

nonstop to forge a compromise. The end result was passing the first law in more than three decades aimed at reducing violence, expanding access to mental health services, and improving community safety. And we did it in a way that protected the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans.

Later that year, Brad was assigned another important task: making major modifications to the Respect for Marriage Act and winning enough votes to pass it through Congress. It is a sensitive issue for both sides of the political spectrum that required a well-thought-out approach, and Brad played a key role in reaching that compromise that included a number of new legal protections for religious institutions and nonprofits. These new protections struck the right balance, and the bill earned the bipartisan support it needed to pass both Chambers and be signed into law.

Neither of those bills would have even gotten a vote had Brad not been at the negotiating table and burning the midnight oil every single day.

I take pride in playing an active role in the professional development of my staff, and it was no surprise that the private sector also took notice of Brad's personal dedication and policy expertise. The Chamber of Commerce hired him to serve as their vice president of innovation policy. It is a testament to the work he put in to quickly become of the Nation's top policy experts on intellectual property.

While I am sad to see him go, I am also very proud of the work he has done through his service to the State of North Carolina and the U.S. Senate. And I am excited to see the great things he will accomplish in the coming years. To borrow a line from one of Brad's favorites, the legendary Dolly Parton, "You'll never do a whole lot unless you're brave enough to try."

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO MATT ROTHSCHILD

• Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, today I rise to honor Matt Rothschild, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, on his retirement. Over the span of Matt's 43-year career, he has been a tireless advocate for democracy, social and economic justice, and civil rights and liberties.

After graduating magna cum laude from Harvard in 1980, Matt went to work as an editor for the Multinational Monitor, working for Ralph Nader in Washington, DC. In 1983, he moved to Wisconsin to take a job as staff writer with *The Progressive Magazine*. In 1994, he advanced to senior editor and chairman of the board of directors for the magazine. While with *The Progressive*, Matt was also the director of *The Progressive Media Project* and published the book, "You Have No Rights: Stories of America in an Age of Repression." While at *The Progressive*, Matt

wrote hundreds of stories on issues ranging from threats to civil liberties, to social justice, to peace, to environmental concerns. He interviewed notable figures in the arts, politics, and economics including Wendell Berry, Naomi Klein, Bill McKibben, Robert Redford, Alice Walker, Allen Ginsberg, and Joseph Stiglitz.

In 2015, Matt joined the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign where he focused the efforts of the organization on banning gerrymandering, protecting and expanding the freedom to vote, getting rid of dark money in politics, and opposing anti-democracy efforts. Matt has the distinguishing quality of being everywhere, all at once, and has taken his vital messages about protecting democracy to hundreds of radio and television broadcasts, newspaper articles, opinion columns, social media and, in person, doing talks to good government groups in nearly every community in Wisconsin, letting citizens know what is at stake and how to get involved to redirect Wisconsin's future. While at the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, he also wrote "Twelve Ways to Save Democracy in Wisconsin," which tells the story of what a once-progressive State lost after Act 10 was enacted in 2010 and the Republicans, through the creation of unfair maps, held a lock on government.

Matt has been a leading voice in Wisconsin for over 40 years. He has advocated tirelessly, doing so with kindness and good humor, always willing to engage with those who disagreed with him as much as those who did. Today, as Matt moves into retirement, he will step aside to leave space for others to fill because that is what Matt is about: paving the way for the next generation to continue the good fight. I feel honored to call Matt my friend and will be forever grateful for all he has done for the citizens in our State and for the voice he has given to democracy in these perilous times.●

##### TRIBUTE TO KEITH BICSAK

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Keith Bicsak of Cascade County for his longstanding commitment to providing medical response and transport for countless sick and injured Montanans through his role as a critical care flight paramedic.

For 52 years, Keith has diligently provided emergency medical services—EMS—to folks throughout the Treasure State. His time-honored career is a testament to his passion and expertise in providing emergent lifesaving care. Keith's calling to selfless service began with his family's own ambulance service, Bicsak Emergency Air Transport—BEAT—which later became Mercy Flight, its esteemed crew proudly serving Montanans today.

EMS providers like Keith and the lifesaving care they deliver remain a vital component to the overall health and wellness of the State of Montana

and the United States of America. These men and women choose to put their lives on the line as they stand ready to respond to any disaster or crisis they may encounter. Professionalism, expertise, and grace under fire enable these heroes to deliver swift and efficient lifesaving care to families in need.

Keith's passion for helping Montanans is evident through his distinguished career, as he now steps into a new season of life and enjoys a well-deserved retirement. As Keith reflects back on his time as an EMS provider, he is quick to point out the great experience it has been and the "work families" he has made along the way. He continues to encourage younger generations to pursue careers in emergency services to help build up Montana's EMS workforce in order to ensure needs are being met in every corner of the State.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Keith Bicsak for his revered 52 years of frontline service in helping Montanans reach health and safety. I am confident that Keith's work as an EMS provider will long be remembered and appreciated by families throughout the Treasure State. Thank you for your selfless service, Keith. You make Montana proud.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1339. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2811. An act to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 39. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414".

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. 35. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate a King Kamehameha Day Lei Draping Ceremony.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1339. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2811. An act to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, and for other purposes.

S. 1395. A bill to temporarily suspend the debt limit through December 31, 2024.

## 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-1105. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Implementing Legal Requirements Regarding the Equal Opportunity Clause's Religious Exemption Rule" (RIN1250-AA09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1106. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition for fiscal year 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1107. A communication from the Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling, Infant Formula Requirements, Food Additives and Generally Recognized as Safe Substances, New Dietary Ingredient Notification; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2022-N-2898) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1108. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0246) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1109. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1110. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of the Term 'Tobacco Product' in Regulations Issued Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act" (Docket No. FDA-2022-N-3262) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1111. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Ad-

ministration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2023-N-0986) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1112. A communication from the Deputy Associate General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Official Purposes; Extending Enforcement Date" (RIN1601-AB03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1113. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to seven (2) reports relative to vacancies in the National Archives and Records Administration received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1114. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1115. A communication from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diversity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1116. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1117. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notice regarding a legislative proposal, that would grant the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) statutory authority to collect trademark licensing fees from trademarks owned or controlled by DHS; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1118. A communication from the President, Chief Scout Executive, and the National Commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's 2022 annual report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1119. A communication from the Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report entitled "Equal Access to Justice Act Awards Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2022"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1120. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to Article III judgeship recommendations for the 118th Congress and draft legislation entitled "Federal Judgeship Act of 2023"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1122. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services - Non-immigrant and Special Visa Fees" (RIN1400-AF33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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 Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1386. A bill to provide compensation to certain residents of the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, for the use of such island for military readiness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1387. A bill to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1388. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into contracts to demonstrate or validate technology related to the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1389. A bill to reform rural housing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAGERTY, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 1390. A bill to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 1391. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve procedures and requirements related to election mail; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 1392. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the adjustment of status of essential workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1393. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require disclosure of