their broad range of backgrounds and experiences is an additional asset to the bench.

But we are not done. There are more judges to consider and confirm. We are going to spend the rest of the week and the rest of this year focused on confirming them, and I thank all of my colleagues for their continued good work. Let us continue.

DISASTER AID

Mr. President, now, on disaster aid, yesterday, President Biden sent Congress his request for a disaster aid package to replenish a number of vital programs that help Americans recover from natural disasters. The House and Senate should respond by working together to pass a strong disaster package as soon as possible. It is a priority for me, just as it is a priority for so many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

The Speaker said last month that House Republicans will focus on disaster aid when they returned this month to Congress, and yesterday he said the House is taking a look at the President's request. That is good. I urge House Republicans to work quickly to review this request so we can begin formulating a package that delivers this critically needed assistance.

To put it mildly, Federal disaster aid is currently running on fumes. It is a problem happening across the board. FEMA, SBA, Department of Agri-

culture, Department of Transportation, and so many other Agencies are running low on resources specifically aimed at helping battered communities rebuild.

One of the worst cases right now is the Small Business Administration's Disaster Loan Program. This program is a lifeline for homeowners and small businesses that need help picking up the pieces after disaster strikes. The SBA Disaster Loan Program helps Main Street businesses make repairs, cover operating expenses, and mitigate against future damage. It is also a critical source of relief for homeowners and renters to repair or replace damaged real estate.

This vital program has run out of money and is unable to provide assistance to over 100,000 people who have applied for help in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. This is just one of many programs that, if properly funded, will help rebuild our communities and infrastructure so people can get back to their daily lives. States cannot be left to fend for themselves. Communities cannot be left in the lurch. Infrastructure cannot remain damaged.

I hope that very soon we can come to a bipartisan solution to get a strong and comprehensive disaster package done. We have a great tradition in this Chamber of coming together to help our neighbors when disaster strikes. It is a hallmark of America that we look after each other in times of need, no matter where we live. With so many communities impacted by recent disasters and with Federal resources running low, we are called to help our fellow Americans once again.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Republican leader is recognized.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this week concluded the latest act in a familiar play on the world stage. It goes something like this:

First, Russia commits acts of aggression and pounds Ukrainian military and civilian targets with overwhelming force.

Then Western observers urge their leaders to equip Ukraine's defenders with decisive countermeasures.

Then, setting aside the fact that Russia is demonstrably more likely to escalate in the face of weakness than in strength, the Biden administration refuses, citing unsubstantiated fears of—you guessed it—escalation.

Next, precious opportunities for Ukraine to seize the advantage over Russian invaders come and go.

Then, after months of dithering, the Biden administration provides belated assistance or permission to use more advanced or longer range weapons on the battlefield.

Finally, administration officials brag to the media about the decision and pretend that it is not months—months—late.

In earlier acts of this tired production, the administration dragged out the authorization of HIMARS, fighter jets, and long-range artillery, to name just a few.

History will record hesitation, indecision, and cowardice as the hallmarks of this administration's Ukraine policy from the beginning.

This time, if recent press reports are true, Ukraine at long last has permission to use long-range American ATACMS weapons systems against military targets in Russia. Some of our colleagues might be conflicted about this development. I would ask them, would helping Taiwan or the Philippines defend themselves in the event of Chinese aggression be provocative? Was it escalatory to help equip the United Kingdom to defend itself against Nazi aggression before America's entry into World War II?

Needless to say, Ranking Member WICKER and I have urged the administration to authorize ATACMS strikes against Russia for months. Starting a full 6 months ago, so has the Speaker of the House. So has a chorus of policymakers on both sides of the aisle who understand that maximizing Ukraine's leverage over Putin's forces will be critical to the resolution of the conflict.

It is too early to tell just how much the Biden administration's needless delays have allowed Russia to move weapons they use to strike Ukraine's cities out of range of the ATACMS or let Russia's North Korean mercenaries take over. But one thing is certain: In Europe, as in Asia and the Middle East, the next Commander in Chief will inherit a world of threats made worse by the Biden administration's hesitation and half measures.

Next year, it will fall to the Republican government the American people elected this month to shore up America's position in the face of very real and directly linked threats to our interests. After 4 years of proposed net cuts to defense spending, it will fall on us to start investing seriously in the sort of hard power to contend with the coordinated efforts of Russia, Iran, North Korea, and China.

Consider just the most recent evidence of overlapping aims of the world's authoritarians. Reports this week indicate that in operations against Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon, Israeli forces have uncovered caches of modern Russian weapons—the same sort of caches on which another butcher relied further east in Syria.

Russia and Iran are strategic partners. Russia is using Iranian drones

against Ukraine. It is not a mystery how these weapons made their way into terrorist hands.

So in the wake of an administration that squandered leverage over the world's most active state sponsor of terror, tied the hands of a sovereign democracy in the face of neo-Soviet imperialism, browbeat a close ally fighting to restore its security against savage terrorists, and met the looming aggression of our greatest strategic adversary with a toothless climate diplomacy, we have our work cut out for us.

Of course, an executive branch allergy to deterrence and the exercise of hard power is not our only challenge. Even after January 20, we will still have to contend here in the Senate with efforts to weaken America's commitments to our friends and constrain the authorities that keep our adversaries on their toes.

This week, we will deal with exhibit A: resolutions from the senior Senator from Vermont to ban lethal arms sales to Israel.

I could lay out yet again why Israel deserves the time, the space, and support to restore its security and why the aftermath of the deadliest slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust requires moral clarity, but instead I would like to take the case Senator SANDERS made in the pages of the Washington Post yesterday and respond to just a few of its most outrageous assertions.

Our colleague began by characterizing Israel's response to the horrors of October 7 as "all-out war against the Palestinian people." There is indeed a side in this conflict waging all-out war, but it is not the sovereign democracy that issues evacuation warnings before striking targets, knowing the terrorist combatants will escape along with civilians. No, the side waging all-out war is the one for whom civilian casualties are the end goal—the side that butchered, raped, and kidnapped Israeli civilians and continues to use Palestinian civilians as human shields; the side that pilfers humanitarian aid intended for its own citizens. Recognizing this distinction isn't just important to the discussion; it ought to be the price of admission.

Let's take another of our colleague's effort to blame Israel's war on an "extremist government." Well, I suspect that would be news to the large shares of Israeli citizens across the political spectrum who have called for even more extensive operations against Hamas and Hezbollah, to the opposition leader who criticized IDF retaliatory strikes against Iran as not sufficiently aggressive, or to diverse members who have served in Israeli's war cabinet and made consensus decisions about the conduct of a war thrust upon them by genocidal terrorists.

How about another of his claims—that Israel is "becoming a pariah nation condemned by governments around the world." This one has a shred—a shred—of truth to it, but the hounding condemnations of the Jewish State are hardly news.

Since 2015, the United Nations has adopted 156 resolutions condemning Israel. By comparison, the Iranian regime that chants for Israel's extermination has attracted similar condemnation 8 times—156 condemnations of Israel; 8 of Iran—while the Syrian regime responsible for slaughtering its own citizens received 11 condemnations. Some might suggest these figures say more about the U.N. and the scourge of anti-Semitism worldwide than about Israel.

Frankly, if Israel is becoming "a pariah nation" specifically since October 7, it is because this attack on Jews unleashed a new wave of emboldened anti-Semitism all across the West. And I worry that my colleague's misplaced criticism only provides cover for disgusting anti-Semitism right here in our own country, most visibly on university campuses.

Our colleague, for some reason, seems to take the U.N. very seriously. He points out that "U.N. bodies have called for an end to the arms shipment fueling the conflict." Could it be that the senior Senator from Vermont wants us to get serious about Iran's pipeline of support to terrorist proxies? Guess again.

But as long as we are discussing international organizations, the best way for the U.N. to prevent "fueling conflict" would be to stop putting genocidal terrorists on its payroll. As long as I have anything to say about it, not a single taxpayer dollar will foot UNRWA's bills.

Our colleague's case is a maze of internal contradictions. Reasonable people have no need to grapple with it point by point. Those who mourn senseless human suffering should have no trouble assigning blame to the terrorists who exploit civilians, schools, hospitals, and mosques as cover. Those who seek peace should know better than to pretend we can achieve it with such savages holding power.

This week, obviously I hope the Senate will reject the Senator's resolutions outright.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PADILLA). Without objection, it is so ordered.

NDA

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I shouldn't need to tell anyone that the National Defense Authorization Act is one of the most important bills we consider each year. Issues may wax and wane in importance in Washington, but national security is—and must be—a perennial priority.

There is never a time when we can afford to put our national defense on the back burner or underfund our Nation's military. Unfortunately, that point

seems to be lost on the Democratic leader.

It has been 5 months—5 months—since the Senate Armed Services Committee passed the fiscal year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act—5 months.

We are almost 2 months into the new fiscal year, and yet once again this week, the NDAA will not be on the floor here in the Senate.

Delays to the National Defense Authorization Act are always problematic. As I said, there is no time at which we can afford to put our national security on the back burner. But delays are especially problematic at a time when our military preparedness is lagging—and America's adversaries are flexing their muscle.

In July of this year, the bipartisan Commission on the National Defense Strategy published its final report. And I just want to read a couple of lines from that report. This is from the report summary:

The Commission finds that the U.S. military lacks both the capabilities and the capacity required to be confident it can deter and prevail in combat.

Let me just repeat that. Think about that for a moment.

The Commission finds that the U.S. military lacks both the capabilities and the capacity required to be confident it can deter and prevail in combat.

That is a pretty damning statement. Elsewhere, the commission notes:

The Commission finds that, in many ways, China is outpacing the United States and has largely negated the U.S. military advantage in the Western Pacific through two decades of focused military investment. Without significant change by the United States, the balance of power will continue to shift in China's favor.

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And from the Strategic Posture Commission report in 2023:

Today the United States is on the cusp of having not one, but two nuclear peer adversaries, each with ambitions to change the international status quo, by force, if necessary: a situation which the United States did not anticipate and for which it is not prepared.

"[A] situation which the United States did not anticipate and for which it is not prepared." In other words, we have work to do—a lot of work to do.

And that work is being inhibited by the Democrat leader's decision not to prioritize the National Defense Authorization Act and defense spending bills.

And needless to say, while the Democrat leader delays, the world isn't getting any safer. China, which has grown increasingly aggressive in the Pacific, is investing heavily in its military—and is outpacing our military in modern capabilities like hypersonic missiles.

This past week alone, China unveiled a new stealth fighter jet, along with other advanced technologies.

Russia, meanwhile, continues its war of aggression in Ukraine—most recently with a massive missile attack

this weekend on Ukrainian infrastructure.

Meanwhile, in the Middle East, Hamas continues to hold hostages it seized in its attack on October 7 of last year, including Americans.

And Iran-backed proxies continue to menace both Israel and U.S. assets in the region. Iran has spent decades—decades—fomenting unrest in the Middle East, and the news that it intends to increase its military budget by a staggering 200 percent next year suggests the country has no plans to abandon its destabilizing activities.

I could go on. Each day's news is a reminder that we live in an increasingly dangerous world—and that while we never invite conflict, we have to be prepared for it.

The Democratic leader may have chosen to spend his time this year on show votes and Biden nominees. But next year, control of the Senate will be different. And I will tell my colleagues right now that in the 119th Congress, neither the NDAA nor military preparedness will be put on the back burner. Under Republican governance, providing for our Nation's defense and supporting our men and women in uniform will not only continue to be one of Congress's most important obligations, it will be treated as such.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. HELMY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to enter into a colloquy with the Senator from Alabama.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Mr. HELMY. Mr. President, our nation's youth are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis, and we need to take immediate action to address the root causes and ensure adequate access to care. I stand here today with my friend and colleague, Senator KATIE BRITT, to implore continued action to solve this crisis.

This issue is one that is personal for me, as it is for Senator BRITT. We both have young children, and so we see what they and their peers experience firsthand. There is no issue more urgent, more critical to our Nation's future than the health and safety of our next generation.

