

The bedrock of the U.S.-Chile bilateral relationship is the deep mutual respect and friendship between the American and Chilean people. As we enter the third century of our partnership we must continue to hope for ever stronger ties among our governments and peoples, through which we together will build a more prosperous, sustainable, and equitable future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO HARRY ARMSTRONG AND JOHN BAYLISS

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Harold “Harry” Armstrong of Canaan and John Bayliss of Hanover as December’s Granite Staters of the Month. For decades, Harry has led a successful effort to collect used medical equipment and deliver it to those in need in the Upper Valley area and beyond.

Harry helped start the Health Closet, with members of the Canaan Lions Club, more than 40 years ago. The group collected used medical equipment, such as manual and electric wheelchairs, walkers, lift chairs, crutches, canes, and bath stools from the area’s visiting nurses, nonprofits, hospitals, and individuals. They would then keep the equipment in storage until they found someone who needed it.

When Harry was hospitalized 2 years ago and had to have his foot amputated, he worried that Health Closet’s mission would cease to be fulfilled. That is when Harry’s friend and Lebanon Upper Valley Lions Club member John Bayliss stepped up to help run the initiative.

Through their work, the duo profoundly touches people’s lives by giving them the medical equipment that they desperately need to go about their lives and continue to be a part of their community. From doing DIY fix-ups of medical equipment in Harry’s and John’s garages, to lugging large medical machinery in their pickup trucks, their dedication to helping others, willingness to take the initiative, and generosity is a shining example of the Granite State spirit.●

##### TRIBUTE TO KAYLEE RICHARD AND SAMANTHA GRENIER

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Kaylee Richard of Manchester and Samantha Grenier of Goffstown as January’s Granite Staters of the Month. This high school student duo organized a career fair targeted toward young women in the Manchester School District in order to empower the next generation of women leaders.

Kaylee and Samantha became friends at age 8 at a summer camp operated by Girls at Work, an organization that hosts programs to build confidence and strength in girls. In high school, they stayed involved with the organization

as mentors, and so when they were faced with a challenge, they were prepared to take it on.

When Kaylee and Sam attended a career fair in 2022, they noticed that it was geared heavily towards men and that they and other young women were struggling in the environment. In response, the pair approached their Girls at Work mentor, Elaine Hamel, to help them organize their own career fair targeted toward young women.

In coordination with Girls at Work, the Manchester School District, and the Gear Up program, they organized a job fair with 16 local employers such as NH Fish and Game, the Manchester Police Force, and Trader Joe’s. The 150 or so female sophomores and juniors from Memorial, West, and Central learned from women professionals from a variety of careers.

I admire Kaylee and Samantha for taking the initiative to make a difference in their community and empower women to explore their career options. It is important that young Granite State women were able to see themselves in the women professionals they talked to and envision their career paths accordingly. Their courage in tackling the issue and making New Hampshire a more inclusive place is emblematic of the Granite State spirit, and I wish them luck as they organize a second women-only career fair this spring.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:37 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 255. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes.

H.R. 259. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 346. An act to establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 388. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the leasing author-

ity of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 399. An act to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 400. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that may be invested in small business investment companies.

H.R. 449. An act to amend the Small Business Act to increase transparency, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution condemning the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses against the brave women and men of Iran peacefully demonstrating in more than 133 cities.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 255. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 259. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 346. An act to establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 388. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the leasing authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 399. An act to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 400. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that may be invested in small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 449. An act to amend the Small Business Act to increase transparency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution condemning the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses against the brave women and men of Iran peacefully demonstrating in more than 133 cities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 81. A bill to provide a moratorium on all Federal research grants provided to any institution of higher education or other research institute that is conducting gain-of-function research.

S. 82. A bill to protect social security benefits and military pay and require that the United States Government to prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached.

H.R. 300. An act to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 123. A bill to protect American small businesses, gig workers, and freelancers by repealing the burdensome American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 transactions reporting threshold, and to rescind certain funding provided to the Internal Revenue Service under section 10301 of Public Law 117-169.

### PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator TED CRUZ, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023, vice William Shaw McDermott, term expired.

On request by Senator TED CRUZ, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2029. (Reappointment)

### 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-74. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-75. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-76. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-642, "Elections Modernization Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-77. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-642, "Expanding Supports for Crime Victims Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-78. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-647, "Public Health Emergency Credit Alert Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-79. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-648, "Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-80. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-649, "The Spice Suite LLC Grant Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-81. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-678, "Coronavirus Immunization of School Students Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-82. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-679, "District Government Family Bereavement Leave Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-83. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-692, "Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-84. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-693, "Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-85. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-694, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-86. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-695, "CRIAC Assistance Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-87. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-707, "11th Street Bridge Project Temporary Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-88. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-678, "Small Business Relief Grant Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-89. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-662, "Sign Regulations Tem-

porary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-90. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-663, "Protecting Security-Sensitive Dashboard Data Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-91. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-664, "Attorney General Civil Rights Enforcement Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-92. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-665, "River East at Grandview Condominiums Property Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-93. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-666, "Housing Authority Accountability Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-94. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-700, "Initiative 82 - District of Columbia Tip Credit Elimination Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-95. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-658, "Expedited Adoption Eligibility Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-96. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-659, "Bedbug Control Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-97. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-660, "Engineering Licensure Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-98. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-658, "Business Records Efficiency Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-99. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-680, "New Markets Tax Credit Real Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-100. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-681, "206 Elm St., N.W., Real Property Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-101. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-682, "Whitman-Walker Entities at St. Elizabeths Tax Rebate Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on