

General Richardson has excelled in numerous other leadership positions in the Air Force, most recently as the Director, Air Force Senate Liaison. In the Russell Senate Office Building and around the globe, General Richardson facilitated communications between the Chamber and the Department of the Air Force in establishing the U.S. Space Force. He supported the Department of the Air Force in twice gaining confirmation of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

General Richardson and his team twice supported successful legislation of the National Defense Authorization Act despite challenges resulting from the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic and heightened security on Capitol Hill. His team facilitated 200 congressional engagements with Air Force and Space Force senior leaders to include seven Air Force Caucus events and the establishment of our new Space Force Caucus. Furthermore, his team escorted congressional delegations for more than 84 Members of Congress on visits both stateside and abroad to include our annual trip to the Ronald Reagan National Defense Forum.

Next month, General Richardson departs Washington for Scott Air Force Base, IL, to serve as the deputy director of the greatest airlift, aerial refueling, and aeromedical evacuation logistical force in the world. This Chamber will feel General Richardson's absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to General Richardson for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support of the missions of the U.S. Air Force and especially recognize his patient and supportive family, Mrs. Melissa Richardson, their daughter Megan, her husband Air Force SSgt Nathan Brock, along with the rest of his children; Katie, Garrett, and Gage. I wish this Air Force family safe travels and endless gratitude for their dedicated service to our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. HEBER SIMMONS, JR.

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists, AAPD, last month named Dr. Heber Simmons, Jr., of Jackson, MS, as its 2021 Pediatric Dentist of the Year. I commend him for his decades of service and for the significant contributions he has made to the dental profession. His lifetime commitment to the specialty of pediatric dentistry has helped advance children's health in Mississippi and around the country. Dr. Simmons' many years of clinical practice, his dedication to improving academic dentistry, and his passion for public policy make him a deserving recipient of the Pediatric Dentist of the Year honor.

Dr. Simmons received his dental degree from the University of Tennessee and completed his pediatric dentistry training there after serving our Nation for 3 years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. Following his training and military service, Dr. Simmons practiced for 57 years in Jackson before retiring recently from active practice. His passion and dedication have made him a national leader in dentistry, proven by his past presidencies of the AAPD, the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the Mississippi Dental Association. Furthermore, he received the AAPD Distinguished Service Award in 1994 and the Ann Page Griffin Humanitarian Award in 2011. For many years, he served on the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association, ADA, serving as a spokesperson for the ADA from 1981 to 2019. In this role, he was featured on nationally televised programs such as "60 Minutes" and "Good Morning, America."

Dr. Simmons currently serves as a special consultant to the AAPD Board of Trustees after serving as the academy's congressional liaison since 1997. As AAPD Congressional Liaison, he helped educate Members of Congress and their staffs concerning oral health issues for children, testified before Congress, and served in a key leadership role in AAPD advocacy efforts. This includes helping to allocate more than \$158 million for pediatric dentistry to the title VII program at the Health Resources and Services Administration. For this work, Heber was awarded an AAPD Presidential Citation in 2001, and more recently, his alma mater, the College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, recreated an endowed professorship in his name. Last year, at the AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference, Dr. Simmons was the keynote speaker and received another Presidential citation in recognition of and appreciation for his tireless and dedicated national advocacy for his profession and the oral health of America's children.

I commend Dr. Heber Simmons, Jr., for his many accomplishments and well-deserved recognition of his advocacy, dedication, and leadership. My State is fortunate to have him as a leader focused on the health and wellness of all Mississippians. I congratulate him on being recognized for his many years of service by being named the 2021 Pediatric Dentist of the Year. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT ON MAY 27, 2021

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED ON MAY 27, 2021

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received on May 27, 2021 are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS ON MAY 28, 2021

SA 2110. Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 409, to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is established in the Treasury a separate account (referred to in this section as the "account"), the amounts in which shall be available for the sole purposes of—

(1) carrying out the activities described in section 23(g)(2)(B) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(g)(2)(B)) (referred to in this section as "customer education initiatives"); and

(2) funding the administrative, programmatic, and personnel expenses of the Whistleblower Office and the Office of Customer Education and Outreach of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (referred to in this section as the "Commission") in carrying out section 23 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26) (referred to in this section as "non-awards expenses").

(b) TRANSFERS FROM FUND INTO ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission shall transfer up to \$10,000,000 from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Customer Protection Fund established under section 23(g)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(g)(1)) (referred to in this section as the "Fund") into the account.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts transferred under paragraph (1) shall be available for obligation without further appropriation and remain available until October 1, 2022.

(3) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Amounts remaining in the account that are unobligated on October 1, 2022, shall be returned to the Fund.

(c) REQUIREMENT FOR OBLIGATIONS.—The Commission may make obligations from the account only when the unobligated balance of the Fund is insufficient to pay non-awards expenses and expenses for customer education initiatives due to awards that the Commission has ordered under section 23(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(b)).

(d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Commission shall include in each report required under section 23(g)(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(g)(5)) the same information with respect to the account as the Commission includes in the report with respect to the Fund, to the extent the information is relevant to the account.

SA 2111. Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 409, to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2523. An act to amend the American Rescue Plan of 2021 to improve the COVID-19 Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance program, to make certain technical corrections to the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Treasury, vice Brian McGuire, resigned.

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-1107. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "C10-23 Alkyl Group-containing Alkali-Soluble Acrylic Emulsion Polymer; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10023-33-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1108. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act Disclosure" (RIN3235-AM84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1109. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Final Rule amending the OFAC Narcotics Trafficking Sanctions Regulations, and Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 536 and 598) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1110. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Plans; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; Western Nevada County, California" (FRL No. 10022-39-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1111. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Logan, Utah-Idaho PM2.5 Redesignation to Attainment, Maintenance Plan, and Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 10023-84-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1112. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Nebraska; Revisions to Title 115 of the Nebraska Administrative Code; Rules of Practice and Procedure" (FRL No. 10023-93-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1113. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ID: Logan Utah-Idaho PM2.5 Redesignation to Attainment and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 10023-66-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1114. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2021 Season" (RIN1018-BF08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1115. A communication from the Acting Director, Human Resources Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1116. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taxation of Dependent Care Benefits Available Pursuant to an Extended Claims Period or Carryover" (Notice 2021-26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1117. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; COVID-

19 Vaccine Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs-IID) Residents, Clients, and Staff" (RIN0938-AU57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1118. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1119. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" (RIN1505-AC77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1120. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coal Workers' Surveillance Program; Autopsy Payment" (RIN0920-AA68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1121. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1122. A communication from the Executive Director, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations" (RIN3219-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1123. A communication from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Immigrants and Non-Immigrants in the United States; Delay of Effective and Transition Dates" (RIN1205-AC00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1124. A communication from the Yeoman Second Class Petty Officer, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0133) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1958. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education programs;