The challenges are well-known; and, frankly, the data is shocking. Over the past decade, cases of severe depression among young adults have nearly doubled. In the 2010s, suicidal behaviors among high school students increased by more than 40 percent. And since 2017, the number of youth hospitalized for anxiety has increased by 50 percent; the proportion hospitalized for self-harm has nearly doubled.

I repeat: The proportion hospitalized for self-harm has nearly doubled.

Youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 account for 15 percent of all suicides—an increase of over 50 percent since 2000. It is the second leading cause of death among our young people.

We can point to numerous stressors feeding this crisis. And I have discussed on this floor with great honor before, social media lands at the very top of that list. Social media has altered not only the way our young people interact but the very way in which they see themselves and even the way their brains develop.

Senator BRITT understands this issue and has been a leading voice in this Chamber and throughout Congress. I turn to her and thank her for her leadership.

Mrs. BRITT. Senator HELMY, thank you so much for your leadership on this important issue from day one.

Mr. President, you, yourself, have led on this issue significantly.

I think it is important for our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together and understand just how pressing America's mental health crisis really is.

I was honored when Senator HELMY came to me right after being sworn in and told me that he wanted to work together on mental health issues and social media. And that is what we are doing here today.

And all of the statistics that Senator HELMY mentioned are not only horrifying but really challenging to even wrap our head around.

The word "crisis" doesn't even begin to capture what we are up against. And while we should always be wary of pointing to just one culprit, there is one that stands out amongst the rest; and that is social media.

As a mom of two teenagers, I see firsthand—and I hear from other moms—about the effects of social media on our country's children. And at the same time, those incredibly distressing trends that Senator HELMY detailed took place, social media usage became pervasive among America's kids. And the numbers back it up.

So if you look, 54 percent of teenagers said it would be hard to give up social media. Half of all teens say that they are addicted to their phones.

That was in a 2016 survey. I can't imagine what it would say today.

And 35 percent say that they are almost constantly on YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, or Facebook.

And for those of you who can't see, we are getting some shaking heads from our pages down front.

Almost all of American teens have access to a smartphone. This near-constant use of social media platforms has consequences.

The U.S. Surgeon General wrote, this summer, that 3 hours of social media is 2 times the risk of anxiety and depression amongst our young people.

The average American teenager spends nearly 5 hours a day on social media, and it is clearly having an impact. The Department of Health and Human Services studies show almost half of adolescents say that social media makes them feel worse about their bodies.

Internal research on Instagram conducted itself showed that a third of

teenage girls who use the app report that it "made them feel worse," and they found themselves "unable to stop."

And results of studies like the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System and the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Monitoring the Future survey shows teens and tweens today get less sleep, less exercise, and less in-person time with their peers than previous generations.

It is long past time to do something about this crisis. And I would like to hand it back to Senator HELMY to talk about how this body is getting to work.

Mr. HELMY. Thank you, my friend.

The Senate, as divided as it may seem, can and has acted decisively. We have all witnessed this with the Kids Online Safety Act, led by my friends and Senators BLUMENTHAL, BLACKBURN, MARKEY, and CASSIDY, which sailed through the Senate unanimously. The bill protects both youth currently impacted by social media but also seeks to address the root causes of the danger: the addictive design of the algorithm. This decisive action shows me that this body can and will do big things together to protect our young people. This is proof that there is that hope.

And I now turn back to my colleague Senator BRITT for her leadership on yet another bipartisan bill that I hope will also pass through this Chamber.

Mrs. BRITT. Yes. And, listen, I am so glad that you brought this up before we moved to the next one. The Kids Online Safety and Privacy Act, I think, really represents the best among us. It was a true bipartisan product. It showed progress on the issue. I am proud to have been a cosponsor and working alongside the Senators that you mentioned, their leadership—BLACKBURN, BLUMENTHAL, CASSIDY, MARKEY—who were willing to step up and truly say: Look, here is a path forward, and let's build consensus and move it.

So thank you for the effort, all of them, that they put into this legislation. I wasn't surprised, like you, that it passed the Senate in overwhelming fashion because this is not a red or a blue issue. This is an American issue. And that is exactly how this must be tackled. And it is clear that this body understands that.

And I am looking forward to continuing to build more momentum, taking more steps on a bipartisan basis to move that ball even further down the field.

Senator HELMY, you are a parent, just like I am. We are raising kids in this environment. We are seeing how social media affects them. And it is really a struggle that I think unifies us in an unprecedented way.

I was proud to work along with Senator BRIAN SCHATZ and TED CRUZ and CHRIS MURPHY as we also reflected on this problem as parents.

That is why our bipartisan group introduced the Kids Off Social Media Act. It would prevent kids under 13 from

creating a social media account—something that social media companies say they do anyway, so that shouldn't be a problem. It would prohibit the use of algorithms—as the Senator mentioned these algorithms, really getting to the heart of that—it would prohibit the use of algorithms on all social media users who are under the age of 17. It would also require schools to block and filter social media on their Wi-Fi networks if they receive Federal funding.

I also worked alongside Senator AMY KLOBUCHAR, and we introduced the Youth Mental Health Research Act. It would create a national youth mental health research initiative to guide long-term mental health care efforts and better target preventive interventions for those at risk of developing mental health challenges.

These are many bipartisan pieces of legislation that are here right now. Unfortunately, we are in a place in this world where the media believes so often that it is their job to sell the news instead of to tell the news.

So, Senator HELMY, your putting this together today for us to tell of the work that is being done in this Chamber in a bipartisan way to address this issue I think is so critically important, and we must keep talking about it.

I want to mention one other piece of legislation that the Senator is a cosponsor of, and I am so grateful, and that is my work with Senator JOHN FETTERMAN.

Following the Surgeon General's calling for a warning label on social media, Senator FETTERMAN and I put our heads together to create a bill that did that and then a little bit more. Our bill, the Stop the Scroll Act, would require a warning label when people open up a social media platform—almost like a pop-up—that would also include links to mental health resources. We want to ensure that resources are at the fingertips of those who need it most.

Quickly after being sworn in, Senator HELMY joined our effort and our call to fulfill the Surgeon General's recommendation. I am thankful for Senator HELMY in joining Senator FETTERMAN's and my bill. His passion to help America's kids is truly inspiring. While he and I might not agree on every issue, at the end of the day, we both see the obvious, and that is that social media is harming our kids, and America faces a mental health crisis.

Senator HELMY, would you mind speaking about why you felt like it was so important to join Senator FETTERMAN's and my effort with the Stop the Scroll piece of legislation?

Mr. HELMY. I will, Senator BRITT, and thank you.

I just want to say that I applaud your leadership, and while I appreciate your mentioning our wanting us to come together, I would just make a point that all of the bills you have mentioned have one thing in common—not only the general thematic but that they are bipartisan. I think what that says—and

it is a tribute to your leadership, your thoughtfulness, and your doggedness on this issue—is that this Chamber reflects and recognizes that there is a serious crisis and is willing to come to hold Big Tech accountable but also make them a part of the solution in the resolution. So I applaud your leadership.

So why Stop the Scroll? I think this is also a tribute to the success of this Chamber with the Kids Online Safety Act. Senators like Senator BRITT and others were able to make the case for the issue and come up with real solutions that helped Americans understand the problem. It passed through this Chamber, and I hope it will pass through the other Chamber.

But like that bill, Stop the Scroll seeks in a bipartisan way to address issues we have heard from our great mental health and medical professionals.

Like the warning linking cigarettes to cancer and mortality, the Surgeon General issued a truly unprecedented warning last year confirming the serious risks to our youth from social media. In an effort to learn more, I reached out and spoke to him just last month, and the data and the science that I was presented and that he explained are clear. There is an urgent need to act now and raise awareness on the issues of social media use. Just like we have warning labels on cigarettes, we must also have them on social media, and that is why I was so proud to join Senator BRITT and other cosponsors to Stop the Scroll.

While I will leave the Senate in a few weeks at a time when partisan divisions may run high, when I go home, however, I will tell many doubters that despite what the partisanship is that they see on the news, there is indeed reason to be incredibly hopeful for our next generation and generations to come. This piece of bipartisan legislation is proof of that hope, as are the many other pieces of legislation that my friend Senator BRITT discussed. We must hold on to and continue fighting for a better future for all of our children.

Senator BRITT, I thank you again for your leadership here, and thank you for reaching out to me across the aisle, even before I was appointed, on this important issue.

I turn it back to you.

Mrs. BRITT. Well, to Senator HELMY, if I may say, I think Stop the Scroll is a great example of a small bill that can make a tremendous impact, and I am grateful for his support of it.

Overall, I hope what America sees today is that we have faith that we can do the right thing by America's kids. Here we are, two people quite far apart on several issues but willing to come together to address this urgent problem.

Senator HELMY, I am grateful that you came to me as soon as you were sworn in to say: Hey, how can we work on this particular issue? You hit the

ground running. I hope the people of New Jersey and America know that.

This man got to work before day one, and when he gave his address to this Chamber, his maiden speech, he said: I will tackle this issue. That is exactly what he did.

As a brandnew Senator, you immediately sprang into action, seeking out partners on both sides of the aisle to address something that you knew was critically important. You were willing to bring different opinions and a different perspective to the table in order to achieve a result.

Senator HELMY, I am proud to have worked with you on this critical topic and on so many other things during your tenure here in the U.S. Senate. It is truly an honor to have served with you, and I hope the people—the great people—of the State of New Jersey and the people of this Nation understand the leadership you have exhibited during your short tenure here and the impact you have made on colleagues like me who may sit across the aisle but who are given hope by our ability to come to the table and move important things forward.

It is an honor to serve with you, and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of this today in helping you tackle such a critical issue.

Mr. HELMY. Thank you so much for your kind words, my friend. I am honored, frankly, to be by your side—two former staffers uniting on an important issue here on the floor of the U.S. Senate. It is like “The Avengers” uniting. Working with you on this issue has been a highlight of my time here and foundational to the hope I feel being back in the institution.

I would be remiss if I didn't note the presence of a great leader of this institution, a storied Senator from Texas who is in the Chamber.

In my 100-day plan, I had vowed to spring toward progress with youth mental health, which, again, is an issue that I had seen firsthand with my own experience. In addition to speaking with the Surgeon General, I know Katie and I both spoke with key government leaders, nonprofit organizations, and youth leaders who truly told us what they were experiencing as young people and the experiences of their friends, which are vastly different than the experience I may have had as a child, growing up.

We worked across the aisle to cosponsor and lead legislation with not only Senator BRITT but with my mentor, senior Senator, and friend CORY BOOKER, and tremendous colleagues, like Senators CASEY, BUTLER, KLOBUCHAR, FETTERMAN, DURBIN, WYDEN, and COONS, to name a few.

I go back home, and I am working with these nonprofits and young activists to learn the issue better and understand both on the front and the root cause of the issues related to access to care when they do present with a problem, and what I have seen is incredible.

As a former staffer, I believe in this institution, and I believe in the U.S.

Senate. I have always believed in this country—especially now—but still there is obviously more work to do.

As I stand on this floor, asking for continued action, we need to pass Senator BRITT's and Senator FETTERMAN's Stop the Scroll Act, and their counterparts in the House should pass the Kids Online Safety Act, which, as mentioned, passed unanimously through this storied Chamber.

Finally, I note that just yesterday, I introduced a new piece of legislation—the Youth Revenue Transparency Act—to hold Big Tech accountable.

We know that technology companies are finding profit in this crisis. These companies can quantify how much their revenue is driven by minors, and they can certainly quantify how much marketing they are putting into targeting minors. We know the transparency in big corporations is critical for efficient markets, as it is critical for accountability, and I believe both investors and parents have the right to quantify this as well. They need to know how the investments and business decisions made by Big Tech are driving the youth mental health crisis. That is why, in my bill, the Youth Revenue Transparency Act, I am asking Big Tech to disclose data on the share of revenue driven by our kids and the amount they spend targeting our children with marketing.

