Blackstone Valley Tourism Council was started, followed by the Friends of the Blackstone and the Blackstone River Watershed Council. In 1986, the Blackstone River Valley became a National Heritage Corridor, and the river was designated as an American Heritage River in 1998. I was proud to work with my colleagues in Rhode Island's congressional delegation to have the river's corridor designated as a National Historical Park in 2014. The river is now home to fish, aquatic mammals, turtles, and a variety of birds that have returned to what was once a highly polluted habitat. Unfortunately though, pollutants, litter, debris, erosion, and invasive species still plague the river, which is why, this year, a 50-year anniversary ZAP cleanup is planned.

On August 27, Rhode Islanders were at it again, cleaning and greening up the Blackstone River Watershed. With a goal of holding the largest Blackstone Valley clean-up since 1972, the ZAP 50 steering team organized a 27-town, watershed wide, clean up. One hundred and twenty teams showed up to, pick up trash and clear the river of aquatic invasive species.

I am happy to recognize the 50th anniversary of Project ZAP and the hard work of the many Rhode Islanders who serve as stewards of our environment. It is thanks to their efforts that the once hardest working river in America may be enjoyed peacefully. ●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 3, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3373. An act to improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on August 9, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 15, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 4458. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5376) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 15, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3451. An act to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2992. An act to direct the Attorney General to develop crisis intervention training tools for use by first responders related to interacting with persons who have a traumatic brain injury, another form of acquired brain injury, or post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5313. An act to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5376. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14.

H.R. 6943. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize public safety officer death benefits to officers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or acute stress disorder, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bills were signed on August 15, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. Leahy).

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Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 23, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY):

S. 4458. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, 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. 8656. An act to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the "Jackie Walorski VA Clinic".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 1319. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Jackie Walorski, a Representative from the State of Indiana.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 50802 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123), the Republican Leader appoints the following member to the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: Ms. Sara Peters of Seattle, Washington.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 9, 2022, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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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. BALDWIN:

S. 4788. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to provide greater access to in-State television broadcast programming for cable and satellite subscribers in certain counties; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HASSAN:

S. 4789. A bill to establish a competitive grant program at the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the construction, preservation, or rehabilitation of affordable workforce housing in areas with shortages of affordable housing units for sale, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4790. A bill to increase funding for the Patient Navigator Research Program of the National Cancer Institute; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 4791. A bill to amend section 301 of title 44, United States Code, to establish a term for the appointment of the Director of the Government Publishing Office; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WICKER:

S. Res. 751. A resolution designating August 1, 2022, as "Gold Star Children's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. Res. 752. A resolution commemorating the 48th anniversary of the signing into law of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, recognizing the importance the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 plays in protecting the interests of participants in employee benefit plans and their beneficiaries, and recognizing the need to encourage more workers to participate in such plans to save for their retirement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 190

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Booker), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) and the Senator from California (Mr. Padilla) were added as cosponsors of S. 190, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Graham) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retirement pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-

related disability, and for other purposes

S. 424

At the request of Mr. Markey, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth), the Senator from California (Mr. Padilla), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Cortez Masto) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez) were added as cosponsors of S. 424, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 586

At the request of Mrs. Capito, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat the opioid crisis by promoting access to non-opioid treatments in the hospital outpatient setting.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Peters) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to establish an interactive online dashboard to allow the public to review information for Federal grant funding related to mental health programs.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Peters) was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to provide for the continuation of paid parental leave for members of the Armed Services in the event of the death of the child.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to prohibit discrimination based on an individual's texture or style of hair.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. Peters, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to take initiatives to measure the impact of automation on the workforce in order to inform workforce development strategies, and for other purposes.

S. 1125

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Young) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1125, a bill to recommend that the Center for Medicare

and Medicaid Innovation test the effect of a dementia care management model, and for other purposes.

S. 1137

At the request of Mr. Markey, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1137, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit gay and trans panic defenses.

S. 1157

At the request of Mr. Casey, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Markey), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Reed) were added as cosponsors of S. 1157, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow workers an above-the-line deduction for union dues and expenses and to allow a miscellaneous itemized deduction for workers for all unreimbursed expenses incurred in the trade or business of being an employee.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. Brown, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Coons) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Peters) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support STEM education and workforce development research focused on rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. Markey, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Merkley), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Moran) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. Murkowski) were added as cosponsors of S. 1408, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1489

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to establish an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes.

S. 1521

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from