

and Congress. He has improved relationships with both legislative Chambers and buoyed congressional support for Army priorities, navigating complicated issues through multiple legislative cycles. As a result of his efforts, the Army has accomplished generational modernization, led our Nation's response to an unprecedented land war in Europe, and enhanced the quality of life of its soldiers, Army civilians, and their families.

Major General Bredenkamp's impressive list of staff and special assignments includes platoon leader, scout platoon leader, and battalion S-1 in the 3rd Battalion, 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division; platoon/company/battalion observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center; G3 Training Officer, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, and deployed as part of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; operations officer, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment; operations officer, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, and deployed as part of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; aide-de-camp to the commander, US Army Forces Command and subsequently the commander, International Security Assistance Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization; deputy director, Soldier for Life; executive officer to the Secretary of the Army; and the chief, programs division, Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Army. He has earned numerous military awards and decorations for his selfless service to our country. These honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal, four Legions of Merit, four Bronze Stars, six Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendations, and five Army Achievement Medals.

Major General Bredenkamp is fortunate to have the support of his wife of 25 years, MG Michele Bredenkamp. They are the proud and loving parents of two children. Military families are the backbone of our Nation's defense, and we thank the Bredenkamp family for their enduring support and for molding the man we recognize today.

Major General Bredekamp's years of steady leadership and dedication to his country remind us of the sacrifice our men and women in uniform make on the battlefield and at home each day. Congress and the American people thank Major General Bredenkamp and his family for their continued commitment and sacrifice to our country. His 31 years of service embody the very best traditions of our armed forces: duty, honor, and selflessness in defense of our Nation. I join my colleagues in wishing Major General Bredenkamp future success as he continues to serve.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### REMEMBERING EDGAR "BEE" ERNEST WILHELMS, JR.

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Edgar "Bee" Ernest Wilhelms, Jr., of Reynolds County, MO.

Edgar Wilhelms, Jr., born in Exchange, MO, on September 12, 1925, was the last remaining World War II veteran in Reynolds County. In 1943, at 18 years old, Edgar enlisted with the U.S. Army. During his time in service, he achieved the rank of corporal and aided the Allied efforts in the European Theater. In January of 1946, Corporal Wilhelms left the Army to return to his family back in Missouri.

A few months prior to his military service, Edgar married his loving wife, Lucille G. Haywood, in Ellington, MO. During their marriage, they had four children. Edgar's greatest joy in life was spending time with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to spending time with his family, Edgar enjoyed fishing, cooking fish, and hunting quail, squirrel, deer, and elk. Edgar was also very involved in his community. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 6660 in Centerville, MO, a former member of the Barnesville Masonic Lodge No. 353, and a congregant at the Ellington First Baptist Church.

Edgar passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the age of 97. He is remembered by his family and friends as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Edgar "Bee" Ernest Wilhelms, Jr., and I offer my sincerest condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time of mourning. •

### 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

At 4:45 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to secure the borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1734. An act to require coordinated National Institute of Standards and Technology science and research activities regarding illicit drugs containing xylazine, novel synthetic opioids, and other substances of concern, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7455(a), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. Ryan of New York.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2. An act to secure the borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1170. A bill to reauthorize and update the Project Safe Childhood program, and for other purposes.

S. 1199. A bill to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry.

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1207. A bill to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, and for other purposes.

### 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. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1591. A bill to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 1592. A bill to clarify coverage of occupational therapy under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1593. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to extend eligibility of new moms for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1594. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to develop strategies and coordinate efforts to eliminate preventable maternal mortality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LEE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 1595. A bill to prohibit taxpayer-funded gender transition procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1596. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency and accountability for the use of content that is generated by artificial intelligence (generative AI) in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image or video footage in the advertisements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1597. A bill to amend chapter 110 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit gender transition procedures on minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 1598. A bill to clarify and improve accountability for certain members of the Armed Forces during consideration for medical separation in the Integrated Disability Evaluation System of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1599. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for grants to promote representative community engagement in maternal mortality review committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1600. A bill making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, for border management activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1601. A bill to protect moms and babies against climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1602. A bill to provide for grants to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 1603. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase vaccination rates of pregnant and postpartum individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1604. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility

for children to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1605. A bill to authorize appropriations for data collection, surveillance, and research on maternal health outcomes during public health emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BENNET, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1606. A bill to end preventable maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health disparities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. Res. 213. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2023 as "Renewable Fuels Month" to recognize the important role that renewable fuels play in reducing carbon impacts, lowering fuel prices for consumers, supporting rural communities, and lessening reliance on foreign adversaries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 255

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to authorize certain aliens seeking asylum to be employed in the United States while their applications are being adjudicated.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 597

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 744

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, a bill to establish duties for online service providers with respect to

end user data that such providers collect and use.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare coverage for all physicians' services furnished by doctors of chiropractic within the scope of their license, and for other purposes.

S. 866

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 866, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance tax benefits for research activities.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate information on concussion and traumatic brain injury among public safety officers.

S. 1036

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1036, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to streamline nutrition access for older adults and adults with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth, to provide technical assistance relating to the removal of such obstacles, and for other purposes.