Why, you ask, introduce legislation with just a few weeks left in this Congress? Because, as a former staffer, I believe in the role of this institution, and I believe in the role of a Senator and maybe in the role of all Americans to raise our voices for what is right—that one day these small acts will, I hope, rise to a crescendo of action and create meaningful and lasting change for this generation and the generations of Americans to come. We may start small, but we can do big things. We can hold these companies accountable for their actions and for their harm to the next generation. We can and we must.

I look forward in the coming years—maybe not in this institution but alongside the storied Senators in this Chamber—to working on this vital issue regardless of our politics, cheering you on and supporting these efforts. As John F. Kennedy powerfully said, children are the world's most valuable resource, and it is our only and best hope for the future.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, it was 2 weeks ago—I know it seems like a lifetime ago but 2 weeks ago—when folks across this country went to the polls, with some undoubtedly joining the political process for the first time, to elect Donald J. Trump as the 47th

President of the United States as well as to deliver a clear victory for Republicans in both Chambers of Congress.

I would like to extend my congratulations once again to President Trump and our colleague, Vice President JD VANCE, on their hard-fought and well-earned victory.

Congratulations, too, to my friend and colleague JOHN THUNE, who will be the next leader of the Senate Republican conference, the next majority leader, alongside the entire leadership team for the 119th Congress.

We will be seeing some new faces around here next year, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to some of them: my incoming Republican colleagues Senator McCormick from Pennsylvania, Senator Justice from West Virginia, Senator Moreno from Ohio, Senator Banks from Indiana, and Senator Curtis of Utah.

I would also like to congratulate my colleague from Texas, Senator CRUZ, on a well-deserved victory in our home State of Texas.

In the other Chamber, there are some new additions to the Texas delegation on the way: Representatives-elect Craig Goldman, who served for a long time in the statehouse, and Brandon Gill, who was elected in this last election. I look forward to working with all of these colleagues as we deliver needed solutions to the American people.

The American people said very clearly that they believed the Nation was on the wrong track. It is our job to get the Nation on the right track, and that is exactly what we intend to do. Voters made their voices heard, and the message was loud and clear: Americans are ready to turn the page on the last 4 years of failed policies.

The American people elected a trifecta of Republican leadership to address the major challenges we are facing as a nation, things like inflation, open borders, a \$35 trillion national debt, and the perception of American weakness and a lack of resolve abroad.

Families are ready for affordable groceries, gasoline, and homes once again under a Trump administration. They are certainly ready for secure borders, particularly in my State. They are ready for an end to the deadly fentanyl and human trafficking pouring across our southern border. They are ready to return to a world where our friends can trust us and our enemies fear us under President Trump.

The last 4 years under Democratic leadership have been marked by reckless spending, failed border policies, and a weak and dangerous presence on the world stage.

Texans have had to bear the brunt of historic levels of inflation not seen in 40 years. Since President Biden took office, rents have risen by more than 15 percent, the cost of groceries is up nearly 20 percent, and electricity prices have increased by nearly 25 percent. With higher interest rates, necessitated by the Federal Reserve's attempts to control inflation, Americans

are also paying more each month on their mortgages and their car payments.

But that is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the Biden-Harris administration's misguided priorities, far-left policies, and abysmal leadership. Just look at the administration's energy policies, which put the hysteria of climate activists ahead of Texans, who just want to be able to afford the gas to drive to work or to school, or consider that President Biden promised to undo the effective border policies of the Trump administration. This is one promise he has certainly delivered on, much to our chagrin.

My State has had to deal with huge influxes of migrants for a long time. This administration chose to roll out the welcome mat to people from all around the world as well as to the people who took advantage of those open borders, including the drug runners and the human traffickers and people generally up to no good—and all because they failed to enforce the laws on the books.

Under the Biden-Harris administration, Customs and Border Patrol has broken daily, monthly, and yearly records of encounters at the southern border. The history books will remember this Presidency for the open-border policies that have been simply devastating to our country. Mark my words, we will be paying the price for decades to come as a result of these disastrous policies.

Our country has been suffering from a deadly fentanyl epidemic. Fentanyl poisoning is now the leading cause of death of young people between the ages of 18 and 45. We know where it comes from. The precursors come from China, and they go to Mexico. They are combined to look like innocuous pharmaceuticals and sold to unwitting children and young people here in the United States.

The record number of unaccompanied minors who have entered the country at the southern border, only to be lost by this administration, is 500,000 unaccompanied children placed with sponsors. And largely, the administration takes the position they bear no responsibility for knowing where they are, what is happening to them, whether they are being trafficked for sex, or sold into involuntary servitude. They just don't know, and the truth is, they do not care.

This November, the American people had a choice. They knew that the next President and the next Congress would decide whether to continue down this path of economic hardship, open borders, and American weakness or turn a page. That was their choice. The American people voted not only to turn the page but to write an entirely new chapter written by Republicans in the majority.

No doubt, we have a lot of work to do, but we also have a mandate from the American people who are sick and tired of failed leadership and ready for change.

I look forward to being part of that change. And I am grateful to the Texans who continue to give me the opportunity to serve them at this pivotal time as we work to get our country back on track, as we all want it to be. I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 464, Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Laphonza R. Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Gary C. Peters, Brian Schatz.

QUORUM CALL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair now directs the clerk to call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Kasubhai cloture motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair, again, directs the clerk to call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 6]

Collins	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cornyn	Lankford	Stabenow
Duckworth	Lee	Wyden
Hassan	Padilla	
Helmy	Romney	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A quorum is not present.

The majority leader.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move that the Sergeant at Arms request the presence of absent Senators, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey, (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 41, nays 26, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 283 Ex.]

YEAS—41

Baldwin	Helmy	Peters
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Reed
Blumenthal	Kaine	Rosen
Brown	Kelly	Sanders
Cantwell	King	Schatz
Cardin	Klobuchar	Schumer
Carper	Lujan	Shaheen
Casey	Manchin	Sinema
Coons	Markey	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warren
Duckworth	Murphy	Welch
Durbin	Murray	Whitehouse
Hassan	Ossoff	Wyden
Heinrich	Padilla	

NAYS—26

Boozman	Hawley	Risch
Budd	Hoeben	Romney
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cornyn	Johnson	Schmitt
Crapo	Lankford	Thune
Daines	Lee	Tillis
Ernst	Marshall	Wicker
Graham	McConnell	Young
Grassley	Ricketts	

NOT VOTING—33

Barrasso	Fetterman	Rubio
Blackburn	Fischer	Scott (FL)
Booker	Gillibrand	Scott (SC)
Braun	Hagerty	Smith
Britt	Hirono	Stabenow
Butler	Kennedy	Sullivan
Capito	Lummis	Tester
Cassidy	Moran	Tuberville
Cotton	Mullin	Vance
Cramer	Murkowski	Warner
Cruz	Paul	Warnock

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 41, the nays are 26. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A quorum is present.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator

from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 284 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Sinema
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Lujan	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markey	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden

NAYS—43

Barrasso	Graham	Murkowski
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeben	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Capito	Johnson	Rounds
Cassidy	Kennedy	Schmitt
Collins	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lummis	Sullivan
Crapo	Marshall	Thune
Daines	McConnell	Tillis
Ernst	Moran	Tuberville
Fischer	Mullin	Wicker
		Young

NOT VOTING—6

Braun	Cruz	Rubio
Cramer	Hagerty	Vance

(Mr. HICKENLOOPER assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 43.

The motion was agreed to.

NOMINATION OF MUSTAFA TAHER KASUBHAI

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Mustafa Kasubhai to the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

Judge Kasubhai received his B.S. from the University of California, Berkeley and his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law before working as a reference librarian at the University of Oregon School of Law Library. He then entered private practice in Eugene, where he specialized in workers' compensation cases and personal injury law. From 2003 to 2007, he served on the Oregon Workers' Compensation Board, where he reviewed workers' compensation appeals of administrative law judges' final orders for work-related injury claims involving Oregon employers.

In 2007, Judge Kasubhai was appointed to the Oregon State Circuit Court in Lane County by then-Governor Theodore Kulongoski. He was reelected to a 6-year term in 2014. As a State court judge, he presided over judicial settlement conferences, appeals from administrative and municipal courts, and matters involving civil, criminal, family, and juvenile cases. Since 2018, Judge Kasubhai has served as a magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

in Eugene. During his time on the bench, he has handled a wide variety of both civil and criminal matters, and he has presided over four jury trials as a magistrate judge.

Judge Kasubhai has deep ties to Oregon and enjoys the strong support of both of his home State Senators, Mr. WYDEN and Mr. MERKLEY. The American Bar Association unanimously rated him as "well qualified" to serve on the District of Oregon, and in a letter supporting Judge Kasubhai's nomination, a former chief judge of the District of Oregon praised him as "the very soul of fairness," a tribute to his judicial temperament.

Judge Kasubhai's litigation background and his courtroom experience as an advocate, State court judge, and magistrate judge ensure that he will continue to be an asset to the district court. I am proud to support his nomination, and I urge my colleagues to join me.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:01 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. LUJÁN).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I want to ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak for up to 5 minutes before the vote on Judge Kasubhai.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATION OF MUSTAFA TAHER KASUBHAI

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, the Kasubhai nomination, which we will vote on in just a few minutes, is deeply personal to me. My parents fled the Nazis in the thirties, and not all of our family got out. We lost family at Auschwitz, at Kristallnacht, and we saw firsthand the horrors of anti-Semitism. My parents' families came to the United States, and both my parents served in our Army and vowed to fight for the rest of their lives against anti-Semitism.

When anti-Semitism came to my community again earlier this year, Judge Kasubhai drew a line in the sand against that scourge, against anti-Semitism. When a White supremacist attacked one of our synagogues, Judge Kasubhai recognized the threat when others did not, and he ordered that the anti-Semitic suspect be held in jail without bail, colleagues. Judge Kasubhai came down on the side of community safety. And, just last week, this White supremacist pled guilty to multiple counts of Federal hate crimes, and he now faces years in prison.

Mr. President, I will close with this. I believe that America and Oregon will be better and safer and stronger when Judge Kasubhai is confirmed. I urge all my colleagues to support him.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON KASUBHAI NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kasubhai nomination?

Mr. WYDEN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 285 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Sinema
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Luján	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markey	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden

NAYS—44

Barrasso	Grassley	Ricketts
Blackburn	Hawley	Risch
Boozman	Hoeben	Romney
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Budd	Johnson	Schmitt
Capito	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Collins	Lee	Sullivan
Cornyn	Lummis	Thune
Cotton	Marshall	Tillis
Crapo	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	Moran	Vance
Ernst	Mullin	Wicker
Fischer	Murkowski	Young
Graham	Paul	

NOT VOTING—5

Braun	Cruz	Rubio
Cramer	Hagerty	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WELCH). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Russell cloture nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 466, Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, Mazie Hirono, Tina Smith, Gary C. Peters, Amy Klobuchar, Raphael G. Warnock, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Mark R. Warner, Tim Kaine, Sheldon Whitehouse, Marin Heinrich, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 286 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Baldwin	Hassan	Peters
Bennet	Heinrich	Reed
Blumenthal	Helmy	Rosen
Booker	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Sinema
Cardin	King	Smith
Carper	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Luján	Tester
Coons	Markey	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
		Wyden

NAYS—45

Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Boozman	Hoeben	Risch
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Budd	Johnson	Rounds
Capito	Kennedy	Schmitt
Cassidy	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Collins	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lummis	Sullivan
Cotton	Manchin	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	Moran	Vance
Fischer	Mullin	Wicker
Graham	Murkowski	Young

NOT VOTING—5

Braun	Cruz	Rubio
Cramer	Hagerty	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 45.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, the historic comeback victory for President Donald J. Trump earlier this month was one for the ages. His overwhelming victory sent a clear message to the “uniparty” here in Washington, DC, mainstream media, globalists, and elites that Americans are fed up with the agenda that was crammed down their throats the last 4 years.

A majority of voters decided that the “America First” agenda championed by Donald Trump and JD Vance is the playbook for American greatness.

As a part of that playbook, President Trump has already put together a strong—very strong—list of qualified Cabinet members.

At Defense, he has tapped Pete Hegseth, a veteran who served two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, is Ivy League educated, businessman background—that is what we need in the Pentagon right now to restore order and our finances.

