

warning on the first day that you are only allowed one chance to mess up—because just one mistake could be fatal. Nine months after completing his training, his skills were put to the ultimate test while stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina.

On January 24, 1961, Airman Smith woke up to a midnight call telling him to report to the base as soon as possible. Without any protective gear or fully strapping up his boots, he arrived to the base, where he was then whisked away to the site of a B-52 plane crash 15 miles away. The plane was transporting two nuclear bombs reported to be 250 times more powerful than those used on Japan during World War II. Both bombs had fallen out of the plane during the crash, creating what is now reported as a 100-percent kill zone for surrounding communities.

Upon arriving to the scene, he immediately noticed one of the bombs was activated. Despite a general ordering him not to touch the bomb until receiving permission from atomic support, Airman Smith knew that time was not on their side. Thankfully, he acted quickly to disengage the bomb, saving countless American lives.

Airman Smith now proudly travels across Alabama speaking to local groups about his military service, which has now received national and global recognition. If you travel to Eureka, NC, there is a marker that says, “Nuclear Mishap—widespread disaster averted.” This is all thanks to Alabama’s extraordinary hero—Earl Smith—who I am proud to recognize as May’s “Veteran of the Month.”●

#### 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

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

##### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

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 enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

#### 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-1202. 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 Armed Services.

EC-1203. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order in order to expand the scope of the national emergency with respect to Sudan declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1204. 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 “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2024” (RIN0938-AU97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1205. 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 Foreign Relations.

EC-1206. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled “To establish the Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1207. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the second transmittal of legislative proposals that support the President’s Fiscal Year 2024 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1208. 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-1209. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-87, “Use of Force Review Board Temporary Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1210. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-88, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Acting Executive Director Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1211. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-89, “Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Temporary Amend-

ment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1212. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-90, “Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1213. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-91, “Fidelity in Access to Government Communications Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1214. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-67, “General Obligations Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2023-2028 Authorization Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1215. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-82, “Woodson Way Designation Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1216. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-83, “Dedication of a Portion of W Street, S.E., S.O. 16-24322 Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1217. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-84, “Bishop Clarence Groover Way Designation Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1218. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-85, “Benjamin Secundy, Sr. Way Designation Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1219. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-86, “Reed Street Realignment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1220. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Policy Statement of the Federal Trade Commission on Rebates and Fees in Exchange for Excluding Lower-Cost Drug Products” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 108. A bill to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-19).

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

S. 824. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a national

risk management cycle, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-20).

## 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. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1475. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit certain acts related to fentanyl, analogues of fentanyl, and counterfeit substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 1476. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the transparency of pharmaceutical research costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1477. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the cover over of certain distilled spirits taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RISCH, Ms. WARREN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1478. A bill to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the "National Medal of Honor Highway", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1479. A bill to amend section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1480. A bill to support the creation and implementation of State policies, as well as the expansion of existing State policies, for improving the quality and affordability of charter school facilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1481. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to postpone the date of payment or satisfaction upon redemption of certain securities in the case of the financial exploitation of specified adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 1482. A bill to provide for the reliquidation of certain entries of golf cart tires; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1483. A bill to prohibit the purchase of certain telecommunications or aerospace goods or service from entities affiliated with the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation and to require reporting relating to investment by foreign persons in the aerospace industry in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1484. A bill to establish requirements for quality and discard dates that are volun-

tarily declared on the food label; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1485. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the Secretary to designate food and food products to be made available under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1486. A bill to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1487. A bill to enhance protections for election records; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1488. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to remove certain eligibility disqualifications that restrict otherwise eligible students from participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1489. A bill to establish the National Task Force on the Response of the United States to the COVID-19 Pandemic; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. KING):

S. 1490. A bill to establish a permanent rural housing preservation and revitalization program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 1491. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 1492. A bill to provide for the settlement of claims relating to the Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation in Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 1493. A bill to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to secure the suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity incidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 1494. A bill to terminate certain contracts relating to the construction of the

border fence and to transfer unused border fence materials to the States along the southwest border of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 1495. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide support on the use of industrial heat pumps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 1496. A bill to provide that all Federal employees in the executive branch of the Federal Government are at-will employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 1497. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish insulin assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 1498. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to use, transfer, or donate all excess construction materials intended for the wall on the southwest border of the United States that are being stored by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1499. A bill to reduce and eliminate threats posed by nuclear weapons to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1500. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require the Election Assistance Commission to provide for the conduct of penetration testing as part of the testing and certification of voting systems and to provide for the establishment of an Independent Security Testing and Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure Pilot Program for Election Systems; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1501. A bill to amend the Bank Service Company Act to provide improvements with respect to State banking agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 1502. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out teacher leadership programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1503. A bill to prohibit the use of Department of Defense funds for adult cabaret performances; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 1504. A bill to ensure peace through strength in Israel by requiring a Department of Defense assessment of the quantity of precision-guided munitions and other munitions for use by Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1505. A bill to reform and enhance the pay and benefits of Federal wildland firefighters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.