

company in the early 1990s, the owners decided to sell their business to Dairy Queen, leaving 12 independent franchises remaining. Despite this drastic change within the company, Steve and his family wanted to continue the Druther's tradition and keep their independent restaurant open. Having now worked at Druther's for over 45 years, Steve McCarty is the embodiment of dedication and persistence as he works day in and day out to preserve the Druther's story.

To this day, Steve will have restaurant-goers come and visit Druther's from all over the country, seeking a taste of the classic food they once cherished. Druther's has maintained the same menu ever since its installation in 1970, only adding additional items to create a wider selection for customers. Throughout its operation, Druther's has always been and continues to be a shining example of what makes a great restaurant: tasty food, excellent service, and an unspoken familiarity among staff and customers. Along with its excellent food and atmosphere, Druther's is committed to giving back to the people of Campbellsville and the surrounding areas. Steve and his team have been a part of several charitable initiatives, including donating to the Toys for Tots program, sending food to Taylor County High School in Campbellsville, and providing free hot meals to all Taylor County residents affected by tornadoes in December of 2021.

Druther's continues to provide a sense of joyful nostalgia that their loyal customers love. The restaurant's devotion to keeping the magic of the brand alive is evident among their staff, as Steve works alongside several employees who have been there for over a decade—a testament to both Steve as a business owner and to the wonderful work environment he has cultivated since Druther's founding.

The old-fashioned and welcoming nature of Druther's makes it the perfect time-capsule for Kentuckians to re-live cherished memories of days gone by. Druther's unwavering commitment to high quality and service is the reason why people from all over the country are willing to travel hundreds of miles to enjoy their delicious food. This restaurant demonstrates the important role small businesses play within a tightknit community, providing joy and support to their friends and neighbors alike. Congratulations to Steve and the entire Druther's team. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO KIRK MILLER

● Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I would like to share a few words today to honor an outstanding Montana educator who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Kirk Miller has dedicated his career to bettering the lives of the next generation of Montanans. Over the years,

Kirk served as a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent before being appointed to the Montana Board of Public Education where he later served as chair. As Bozeman schools superintendent, Kirk played a key role in improving infrastructure for students for years to come. He championed numerous successful initiatives that strengthened public education in the region and served as a template for other communities to follow.

At the end of this year, Kirk will be retiring from his most recent position as executive director of the School Administrators of Montana, where he has worked tirelessly to support administrators and educators across the State. Those who have been lucky enough to work with Kirk recognize that he has a knack for connecting with people, even those who have different views than his own. And his passion for public education shines through in everything he does.

Under Kirk's leadership, the School Administrators of Montana established the Leaders Professional Learning Program, or SAM LPLP, a mentorship program that brings administrators from across the State together to receive student-focused, solution-based professional development training. The SAM LPLP has served more than 500 administrators to date.

As a former public school teacher I commend Kirk for his steadfast commitment to improving our school system from the top down. In addition to his work, Kirk has a lot to be proud of—in particular, the wonderful family he has built with his wife of 42 years, Nan. A lifelong educator and a dear friend to many, Kirk has shown through his kindness and work ethic that he is truly dedicated to bettering the lives of the next generation of Montanans. Thank you for your service, Kirk; our Montana schools are better because of you.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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 today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 1 of the Library of Congress Trust Fund

Board Act (2 U.S.C. 154), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term, to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Ms. Iris Weinshall of Brooklyn, New York.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1215. An act to establish an office within the Federal Trade Commission and an outside advisory group to prevent fraud targeting seniors and to direct the Commission to include additional information in an annual report to Congress on fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1620. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3005. An act to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the United States Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 8. An act to require a background check for every firearm sale.

H.R. 1446. An act to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.

H.R. 3807. An act to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3967. An act to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6833. An act to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish requirements with respect to cost-sharing for certain insulin products, and for other purposes.

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-4204. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cocamidopropylamine oxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL

No. 8959-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4205. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9738-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4206. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopicolide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9622-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4207. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Netherlands; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4208. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Annual Report"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4209. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting seventeen (17) legislative proposals relative to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2559. A bill to establish the National Deepfake and Digital Provenance Task Force, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-114).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3099. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to establish the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-115).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3470. A bill to provide for the implementation of certain trafficking in contracting provisions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-116).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3510. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-117).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 367. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an acquisition professional career program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-118).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 341. A resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Security Treaty among Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

S. Res. 390. A resolution expressing appreciation for the State of Qatar's efforts to assist the United States during Operation Allies Refuge.

S. Res. 499. A resolution celebrating 100 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Baltic States.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 529. A resolution supporting a democratic, pluralistic, and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina on the 30th Anniversary of its declaration of independence.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 538. A resolution expressing support for a second United States-Africa Leaders Summit as an important opportunity to strengthen ties between the United States and African partners and build on areas of mutual interest.

S. Res. 615. A resolution expressing appreciation for the efforts of the Republic of Poland to assist Ukrainian refugees and support the sovereignty of Ukraine following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

S. Res. 632. A resolution calling for the immediate release of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza, who was unjustly detained on April 11, 2022.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nominations beginning with Col. John P. Cogbill and ending with Col. Samuel L. Peterson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2021.

Army nomination of Col. Craig S. Gatzemeyer, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Robert B. Brodie and ending with Col. David C. Walsh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 5, 2022.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Milford H. Beagle, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John D. Lamontagne, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Leonard J. Kosinski, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Steven L. Basham, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. John P. Sullivan, to be Lieutenant General.

*Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti, to be Admiral.

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Craig A. Clapperton, to be Vice Admiral.

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

*Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Stephen T. Koehler, to be Vice Admiral.

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Sara A. Joyner, to be Vice Admiral.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Andrea D. Tullios, to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nominations beginning with Col. Robert J. Hutt and ending with Col. Brian D. Sidari, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2022.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. James J. Kokaska, Jr., to be Major General.

*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Gregory M. Guillot, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Alexis G. Grynkeiwich, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard G. Moore, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael J. Schmidt, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Charles L. Plummer, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Steven W. Gilland, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Omar J. Jones IV, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. James B. Jarrard, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kevin Vereen, to be Lieutenant General.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Brian W. Cavanaugh, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Aaron C. Rugh, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Frank M. Bradley, to be Vice Admiral.

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Michael E. Boyle, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Col. Jeremiah J. Cruz, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Jason B. Nicholson and ending with Col. Patrick A. Teague, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Roger S. Giraud and ending with Col. Lance C. Raney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Gail E. Atkins and ending with Col. Brian D. Vile, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2022. (minus 2 nominees: Col. Sarah K. Albrycht; Col. Kevin J. Lambert)

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Paula C. Lodi, to be Major General.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael S. Cederholm, to be Lieutenant General.

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 Even Thomas Rogers, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Justine E. Feaster, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Joshua J. Kim, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Guilene C. Derisma, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Benjamin M. Pancoast, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jonathon B. Haba and ending with Robert C. Livingston, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 5, 2022.