At HHS, he has assigned Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., who has singlehandedly brought attention to the many public health crises facing Americans.

He is Harvard-educated, has authored multiple books, and has a four-decade career in public health and environmental law.

And as Attorney General, he has nominated Matt Gaetz, a qualified attorney who has served in Congress for nearly a decade. Matt Gaetz has been a warrior for the Constitution on the Judiciary Committee and has exposed the weaponization of the justice system of the DOJ.

Ask yourself: Why are my Democratic colleagues, the media, and the establishment losing their minds over these highly qualified nominees? It is because of the dislike of President Trump, the “America First” agenda, and nearly 80 million Americans who voted to send him back to the White House. It is obvious. Panic has set in at the DOJ, the intelligence community, and the entire DC swamp. They are finding out—as Barack Obama said—the elections have consequences. Americans have spoken. Not only did President Trump win the electoral college in a landslide, he also is the first Republican in two decades to win the popular vote.

In addition to sending President Trump back to the White House, Americans delivered a mandate to every single Senate Republican: They want

President Trump’s “America First” agenda, and they want it now.

As a result, Senate Republicans should embrace this mandate and support every single one of President Trump’s Cabinet picks.

You would think this would be a no-brainer. Not one Democrat broke from their party in supporting Joe Biden’s nominees in 2021—not one. However, over the last few days, I have heard some of my Senate Republican colleagues express concerns about who President Trump is picking for his team.

I would expect this from my colleagues on the left, not on the right. What is surprising to me is that I am hearing grumbings from Republicans. My advice to them is to get on board or get out of the way. The American people have enthusiastically trusted President Trump and J.D. VANCE with saving our great Republic.

I am calling on my Senate Republican colleagues to listen to both the American people and the constituents in their States and support President Trump’s vision for his Cabinet.

Last time around, the Republican Senate took months to confirm President Trump’s appointments, if not years. As a result, President Trump had to govern with one hand tied behind his back because some of his Cabinet members were never confirmed.

That is completely unacceptable this time around. We need to help President Trump. We need to help him usher in a new golden age in America. Be a team player. It is time to move the ball down the field.

You know, I spent many years as a head coach at several different football programs. Whenever an organization brings on a new coach, that coach brings in his whole new staff. It is the head coach’s obligation to hire the personnel he needs to achieve his objectives for that certain program.

The old staff, by and large, usually gets fired. It is not always fun, but that is reality. I had to do it several times. In the same way President Trump was just chosen to be America’s head coach, he needs to be able to hire the assistant coaches he wants. In this case, it is his Cabinet and other important high-level personnel picks.

President Trump has faced two assassination attempts, partisan lawfare from a corrupt administration, his first campaign being spied on by the Obama administration, and baseless lies from the corporate media who tried their best—tried their best—to keep him out of the White House.

The last thing he needs is obstruction from Senate Republicans. He is a large part of why we just won the Senate and a lot of these people got re-elected.

And 76 million Americans decisively chose President Trump and his “America First” agenda—76 million. This is a record for any Republican President in our Nation’s history. Let that sink in.

This is not because of any of us. This is because of President Trump, who is

the most effective communicator and leader in modern history. It is because he is a successful businessman, not a career politician.

But now, elected Republicans are expressing frustration with his Cabinet picks. Who do Republican Senators think they represent? They are representing the voters in their States.

I remember when 20—that is right—20 Senate Republicans voted to confirm Merrick Garland for the top law enforcement spot 4 years ago for the Biden administration. That is their prerogative.

As Attorney General, Merrick Garland turned the DOJ into a weapon—a weapon—against President Donald Trump, Republicans, and law-abiding U.S. citizens.

The perversion of law that Merrick Garland embraced at the DOJ would make third-world banana republics blush.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who had no previous experience in the transportation sector, received 36—and I repeat—36 Republican votes. His qualifications for the job? His “personal love of transportation.” OK. Apparently, liking trains as a kid makes him qualified to be in the Cabinet.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who was in large part responsible for the blatant lies pushed in a letter written by 51 former intelligence officials right before the 2020 election, received 28 Republican votes in the Senate.

Secretary of Education Cardona received 14 Republican votes. Secretary Cardona supported mandatory COVID vaccines for schoolchildren of all ages. He doesn’t believe parents should have any say in their children’s education; it is up to the teachers. He has also directed his department to destroy—and I will repeat—destroy title IX and allow men to compete in women’s sports. In my opinion, that is a total disgrace. And he had 14 Republicans who voted for him here on this floor to confirm him.

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, a Green New Deal and Medicare for All career politician, received several Republican Senators’ votes.

I could go on and on and on. But I am not going to do that. Many Senate Republicans had no issue voting to confirm the Democrat nominations. And that is their prerogative—even though many were unqualified, radical, and, in some cases, completely out of their minds. I am not going to get into that. Yet many Republicans have been quick to voice concerns about the competency and qualifications of some of President Trump’s picks. It makes no sense.

I have heard concerns about nominees’ personal lives being a focus point. Need I remind my colleagues of Rachel Levine, a transgender woman, who is the Assistant Secretary of Health at the Department of Health and Human Services. Multiple Republicans voted for her. And that is their prerogative.

Or Tracy Stone-Manning, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was literally a member of an ecoterrorist organization that spiked trees with metal rods to harm lumberjacks when they cut into the tree with a chain saw. She was confirmed.

Or Sam Brinton, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Nuclear Energy, who repeatedly stole women's luggage at airports while traveling on the taxpayers' dime. I didn't hear a peep from Democrats or the mainstream media about these disastrous picks.

So let me ask my colleagues this: If Democrats won the Senate, the House, and the White House, do you think a single Democrat would be going against KAMALA HARRIS nominations? Absolutely not. Senate Democrats would green-light every single one of KAMALA HARRIS's Cabinet picks without giving it a second thought.

That is their prerogative. Democrats, they get in line. That is what they do. They did it for Biden, and they would have done it for the Harris administration. And believe me, none of her Cabinet nominees or other high-level staff would be any more credentialed, qualified, or morally upright than President Biden's picks.

To my Republican colleagues, remember that the media hates Donald Trump—I think we all admit that—and they will do anything to sink his nominees and stop his agenda. The media will do everything it can to keep America from getting back on track. The media doesn't care when extreme leftists get important roles in a Democrat administration. They don't care. The media doesn't care when establishment figures from either political party gets jobs. The media only whips into a frenzy when an "America First" candidate gets the nod. The media only pretends to care about qualifications, credentials, and character when their power is being threatened.

So I encourage my Senate colleagues to listen to the media about as much as the American people did this election: not one bit. The mainstream media has been completely discredited after this election. Treat them as such.

We need to trust that President Trump is picking the right people for the job. That is his job. We should defer to him on who he thinks is the best for each position. Of course, we should review his nominations, as the Senate always does. That is our job. But don't forget that the American people gave us a mandate—gave us a mandate. Don't lose sight of the moment and critical situation that our country is presently in.

The American people don't want us infighting about nominees. We have a lot more to do than that. They want us focused, instead, on passing President Trump's agenda.

If his nominees can't do the job down the road, along with President Trump, we will be addressing that. I promise you that. But until then, we need to

support whomever President Trump wants on his team. Senate Republicans should be thanking President Trump for helping us take back the majority here on this floor in the Senate.

We have a country to save. No more playing games. I, for one, am playing for keeps. I encourage my colleagues to think the same way. Every single one of President Trump's Cabinet nominees should be confirmed. No question. We must save the United States from a total collapse at the hands of the globalist-socialist Democrats who have run our country into the ground for the last 4 years. I have personally witnessed it right here on this floor.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Washington.

NOMINATION OF REBECCA L. PENNELL

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I was very proud to recommend Judge Rebecca Pennell to serve as a U.S. district court judge in the Eastern District of Washington, and I was honored to introduce her at her confirmation hearing, where she demonstrated her extensive legal knowledge and deep commitment to making sure equal justice is there for all who come to her courtroom. I am thrilled to rise today to strongly urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for her confirmation.

I want to emphasize—especially for my colleagues across the aisle—that, just like the other nine Federal judges we have confirmed at my recommendation, Judge Pennell has been vetted and endorsed by my State's non-partisan judicial merit selection committee. This is a committee that is made up of both Democratic and Republican legal experts.

A review of Judge Pennell's record and the many letters of recommendation that came with her nomination make it easy to see why the committee put her name forward. In letter after letter, people from different perspectives—prosecutors, law enforcement officials, judges, and many others—described Judge Pennell with the same high praise: fair, insightful, professional, prepared. In other words, she is a qualified and deserving pick to entrust with upholding our Nation's laws and protecting our citizens' rights.

I am especially pleased to say that Judge Pennell's roots in Washington State run as deep as her impressive legal knowledge. She grew up in Richland, where her father worked at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. She attended the University of Washington, returned from Stanford Law to clerk for District Court Judge Whaley in Spokane, and has been an active and respected member of our State's legal community ever since.

It is important that we have a court system that delivers justice for everyone, not just the powerful and well connected. We have to make sure every person has their rights protected and no person is above the law. That requires a judge who carefully reviews each case on its merits, shows a deep

understanding of the law and respect for everyone who appears before them, and appreciates how their decisions will affect the lives of people across Washington State. Some of the best and brightest legal minds in Washington State have made clear they think Judge Pennell is exactly that kind of judge. And having viewed her record, I completely agree and strongly urge my colleagues to join me in voting to confirm her.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF SARAH FRENCH RUSSELL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Sarah F. Russell to the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Born in Boston, MA, Russell earned her B.A., magna cum laude, at Yale College in 1998 and her J.D. at Yale Law School in 2002. After graduating from law school, Russell served as a law clerk to the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York from 2002 to 2003 and the Honorable Chester J. Straub on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals from 2003 to 2005. Russell then served as an assistant Federal public defender between 2005 and 2007 in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Connecticut. In this role, she tried five jury trials to verdict. She then served as director of the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program, lecturer in law, and associate research scholar in law at Yale Law School from 2007 to 2010.

Since 2011, Russell has taught law at the Quinnipiac University School of Law in various roles, including most recently as a professor of law and the director of the legal clinic. Russell's scholarship has primarily centered on topics related to juvenile justice.

The American Bar Association rated Russell as "well qualified," and her nomination is strongly supported by her home State Senators, Mr. BLUMENTHAL and Mr. MURPHY.

Russell is an academic and former Federal public defender whose litigation experience and deep commitment to equal justice will be an asset to the District of Connecticut.

I am proud to support her nomination.

Mrs. MURRAY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COONS. I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote occur immediately.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON RUSSELL NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Russell nomination?

Mr. COONS. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Table with 3 columns of names: Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Butler, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cortez Masto, Duckworth, Durbin, Fetterman, Gillibrand, Hassan, Heinrich, Helmy, Hickenlooper, Hirono, Kaine, Kelly, King, Klobuchar, Lujan, Markey, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Ossoff, Padilla, Peters, Reed, Rosen, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Sinema, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Van Hollen, Warner, Warnock, Warren, Welch, Whitehouse, Wyden

NAYS—44

Table with 3 columns of names: Barrasso, Blackburn, Boozman, Britt, Budd, Capito, Cassidy, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hawley, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Johnson, Kennedy, Lankford, Lee, Lummis, Manchin, Marshall, McConnell, Moran, Mullin, Murkowski, Paul, Ricketts, Risch, Romney, Rounds, Schmitt, Scott (FL), Scott (SC), Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Tuberville, Wicker, Young

NOT VOTING—6

Table with 3 columns of names: Braun, Cramer, Cruz, Hagerty, Rubio, Vance

The nomination was confirmed. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from Washington.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the cloture motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 651, Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Laphonza R. Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Gary C. Peters, and Brian Schatz.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 288 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Table with 3 columns of names: Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Butler, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cortez Masto, Duckworth, Durbin, Fetterman, Gillibrand, Hassan, Heinrich, Helmy, Hickenlooper, Hirono, Kaine, Kelly, King, Klobuchar, Lujan, Markey, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Ossoff, Padilla, Peters, Reed, Rosen, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Sinema, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Van Hollen, Warner, Warnock, Warren, Welch, Whitehouse, Wyden

NAYS—42

Table with 3 columns of names: Barrasso, Blackburn, Boozman, Britt, Budd, Capito, Cassidy, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Crapo, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hawley, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Johnson, Kennedy, Lankford, Lee, Lummis, Marshall, McConnell, Moran, Mullin, Murkowski, Paul, Ricketts, Risch, Romney, Rounds, Schmitt, Scott (FL), Scott (SC), Sullivan, Thune, Tillis, Tuberville, Young

NOT VOTING—8

Table with 3 columns of names: Braun, Cramer, Cruz, Hagerty, Manchin, Rubio, Vance, Wicker

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 42.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills, en bloc: Calendar No. 451, S. 2546; Calendar No. 452, S. 3946; Calendar No. 453, S. 4077; Calendar No. 454, H.R. 599; Calendar No. 455, H.R. 1060; Calendar No. 456, H.R. 1098; Calendar No. 458, H.R. 3608; Calendar No. 459, H.R. 3728; Calendar No. 460, H.R. 5476; Calendar No. 461, H.R. 5640; Calendar No. 462, H.R. 5712; Calendar No. 463, H.R. 5985; Calendar No. 464, H.R. 6073; Calendar No. 465, H.R. 6651; Calendar No. 466, H.R. 7192; Calendar No. 467, H.R. 7199; and Calendar No. 468, H.R. 7423.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Mr. CASSIDY. I ask unanimous consent that the bills, en bloc, be considered read a third time and passed and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills considered and passed, en bloc, are as follows:

JIM KOLBE MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 2546) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office" was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2546

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JIM KOLBE MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, shall be known and designated as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to

be a reference to the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office".

SERGEANT MAJOR BILLY D. WAUGH POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 3946) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in Bastrop, Texas, as the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office" was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3946

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SERGEANT MAJOR BILLY D. WAUGH POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in Bastrop, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office".

DIANNE FEINSTEIN POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 4077) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Dianne Feinstein Post Office" was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 4077

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DIANNE FEINSTEIN POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, shall be known and designated as the "Dianne Feinstein Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dianne Feinstein Post Office".

DOSAN AHN CHANG HO POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 599) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

DR. MARGARET B. HILL POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 1060) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the "Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CHIEF EDWARD B. GARONE POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 1098) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MAJOR MEGAN McCLUNG POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3608) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California, as the "Major Megan McClung Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CAROLINE CHANG POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 3728) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "Caroline Chang Post Office" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SUSAN C. BARNHART POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 5476) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the "Susan C. Barnhart Post Office" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SGT. WOLFGANG KYLE WENINGER POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 5640) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the "Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

TROOPER TREVOR J. CASPER POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 5712) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the "Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CHARLESETTA REECE ALLEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 5985) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the "Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER DAVID FITZGERALD POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 6073) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SERGEANT KENNETH E. MURPHY POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 6651) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in Necedah, Wisconsin, as the "Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

DR. WILLIAM I. 'BILL' KOTT POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 7192) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the "Dr. William I. 'Bill' Kott Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

COLONEL HANS CHRISTIAN HEG POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 7199) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the "Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

LUKE LETLOW POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 7423) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the "Luke Letlow Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it was not too long ago that the phrase "infrastructure week" was little more

than a punchline. Our roads and bridges were crumbling, our water systems were aging, and too many students were struggling to complete their homework assignments because they lacked access to reliable internet.

But 3 years ago, we finally came together on a bipartisan basis to agree that investing in our Nation's infrastructure is not a joke, and we did something about it. Last Friday marked 3 years since President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act—also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—into law.

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we have made historic investments in America. Since its enactment, the Biden-Harris administration has announced \$568 billion in funding for more than 66,000 projects across all 50 States, DC, the territories, and Tribes. This funding has helped repair more than 196,000 miles of road, update 11,400 bridges, replace more than 350,000 lead pipes, and create nearly 16 million jobs.

As the son of two railroad workers, an aspect of these achievements that is most exciting to me is the \$66 billion invested in rail, which is the largest investment in passenger rail since the inception of Amtrak. For Illinoisans, this is especially important because Chicago is the rail hub of North America, with more trackage radiating in more directions than any other city. And thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, our rail is becoming more efficient and reliable every day.

Senator DUCKWORTH and I have worked to make sure these historic levels of investment in transportation and infrastructure are felt in Illinois. The Biden administration invested \$18.9 billion in our State's public infrastructure—\$12.2 billion going to transportation. This also includes \$1.5 billion for clean water, including \$578 million dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement.

For Illinoisans, this has meant investments through hundreds of grant awards all across the State, investments like CTA's long-awaited red line extension project, which will bring faster, more accessible transit options to our community, create thousands of jobs, and strengthen our economy. It has meant three large grant awards for O'Hare International Airport. This is one of our Nation's largest and busiest airports, and this funding will help it update its terminals and make sure Americans can get from point A to point B safely and on time.

It has meant millions of dollars invested in improving Chicago's Union Station, one of the Nation's busiest rail stations; in finishing the Springfield Rail Improvements Project—a decade-long effort to relocate the rail corridor in our State's capital; adding new zero emissions buses to fleets across the State, including in Rock Island and Rockford; and in completing the Chicago Region Environmental Transportation Efficiency or "CRE-

ATE" program, which will untangle rail bottlenecks in the Chicago region.

It also has meant investments in improving roadways like Goshen Road down in Edwardsville and replacing outdated railcars in East St. Louis. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making America's public infrastructure more reliable and cost-efficient.

Now, there is no doubt that these historic investments serve hard-working families, strengthen our economy, and make us more competitive on the world stage. Now, some of you might say, "Well, that all sounds great, but how did we pay for all of this?"

I am happy to share that this law was paid for, in part, by a bill of mine called the REFUND Act, which requires drug manufacturers to pay a rebate to Medicare for unused and discarded medications. You see, for far too long, Big Pharma packaged expensive drugs in excessive, Costco-sized vials and made taxpayers and seniors foot the bill for leftover medication that was literally thrown in the trash. With this legislation, not only did the profiteering come to an end, we are saving seniors and taxpayers billions of dollars that helped to offset the cost of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

When Americans need to take the bus, cross a bridge, or hop on the train to get to work in the morning, when they need to catch a flight to attend a family gathering, when they need to fill a pot or glass of water or connect to the internet, they expect that our Nation's infrastructure will safely, cheaply, and reliably deliver for them.

In addition to making our infrastructure more dependable, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has already created millions of good-paying, union jobs, boosted domestic manufacturing, and grown our economy from the middle out and the bottom up in every community. In red States and blue States alike, in communities rural and urban, this law is investing in America the way Americans deserve.

REMEMBERING BARBARA T. BOWMAN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it is often said that the greatest thing a leader can do is help nurture, shape, and create the next generation of leaders. Over the course of her life, Barbara Taylor Bowman—a pioneering force in early childhood education—did just that. I am sorry that Barbara passed away on November 4 at the age of 96. I wanted to take this moment to share some details about the remarkable life she led and the tremendous legacy she leaves.

A daughter of Illinois, Barbara was born just before the Great Depression. She was raised on the South Side of Chicago, where her early life was shaped by the positive values of community and education and the unjust realities of segregation and inequity. These formative experiences would later inspire her work and lifelong dedication to educational equity.

Barbara graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 1950 and pursued a career as a preschool teacher, going on to earn her master's degree in education from the University of Chicago in 1952. By this point, her passion for bettering the lives of children through education had firmly taken root. Pursuing teaching during President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, Barbara was inspired by the creation of Head Start, a program of the Department of Health and Human Services that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, and nutrition. Shortly thereafter, in 1966, the Erikson Institute—originally founded as the Chicago School for Early Childhood Education by Barbara, child psychologist Maria Piers, social worker Lorraine Wallach, and philanthropist Irving B. Harris—was born.

Their vision for the Erikson Institute was simple: create an institution that would equip educators with the skills and knowledge to give all children an equal opportunity to succeed. Each of its founders left their own mark on the organization, but as the longest serving of its founders, Barbara not only shaped the institute's direction, she shaped its legacy. She went on to serve as its president from 1994 to 2001 and maintained a professorship at the institute, where she was the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Development. And her impact did not go unnoticed. Today, the institute's Barbara T. Bowman Professor of Child Development position is named in her honor.

But this is far from the only recognition Barbara received. She served as the Chicago Public Schools' chief early education officer, the president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and was awarded honorary degrees from Bank Street College, Dominican University, Governors State University, Roosevelt University, and Wheelock College. Though impressive, these achievements fall short of capturing the impact Barbara had on Chicago and our Nation's children. She was a force for good, and she helped mold several generations of leaders through her commitment to education and social justice.

But to Barbara, one of her most important roles was that of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. With her beloved husband James E. Bowman, she raised their daughter Valerie Jarrett. She loved her daughter, her granddaughter Laura, and her great-grandchildren more than anything.

Barbara was a fierce champion for the rights of children, a staunch advocate for the power of education, and a believer in the idea that all children should have the opportunity to discover their potential. In her professional and personal life, Barbara not only shaped a pivotal educational institution, but also the very foundations of the field. She made Illinois and our Nation better.

When graduates of the Erikson Institute cross the stage with their diploma, they are each handed a yellow rose. This tradition began in Barbara's own garden, and it continues to this day as a symbol of her care and commitment to Erikson, its graduates, and our Nation's children. When future graduates receive their yellow rose, I hope they feel Barbara's presence with them and carry her legacy forward.

Loretta and I send my deepest condolences to all of Barbara's family and friends who are mourning her passing but celebrating her amazing life.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 24-114, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$160 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-114

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Greece.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0.
Other \$160 million.
Total \$160 million.
Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: The Government of Greece has requested to buy equipment and services for follow-on support of its F-16 engines.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: engine components, parts, and accessories; aircraft engine and ground handling equipment; major and minor modifications, spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; classified and unclassified software delivery and support; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (GR-D-QBN).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: GR-D-SBD.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 14, 2024.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Greece—F-16 Engine Follow-On Support

The Government of Greece has requested to buy equipment and services for follow-on support of its F-16 engines. The following non-MDE items will be included: engine components, parts, and accessories; aircraft engine and ground handling equipment; major and minor modifications; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; classified and unclassified software delivery and support; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$160 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that continues to be a force for political and economic stability in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Greece's capability to maintain its F-16 aircraft fleet, which it operates to promote security in the Eastern Mediterranean. Greece will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be General Electric Aerospace, located in Evendale, OH. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Greece.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO § 620C(D) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163, State Department Delegation of Authority No. 293-2, and State Department Delegation of Authority 510; I hereby certify that the furnishing to Greece of equipment and services for the refurbishment of F-16 aircraft engines and related defense articles and services is consistent with the principles contained in Section 620C(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended,

regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying such notification, of which such justification constitutes a full explanation.

BONNIE D. JENKINS,
Under Secretary for Arms Control and
International Security.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I was absent for one rollcall vote on November 19, 2024. On November 19, had I been present, I would have voted yea on the Motion to Instruct the Sergeant at Arms to Request the Presence of Absentee Senators (rollcall vote No. 283).

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS J. FLYNN

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise, on behalf of myself and Senator WHITEHOUSE, to congratulate Francis J. Flynn, president of the Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals, on his upcoming retirement and to thank him for his nearly five decades of service to Rhode Island students, educators, and working families. Frank's kindness, expertise, and commitment to lifting up educators and the communities they serve have made him an indispensable resource for public servants at all levels of government across our State.

A proud graduate of Rhode Island College, Frank started his career in Cranston as a special education teacher. He served at all levels from elementary school through high school and worked to ensure that students with special needs had the supports necessary to fully participate in academics and the school community. Frank's devotion to his students and the community put him on a leadership path where he could focus his advocacy in support of students and educators. The skills and values he developed as a special education teacher—a focus on inclusion and the ability to address people's unique needs—served him well as he assumed a leadership role in the Cranston Teachers' Alliance, where he served as president for 8 years. During that time, he worked with the district to establish new teacher mentoring programs, a professional development institute, and other reforms, looking for ways to collaborate on things that were, in his words, "good for the kids and good for the district."

In 2010, Frank was elected president of the Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals, where he continued his pragmatic approach to leadership, maintaining open lines of communication and looking for areas to collaborate. His steady leadership helped Rhode Island educators navigate the once-in-a-generation pandemic, moving to online and hybrid learning and providing the extra support that students needed to stay connected to their studies and their communities.

Frank's leadership is widely recognized and valued across the labor

movement. He has served on the executive committee of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, Working Rhode Island, the Providence Central Labor Committee, and as a national vice president for the American Federation of Teachers. He was recently awarded the Dante F. Mollo Labor United Award from the United Way of Rhode Island.

We thank him for his friendship and kindness over many years and for his great inspiration. Frank always demonstrated that, even during the most contentious times, you can find ways to work collaboratively. That is a lesson that resonates during these challenging times and an example that we should follow.

We join countless other Rhode Islanders in wishing Frank a happy and healthy retirement in the company of his wife Sharon and their children and grandchildren. He has earned it.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING REPAINT STUDIOS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Repaint Studios of Hampton, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

At the beginning of 2021, Billie Asmus left her career in the agriculture industry to pursue furniture refinishing and refurbishing full-time while caring for her first child. As time went on, Billie became acutely aware of the waste and mess generated by disposable plastic paint trays and was motivated to explore sustainable alternatives that wasn't available in the market.

Billie returned to school to pursue a sustainable alternative to paint trays when she was pregnant with her second child. She entered a pitch competition and won third place for her concept: the Repaint Tray. Encouraged by the success and feedback, Billie filed the nonprovisional patent for the Repaint Tray and found a manufacturing team that helped her expand her business. She attended meetings with her newborn strapped to her chest and was committed to following through what would later be categorized as groundbreaking innovation. Later that year, Billie publicly announced the Repaint Tray at the Iowa EntreFEST pitch competition, secured third place, and earned recognition as one of Iowa's Top 10 Startups.

After winning the Lowe's Global Blue Product Pitch Competition in December 2023, Repaint Studios officially launched the Repaint Tray to the market in February 2024. In August, Repaint Studios won first place at the Pappajohn Iowa Entrepreneurial Venture Competition. The company now

sells Repaint Trays, lids, and liners worldwide through its online marketplace. Partnering with six independent retailers, as well as Lowe's and Home Depot, Repaint Studios expanded its reach and will launch in Lowe's stores nationwide, including all locations in Iowa, later this year.

After graduating from the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center at North Iowa Area Community College, Billie returned to the venture school program as a coach. In this role, she helps new entrepreneurs navigate the process and challenges of product-based manufacturing. Repaint Studios has also created a giveback program to recycle all damaged products. Billie has partnered with TerraCycle, a global leader in recycling, to ensure Repaint Studios materials are repurposed for the construction of accessible playgrounds with features for children with disabilities. Today, Repaint Studios has two community-based employees and looks forward to celebrating its third anniversary next year.

Repaint Studio's commitment to sustainability and customer service is inspiring. I want to congratulate Billie, her family, and the entire team at Repaint Studios for their dedication to innovative problem-solving and entrepreneurship. I look forward to seeing their continued success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW GREGG

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Matthew "Matty" Gregg of Nashua as October's Granite Stater of the Month. Matty ran the entire length of New Hampshire earlier this month—230 miles—to raise awareness about hunger in our state.

Matty's run was motivated by his desire to draw attention to the thousands of Granite Staters who experience food insecurity, to inspire others to help those in need, and to encourage State government leaders to evaluate what more they could do to address hunger. He raised funds for NH Hunger Solutions, which connects Granite State families with resources, and also highlighted additional organizations that address food insecurity. For instance, Matty spotlighted White Mountains Community College, which allows all students to eat for free, and the Manchester Food Collaborative, which focuses on expanding access to healthy food for everyone in Manchester while reducing food waste. Matty is also focused on ending the stigma that can sometimes be associated with seeking help, whether it is receiving free lunch at school or visiting a food bank.

Matty's 230-mile New Hampshire run took 8 days, and he made 11 stops. He was cheered on by students from local schools at his stops up and down the State—in his hometown of Nashua, 100 students from Mt. Pleasant Elementary came to his stop and even ran with him for a few minutes. Matty's run for hunger was not the first time that he has combined his love of run-

ning with his passion for making a difference. In 2018, he ran across America for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, running more than 5,245 miles and raising thousands of dollars. According to Matty, these extreme runs act like "lightning rods" to draw attention to a cause, and over the past decade, he has raised over \$600,000 for different charities. He says that the support of his family—including from his wife Alicia and his children Noah, Ethan, and Emma—makes it easier to endure the grueling distances.

Matty's dedication to ending hunger in our State is a true example of the New Hampshire spirit of taking action to address issues affecting our communities. His creativity and willingness to—literally—go the extra mile to help more people get the food that they need is why I am proud to name him Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO LINDA SARETTE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Linda Sarette of Sanbornton as November's Granite Stater of the Month. Linda has been tending the gardens at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery since 2019, ensuring that the final resting place of fallen servicemembers is a place of beauty and calm.

Linda was raised to understand the value of service. Her father served in the Coast Guard, and after his death in 2019, he was buried at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. The cemetery is a place that is deeply important to our State, where we can reflect on the brave Granite Staters who gave the words "Live Free or Die" true meaning. Linda noticed that there was no garden in the section that her father was buried in, and the staff told her that they would put one in if she would care for it—and she has been tending gardens at the cemetery ever since. Linda has been gardening for her entire life, and she uses her knowledge and skills to plant flowers, weed, and trim the hedges at the more than 100 gardens throughout the cemetery, working up to 4 days a week in the spring.

Over the years, Linda has found a family of volunteers at the cemetery. She has gotten to know many of the people that come to visit loved ones at the cemetery. Throughout the years, different people have also joined Linda in volunteering to take care of the gardens, but regardless of whether other volunteers are there, she has remained a constant presence. Linda is there on quiet days, comforting families going through a difficult time, and she is there on holidays to place wreaths and flags at each grave.

Linda's commitment to ensuring that all fallen servicemembers are shown dignity at their final resting place is a beautiful example of the Granite State spirit of showing respect toward those who serve, in life and in death. Her kindness in supporting the

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery is why I am proud to name her November's Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE PETER CAHILL

● Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Judge Peter Cahill, a public servant, former colleague, and friend who is retiring after 17 years of service on the bench of Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District Court.

Pete has spent decades serving our State. After getting his law degree from the University of Minnesota, he worked for 2 years as an assistant public defender. And prior to his appointment to the bench, he served as a prosecutor in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. I had the privilege of working with Pete for 8 years when I served as county attorney, where I witnessed firsthand his dedication to the rule of law. During most of that time, he served as my chief deputy. By the end of my second term, Pete and I understood each other so well that he almost always knew what I could think about a certain set of facts, and I could predict the same of him. But Pete never just told me what I wanted to hear; he was too honest and strong-minded to be a "yes man." I learned an important lesson from Pete: Make the right decision under the law and the facts, and then find a way to explain it to the public. Don't ever make the wrong decision just because it is easier to explain.

With Pete's devotion to doing what is right—even when it is not easy—it was no surprise when Governor Tim Pawlenty appointed him to the Fourth District Court. On the bench, Judge Cahill applied his even-handed judgment to every case over which he presided.

Quoting Seneca, Pete has said: "Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness." And whichever way he has ruled, he has presided with dignity, grace, and, yes, kindness. He has ensured that every litigant, every defendant, and every victim's voice is heard.

His unflappable devotion to the law was on full display when he presided over the 2021 trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. That case received international news coverage, but Judge Cahill didn't let that cloud his judgment. His ruling, as always, was based on the law and the facts. For that decision and countless others, he will be remembered in the history books as a beacon of fairness, a guardian of the rule of law, and a true minister of justice.

Pete, thank you for all you have done to keep our Nation's sacred promise of "Equal Justice Under Law." Minnesota is better because of you. I wish you all the best in your retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:38 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 without amendment:

S. 3126. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces, 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. 825. An act to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5536. An act to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5658. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7653. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology regarding veteran employment.

H.R. 8371. An act to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2181. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the sunset on entitlement to memorial headstones and markers for commemoration of veterans and certain individuals and to repeal the sunset on authority to bury remains of certain spouses and children in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

At 12:41 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 82. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5658. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 7653. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology regarding veteran employment; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills and joint resolutions were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the Presidential report with respect to the indebtedness of the Government of Ukraine.

H.R. 825. An act to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5536. An act to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 19, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1510. An act to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2143. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building".

S. 2274. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the "Dessie A. Bebout Post Office".

S. 3267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the "First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building".

S. 3419. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the "John Charles Traub Post Office".

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-6542. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Color Additive Certification; Increase in Fees for Certification Services" (RIN0910-A169) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6544. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2022"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6545. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6546. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3600-EM in the

State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6547. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postal Service Health Benefits Program: Additional Requirements and Clarifications" (RIN3206-A059) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6548. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6549. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-617, "Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6550. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-618, "Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6551. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-620, "Fidelity in Access to Government Communications Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6552. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-608, "Joseph P. Yeldell Plaza Designation Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6553. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-609, "Red-Backed Salamander Official State Amphibian Designation Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6554. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-610, "Pearl B. Settles Way Designation Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6555. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-613, "Cardiac Planning and Response ("CPR") Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6556. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-614, "Medical Cannabis Clarification and Program Enforcement Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6557. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6558. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United

States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6559. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Trademark Fees During Fiscal Year 2025" (RIN0651-AD65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2024; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6560. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Enable NGSO Fixed-Satellite Service (Space-to-Earth) Operations in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Band, Report and Order" ((IB Docket No. 22-273) (FCC 24-97)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6561. 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 "Establishment of the Crystal Springs of Napa Valley Viticultural Area; Modification of the Calistoga Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6562. 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 "Establishment of the Beverly, Washington Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AD00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6563. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Blueline Tilefish Fishery; 2024 Blueline Tilefish Commercial Quota Harvested" (RIN0648-XE321) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6564. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer from North Carolina to New Jersey" (RIN0648-XE310) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6565. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Adjustment to the 2024 Winter II Quota" (RIN0648-XE241) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6566. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Com-

merce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to Massachusetts" (RIN0648-XE183) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6567. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; the 2023-2025 Specifications for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BL91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6568. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; 2024-2026 Specifications for the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BM79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6569. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Spiny Dogfish Fishery; 2024 Specifications Emergency Measures" (RIN0648-XD841) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6570. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefin Fishery; Quota Transfers From New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and North Carolina" (RIN0648-XE132) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6571. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Area I, Area II, and New York Bight Scallop Access Areas to General Category Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-XE110) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6572. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to Rhode Island" (RIN0648-XE352) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6573. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic;

Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Lane Snapper Catch Limits” (RIN0648-BM98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6574. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2024 Commercial Closure of Red Snapper in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XE156) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6575. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Commercial Closure for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XE157) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6576. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2024 Red Snapper Private Angling Component Accountability Measure in Federal Waters Off Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi” (RIN0648-XD967) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6577. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pollock Fishing by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE312) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6578. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE201) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6579. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE058) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6580. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program” (RIN0648-XD758) received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6581. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD654) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6582. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD509) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6583. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD951) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6584. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Inseason Action for the 2024 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery” (RIN0648-XE279) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6585. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Inseason Action for the 2024 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery” (RIN0648-XE206) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6586. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; 2024 Specifications and Management Measures” (RIN0648-BM47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6587. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Interim Specifications and Management Measures for Pacific Sardine” (RIN0648-XE094) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6588. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Com-

merce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2024 Harvest Specifications for Pacific Whiting and 2024 Pacific Whiting Tribal Allocation” (RIN0648-BM85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6589. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modification of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #1 Through #3” (RIN0648-XE075) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6590. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 30; 2023-24 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Correcting Amendment” (RIN0648-BL48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6591. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Harpoon Category Fishery of 2024” (RIN0648-XE138) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6592. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Gulf of Maine Area Trophy Fishery for 2024” (RIN0648-XE141) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6593. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Harpoon Category Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XE051) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6594. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revised Reporting Requirements Due to Catastrophic Conditions for Federal Seafood Dealers, Individual Fishing Quota Dealers, and Charter Vessels and Headboats in Portions of Florida” (RIN0648-XE422) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6595. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Inseason Action for

the 2024 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery” (RIN0648-XE093) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6596. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; 2025 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams and Ocean Quahogs; and Suspension of Atlantic Surfclam Minimum Size Limit” (RIN0648-XE301) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6597. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inseason Action for 2023-2024 Commercial Pacific Bluefin Tuna Biennial Catch Limit in the Eastern Pacific Ocean” (RIN0648-XD342) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6598. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; 2024 Catch Sharing Plan; Inseason Action” (RIN0648-XE271) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6599. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Turbomeca, S.A.) Engines; Amendment 39-22847” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1691)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Barbara S. Buls, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Patric D. Coggin, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Jacob L. Hammons, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Daniel S. Zevitz, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Boyack, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Ricky L. Mills, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. David B. Johnson, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Eugene D. Cox, to be Major General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Christopher T. Donahue, to be General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Kevin F. Meisler and ending with Brig. Gen. Dean P. Thompson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Freddy L. Adams II and ending with Col.

Annemarie R. Wiersgalla, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert C. Fulford, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Adam L. Chalkley and ending with Brig. Gen. Jason G. Woodworth, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Mark A. Cunningham and ending with Brig. Gen. Valerie A. Jackson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Joseph A. Katz and ending with Col. David K. Winnacker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Israel David King, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Kimberly N. Tong, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Sapna Gopalasubramanian and ending with Marcus J. Theus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Air Force nomination of Eric C. Cheng, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Joseph S. Dennis, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Kim E. Winter, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Katie E. Grimley, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Keenan E. Dalrymple, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Kathryn J. Lynn, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Jonathan D. Hare, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Aaron D. Ware, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of James L. Gresham, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Juan D. Jurado, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Jason S. Hawksworth and ending with Richard Y. Yoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 18, 2024.

Army nomination of Paul K. Wyatt, Jr., to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Sun Ryu, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Raymond R. Adams III and ending with Marc W. Zelnick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nomination of Laura M. Newell, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Anthony L. Mark, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Shawn A. Vele, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Adam C. Weece, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Roshan O. Balachandran and ending with Kathryn E. Witwer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with Stephen R. Schiffman and ending with Julie A. Worthington, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with Daniel R. Beaudry and ending with Regina R. Wind, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nomination of Trent J. Elliott, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Matthew J. Morrow, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Edward Ahn and ending with Lashawna D. Waller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nomination of David P. Sensiba, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Seung H. Hong, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Frank L. Analla and ending with Randall T. Stanford, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with Linden L. Boyer III and ending with Wade W. Preston, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with William J. Benson III and ending with Samuel P. Oliver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nomination of Ian C. Mull, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Teah E. Karamath and ending with Chad K. Kawakami, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Army nomination of Joseph J. Danyeur, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Terry W. Fry, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael A. Grygar, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jason A. Quash, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Ethan M. Orwin, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Bryan M. Wierson, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of James F. Haunty, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jon R. Abel and ending with Hailey D. Ziegler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Navy nomination of Christopher K. Kim, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of John M. Connally, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Jory S. Morr, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Andrew R. DeMaio, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Conor C. Hozey, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Michael J. Klauer, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of John T. Blum, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Jane E. Shelley, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Space Force nomination of Christopher K. Jordan, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Space Force nomination of Paul Blocker III, to be Major.

Space Force nominations beginning with Alexander L. Hansen and ending with Dakota J. Sawyer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Ms. ROSEN:

S. 5342. A bill to provide for the disposition of proceeds from sales of Bureau of Land Management land and National Forest System land in Washoe County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 5343. A bill to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 5344. A bill to provide for international protection of digital freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 5345. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 5346. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a minimum Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allotment for States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 5347. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct a study and prepare a report on the exposure of the United States to the financial sector of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 5348. A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to include as an additional right or privilege of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (and their beneficiaries) certain leave provided under title 10, United States Code to commissioned officers of the Army (or their beneficiaries); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 117. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the Presidential report with respect to the indebtedness of the Government of Ukraine; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 895. A resolution recognizing the second commemoration of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19-20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. SMITH):

S. Res. 896. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on November 11, 2024, as "National School Psychology Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. FISCHER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELMY, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 897. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 898. A resolution recognizing the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children on its 40th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 899. A resolution designating November 2024 as "American Diabetes Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 900. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Baez; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 719

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a precision agriculture loan program, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs, and for other purposes.

S. 1004

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1004, a bill to amend the Higher Edu-

cation Act of 1965 to eliminate origination fees on Federal Direct loans.

S. 1024

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1024, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement a comprehensive program to promote student access to defibrillation in public elementary schools and secondary schools.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend the Peace Corps Act by reauthorizing the Peace Corps, providing better support for current, returning, and former volunteers, and for other purposes.

S. 1558

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1558, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 1855

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1855, a bill to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

S. 2181

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the sunset on entitlement to memorial headstones and

markers for commemoration of veterans and certain individuals and to repeal the sunset on authority to bury remains of certain spouses and children in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 3308

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3308, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the number of local wage areas allowable within a General Schedule pay locality.

S. 3746

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3746, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program, and for other purposes.

S. 4141

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4141, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, and for other purposes.

S. 4243

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4243, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

S. 4251

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4251, a bill to establish a payment program for unexpected loss of markets and revenues to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses due to major disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 4510

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4510, a bill to amend the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 to delay implementation of the inclusion of oral-only ESRD-related drugs in the Medicare ESRD prospective payment system.

S. 4583

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

4583, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue priority review vouchers to encourage treatments for rare pediatric diseases.

S. 5031

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5031, a bill to promote a 21st century artificial intelligence workforce and to authorize the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to increase access to prekindergarten through grade 12 emerging and advanced technology education and upskill workers in the technology of the future.

S. 5074

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5074, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide to Congress quarterly briefings on budgetary shortfalls of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to prohibit the provision of bonuses to Department of Veterans Affairs employees in Senior Executive Service positions in fiscal years with budgetary shortfalls, and for other purposes.

S. 5076

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5076, a bill to require periodic updates to the comprehensive strategy to promote Internet freedom and access to information in Iran, to authorize grants to support and develop programs in Iran that promote or expand an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure internet, and for other purposes.

S. 5095

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5095, a bill to counter efforts to recognize or normalize relations with any Government of Syria that is led by Bashar al-Assad, and for other purposes.

S. 5174

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5174, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the criteria by which fiduciary responsibility is exercised in protecting shareholder rights.

S. 5213

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 5213, a bill to amend the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 to require labor organizations to make certain disclosures to its members, and for other purposes.

S. 5236

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 5236, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to enhance financial support for rural and safety net hospitals providing maternity, labor, and delivery services to vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 599, a resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 895—RECOGNIZING THE SECOND COMMEMORATION OF THE ANTI-LGBTQ+ ATTACK THAT OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 19-20, 2022, AT CLUB Q, AN LGBTQ+ BAR IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 895

Whereas, on November 19-20, 2022, a mass shooting took place at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado;

Whereas 5 innocent victims were killed, 17 community members were injured by gunshot wounds, and 32 other community members sustained injuries, including mental and emotional trauma from witnessing this violent event;

Whereas the 5 innocent victims killed in the shooting were—

- (1) Raymond Green Vance;
- (2) Ashley Paugh;
- (3) Daniel Aston;
- (4) Kelly Loving; and
- (5) Derrick Rump;

Whereas the State of Colorado came together for medical and funeral expenses for those affected by the shooting;

Whereas, at the time of the mass shooting, Club Q was a dedicated LGBTQ+ safe space in Colorado Springs, Colorado;

Whereas the shooting brought further trauma and a feeling of loss of safety and security to members of the LGBTQ+ community;

Whereas the perpetrator of the attack had a history of homicidal behavior and hatefully targeted the individuals at Club Q because of their affiliation with the LGBTQ+ community;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2022, there were more than 48,000 firearm-related deaths in the United States, of which 40 percent were firearm homicides, according to provisional mortality data;

Whereas transgender people are over 4 times more likely than the broader public to experience violent victimization, including rape, sexual assault, and aggravated or simple assault;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation compiled reports of 622 anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes in 2022;

Whereas violence against LGBTQ+ people of the United States remains an evil and destructive form of identity-based hate that destroys lives and runs contrary to the values of the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States commend the club patrons Richard M. Fierro, Drea Norman, and Petty Officer Thomas James, whose bravery in disarming the perpetrator undoubtedly saved countless lives;

Whereas the people of the United States commend the service of the Colorado Springs Police Department that responded to and investigated the shooting and the prosecution team from the District Attorney's Office of Colorado's Fourth Judicial District that worked to bring the perpetrator to justice;

Whereas Club Q plans to reopen at a new location, and local community organizations, the city of Colorado Springs, survivors, and victims' families are working together to establish a plan for a public memorial; and

Whereas the LGBTQ+ community of Colorado Springs, local social service organizations, and clinical partners are collaborating to open a new resource center to provide long term support for those impacted by the attack on Club Q, and the greater LGBTQ+ community; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 2 year remembrance of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

(2) expresses continued solidarity and support to the survivors of the Club Q shooting, the Colorado Springs LGBTQ+ community in the wake of this attack, and the families, friends, and loved ones affected by the tragedy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 896—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 11, 2024, AS “NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK”

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 896

Whereas all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that meets their individual needs;

Whereas schools can more effectively ensure that all students are ready and able to learn if schools meet all the needs of each student;

Whereas learning and development are directly linked to the mental health of children, and a supportive learning environment is an optimal place to promote mental health;

Whereas sound psychological principles are critical to proper instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention and early intervention, and support for a culturally diverse student population;

Whereas school psychologists are specially trained to deliver academic support and mental health services that lower barriers to learning and allow teachers to teach more effectively;

Whereas school psychologists facilitate collaboration that helps parents and educators to identify and reduce risk factors, promote protective factors, create safe schools, and access community resources;

Whereas school psychologists are trained to assess barriers to learning, utilize data-based decisionmaking, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability;

Whereas State educational agencies and other State entities credential more than

44,000 school psychologists who practice in schools in the United States as key professionals that promote the learning and mental health of all children;

Whereas professional organizations, such as the National Association of School Psychologists and the American Psychological Association, help establish standards for the training and practice of school psychologists;

Whereas the people of the United States should recognize the vital role school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of children in the United States; and

Whereas the week beginning on November 11, 2024, would be an appropriate week to designate as “National School Psychology Week”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week beginning on November 11, 2024, as “National School Psychology Week”;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions of school psychologists to the success of students in schools across the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the vital role school psychologists play in schools, in the community, and in helping students develop into successful and productive members of society.

SENATE RESOLUTION 897—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE HERITAGES AND CULTURES OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELMY, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 897

Whereas, from November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024, the United States celebrates National Native American Heritage Month;

Whereas National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States;

Whereas Native Americans are descendants of the original, Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census estimates that—

(1) in 2020, there were 9,666,058 individuals of American Indian and Alaska Native descent in the United States; and

(2) in 2020, there were 680,442 individuals of Native Hawaiian descent in the United States;

Whereas Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community;

Whereas Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations;

Whereas Native Americans speak and write in their Indigenous languages, which have influenced and contributed in a variety of ways to the United States, including the naming of places and sites throughout the United States;

Whereas Congress has consistently reaffirmed support for self-governance and self-determination policies for Native American communities and the commitment of the United States to improving the lives of all Native Americans;

Whereas the United States is committed to—

(1) strengthening the government-to-government relationship with Indian Tribes; and

(2) upholding the Federal trust responsibility to Native American communities;

Whereas Congress has recognized the contributions of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the influence of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on the Founding Fathers in the drafting of the Constitution of the United States with the concepts of—

(1) freedom of speech;

(2) the separation of governmental powers; and

(3) the system of checks and balances between the branches of government;

Whereas, with the enactment of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–33; 123 Stat. 1922), Congress—

(1) reaffirmed the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Native American governments; and

(2) recognized the important contributions of Native Americans to the culture of the United States;

Whereas Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the world in many fields, including agriculture, environmental stewardship, wayfinding, medicine, music, dance, language, and art;

Whereas contemporary applications of traditional knowledge systems of Native Americans have expanded scientific, environmental, and intercultural understanding;

Whereas Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars;

Whereas Native Americans have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States for centuries and have the highest per capita involvement of any population currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the United States has recognized the contribution of the Native American code talkers in World War I and World War II, who used Indigenous languages to communicate an unbreakable military code, saving countless lives in both conflicts; and

Whereas the people of the United States have reason to honor the great achievements and contributions of Native Americans and their ancestors; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the month of November 2024 as “National Native American Heritage Month”;

(2) recognizes the Friday after Thanksgiving as “Native American Heritage Day” in accordance with section 2(10) of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–33; 123 Stat. 1923); and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 898—RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 898

Whereas 40 years ago John and Revé Walsh, along with other advocates for children, founded the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, whose mission is to serve as the leading nonprofit organization in the United States to help locate missing children and combat child sexual exploitation;

Whereas John and Revé Walsh's son Adam was tragically murdered following an unconscionable abduction, leading them to a lifetime of advocacy on behalf of missing and exploited children;

Whereas, as a result of the tireless advocacy of the Walshes and countless others, in 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children was established to serve as the clearinghouse for information relating to missing and exploited children in the United States and as a resource for parents, children, and law enforcement;

Whereas, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Missing Children's Assistance Act (34 U.S.C. 11291 et seq.), establishing a national resource center and clearinghouse for missing children, a role that the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children was designated to fulfill;

Whereas the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, in coordination with Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies, provides a critical response to help in locating missing children, responds to reports of child sexual exploitation, and distributes posters of missing children to the public;

Whereas, over the last 40 years, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has assisted law enforcement in the recovery of over 448,000 children and has received 200,000,000 reports relating to suspected child sexual exploitation;

Whereas, since its founding, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has received more than 5,600,000 calls to its 24-hour call center;

Whereas, following an increase in reports relating to the online sexual exploitation of children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children established its CyberTipline, which provides an online mechanism for members of the public and electronic service providers to report incidents of suspected online sexual exploitation;

Whereas, since its inception in 1998, the CyberTipline has received 200,000,000 reports of child sexual exploitation, which the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reviews and makes available to international, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, including the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, for their review and handling;

Whereas, in 2023, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children launched its "Take It Down" tool, a groundbreaking program that helps victims of online child sexual exploitation remove from the internet nude or sexually explicit photos and videos taken of them while under the age of 18;

Whereas, with the passage of the Missing Children's Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2023 (Public Law 118-65; 138 Stat. 1439), on June 17, 2024, the National Center for Missing

& Exploited Children was reauthorized to perform 16 programs of work, including—

(1) helping to locate and recover missing children;

(2) responding to reports of child sexual exploitation and working to identify children depicted in sexually abusive imagery;

(3) conducting analytical services, including on child sex trafficking cases;

(4) offering community safety education for child-serving professionals; and

(5) providing family crisis and mental health assistance; and

Whereas, for over 40 years, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has been essential to combating the sexual exploitation of children in the United States and has served as a critical resource to children, parents, and law enforcement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children on the 40th anniversary of its founding;

(2) commends the tremendous work that the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children undertakes to assist and protect children in the United States;

(3) supports the continued mission of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization; and

(4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

SENATE RESOLUTION 899—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2024 AS "AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH"

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 899

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—

(1) an estimated 38,400,000 individuals in the United States have diabetes; and

(2) an estimated 97,600,000 individuals in the United States who are 18 years of age or older have prediabetes;

Whereas diabetes is a serious chronic condition that affects individuals of every age, race, ethnicity, and income level;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that—

(1) Hispanic, Black, Asian, American Indian, and Alaska Native adults in the United States are disproportionately affected by diabetes and develop the disease at much higher rates than the general population of the United States; and

(2) an estimated 23 percent of individuals with diabetes in the United States have not yet been diagnosed with the disease;

Whereas, in the United States, an estimated 11.6 percent of the population, including 29.2 percent of individuals who are 65 years of age or older, have diabetes;

Whereas, of the approximately 18,600,000 veterans in the United States, nearly 1 in 4 are receiving care for diabetes from the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas the risk of developing type 2 diabetes at some point in life is 40 percent for adults in the United States;

Whereas, according to the American Diabetes Association—

(1) in 2022, the estimated direct and indirect medical costs in the United States for cases of diagnosed diabetes was \$412,900,000,000; and

(2) as insulin prices remain high for some patients, 1 in 4 individuals using insulin report reducing use due to insulin cost;

Whereas the American Diabetes Association reports that, in 2022, care for individuals with diagnosed diabetes accounted for 1 in 4 health care dollars in the United States;

Whereas medical costs are estimated to be 2.6 times higher for individuals in the United States with diabetes than those without diabetes;

Whereas, as of November 2024, a cure for diabetes does not exist;

Whereas there are successful means to reduce the incidence, and delay the onset, of type 2 diabetes;

Whereas, with proper management and treatment, individuals with diabetes live healthy and productive lives; and

Whereas individuals in the United States celebrate American Diabetes Month in November: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 2024 as "American Diabetes Month"; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, including—

(A) encouraging individuals in the United States to fight diabetes through public awareness of prevention and treatment options;

(B) enhancing diabetes education;

(C) recognizing the importance of awareness and early detection, including awareness of symptoms and risk factors such as—

(i) being—

(I) older than 45 years of age; or

(II) overweight; and

(ii) having—

(I) a particular racial and ethnic background;

(II) a low level of physical activity;

(III) high blood pressure;

(IV) a family history of diabetes; or

(V) a history of diabetes during pregnancy;

(D) supporting a decrease in the prevalence of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes in the United States through research, treatment, and prevention; and

(E) recognizing the importance of addressing barriers to health care that—

(i) leave many communities at a heightened risk for diabetes; and

(ii) limit access to health care resources that are needed to effectively prevent the onset, and to manage the condition, of diabetes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 900—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. BAEZ

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 900

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Baez*, Cr. No. 21-507, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former officers and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under

the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to provide relevant testimony in the case of *United States v. Baez*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Schwager, and any current or former officer or employee of the Secretary's office, in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3303. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 872, recognizing the life and the death of Daniel J. Evans, former Senator for the State of Washington.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3303. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 872, recognizing the life and death of Daniel J. Evans, former Senator for the State of Washington; as follows:

In the eighth whereas clause of the preamble, strike "3 terms" and insert "3 consecutive terms".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have six requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in open and closed session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:15 p.m.

THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT EMERGENCIES ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 441, H.R. 6249.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6249) to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. SCHUMER. I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6249) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

BOLSTERING ECOSYSTEMS AGAINST COASTAL HARM ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 546, H.R. 5490.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5490) to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. SCHUMER. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the bill, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 5490) was passed.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WORKING DOG COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 807 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 807) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 807) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NO STOLEN TRADEMARKS HONORED IN AMERICA ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1505 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1505) to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1505) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AS "SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,

and Pensions be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 861.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 861) expressing support for the designation of September 2024 as "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month" in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 861) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 25, 2024, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND THE DEATH OF DANIEL J. EVANS, FORMER SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 872.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 872) recognizing the life and the death of Daniel J. Evans, former Senator for the State of Washington.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the Murray amendment at the desk to the preamble be agreed to; that the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 872) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3303) to the preamble was considered and agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

In the eighth whereas clause of the preamble, strike "3 terms" and insert "3 consecutive terms".

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 872

Whereas Daniel "Dan" Evans was born in Seattle, Washington, in 1925;

Whereas Dan Evans graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle in 1943;

Whereas Dan Evans enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943, and served a 3-year tour of duty as an ensign aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific during World War II;

Whereas, after World War II, Dan Evans earned a bachelor of science degree and a master of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Washington and worked as a civil engineer in Seattle;

Whereas, in 1951, Dan Evans was recalled to the United States Navy for the Korean War, where he served as an operations officer on a destroyer with the rank of lieutenant and later as an aide to Admiral William K. Mendenhall during peace negotiations at Panmunjon;

Whereas Dan Evans married the late Nancy Bell Evans of Spokane, Washington, in 1959 and is survived by three sons, Daniel Jr., Mark, and Bruce;

Whereas Dan Evans was first elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in 1956 and served as the Republican floor leader from 1961 to 1964;

Whereas Dan Evans was first elected Governor of the State of Washington in 1964 and became the first person in Washington State history to serve 3 consecutive terms as Governor, winning reelection in 1968 and 1972;

Whereas Dan Evans served as Chair of the National Governors Association from 1973 to 1974;

Whereas Dan Evans served as the President of Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, from 1977 to 1983;

Whereas Dan Evans served as the first Chair of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council from 1981 to 1983;

Whereas, in 1983, Governor John Spellman appointed Dan Evans to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of former Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson of Washington;

Whereas Dan Evans was elected to the Senate in a special election in 1983, and served as the Senator from Washington from 1983 to 1989;

Whereas Dan Evans served as Vice-Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate from 1987 to 1989;

Whereas, in 1993, Governor Mike Lowry appointed Dan Evans to the Board of Regents of the University of Washington;

Whereas Dan Evans served as the President of the Board of Regents of the University of Washington from 1996 to 1997;

Whereas, in 1999, the University of Washington Graduate School of Public Affairs was renamed the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance; and

Whereas, in 2017, the Olympic Wilderness in Olympic National Park was renamed the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Daniel J. Evans, former member of the Senate;

(2) the Senate will communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased; and

(3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Daniel J. Evans.

BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 875.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 875) designating September 21, 2024, through September 29, 2024, as "Blue Star Welcome Week".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 875) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 25, 2024, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions: S. Res. 896, S. Res. 897, S. Res. 898, S. Res. 899, and S. Res. 900.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, in this criminal case pending in Federal district court in the District of Columbia and arising out of the events of January 6, 2021, the prosecution has requested testimony from a Senate witness.

In this case, brought against Stephanie Baez, trial is expected to commence on December 3, 2024, and the prosecution has requested testimony from Daniel Schwager, formerly counsel to the Secretary of the Senate, concerning his knowledge and observations of the process, including use of the electoral ballots and other documents during the proceeding, and constitutional and legal bases for Congress's counting of the Electoral College votes. Senate Secretary Berry would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant testimony in this trial from Mr. Schwager.

In keeping with the rules and practices of the Senate, this resolution would authorize the production of relevant testimony from Mr. Schwager, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 872 until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Pennell nomination postcloture; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, all time on the Pennell nomination be considered expired at 11 a.m.; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Ali nomination and upon disposition of the nomination, notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate proceed to legislative session and Senator SANDERS or his designee be recog-

nized to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 111 from the Foreign Relations Committee; that there be up 2 hours for debate, equally divided between opponents and proponents, on the motion to discharge and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote in relation to the motion to discharge; further, that if the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 111 is not agreed to, Senator SANDERS or his designee be recognized to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 113 and that if the motion is made, the Senate vote in relation to the motion to discharge; further, that if the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 113 is not agreed to, Senator SANDERS or his designee be recognized to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 115 and that if the motion is made, the Senate vote in relation to the motion to discharge; that there be up to 2 minutes for debate, equally divided, prior to each vote with respect to a motion to discharge; further, that if the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 115 is not agreed to and if the requisite 16 signatures have been filed at the desk, Senator PAUL or his designee be recognized to make a motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 117; that there be up to 1 hour for debate, equally divided, on the motion and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote in relation to the mo-

tion to proceed; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, under the previous order and pursuant to S. Res. 872, as a further mark of respect to the late Daniel J. Evans, former Senator from Washington, the Senate, at 7:40 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate: November 19, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

MUSTAFA TAHER KASUBHAI, OF OREGON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON.

SARAH FRENCH RUSSELL, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT.