

work and vision have paved the way for significant advancements in the protection and management of our State's rich wildlife and natural habitats. Under his guidance and vision, the commission has flourished, becoming a beacon of excellence and innovation in the field of conservation.

Bobby has been a leader in State and national conservation work, including helping Congress pass the landmark America's Conservation Enhancement Act to safeguard wildlife and ecosystems. He was instrumental in building the coalitions critical to advancing this legislation and protecting our natural resources for future generations to enjoy. He also helped develop the concept and plans for a highly successful shooting sports complex in Jacksonville.

His contributions have also been invaluable in communicating the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's priorities so our congressional delegation could support its efforts with Federal Agencies. He has illustrated and led through example the importance of building consensus and working together for a common goal. His commitment to environmental education and outreach programs has fostered a sense of stewardship among Arkansans of all ages through initiatives such as promoting shooting sports in schools.

I am so pleased that Bobby has used his leadership skills for public service. He is acknowledged as one of the most influential people in the retail community and has used those skills to think outside the box regarding the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, making sure the agency evolves and keeps pace with an ever-changing public demand. Bobby has demonstrated that ability in the business world and the conservation community has benefited immensely as he has used his deep knowledge, passion, and experience on its behalf.

He demonstrates what it means to go above and beyond in his role. His time as chairman is esteemed across The Natural State for his tireless work to preserve Arkansas's beautiful natural scenery and wildlife. As we recognize Bobby's years of service and dedication to conservation and celebrate his vision protect and enhance our beautiful State for future generations, I thank him for his dedication and service to Arkansas and wish him the best for years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LORI HOPPE

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Lori Hoppe of Park County for her dedication to fostering excellence in agricultural education and across Park County.

In 2013, Lori saw an opportunity to bring agricultural education to her hometown of Gardiner; a quaint gateway community to Yellowstone National Park with a population of 800 people. She established Gardiner High

School's first agriculture program and FFA chapter, which today proudly boasts a near 50-percent student body participation rate. The Gardiner FFA Chapter has consistently built a name for themselves as being fierce competitors; they are the first agricultural sales career development event team to not only champion the district contest, but also to qualify for the national convention.

As Gardiner FFA prepared for the national competition, their means of getting there was threatened when historic flooding impacted Park County. With a state of emergency declared and access to Yellowstone National Park halted, the lack of tourists required the cancellation of the local rodeo, with sales from the concession stand being the primary means of funding for Gardiner FFA's trip to the National FFA Convention and Expo.

Lori knew they needed to come up with a new fundraising idea if they wanted to compete at nationals. During the school year, the students built a utility trailer that they decided to try and sell at the Park County Fair. The community rallied behind the students and helped them raise more than five times their goal. The Gardiner FFA Chapter went on to make their community proud, earning a seventh place team finish, and one student placing third individually.

Now reaching her 10th year as an educator, Lori is receiving statewide recognition from the Montana Association of Agricultural Educators—MAAE—for being among the best ag instructors in the Treasure State. Her application will be forwarded on to the regional level where she will be evaluated alongside winners from other States. I am confident Lori will represent Montana well.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Lori Hoppe for her commitment to promoting agricultural education in Park County and throughout the Treasure State. The future of Montana agriculture is better off because of her tireless work.

Thank you, Lori. You make Montana proud.●

RECOGNIZING SWENSON'S DO IT BEST HARDWARE

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Swenson's Do it Best Hardware of Britt, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1977, 21-year-old Jon Swenson purchased the then-named Kreitinger Hardware in downtown Britt. The store was renamed Swenson's Do it Best Hardware and has been family-owned and operated ever since. They offer both home and outdoor tools and supplies, including rental power tool

equipment. They can also provide pipe cutting, key cutting, and window or screen repair services in the shop. Swenson's Do it Best Hardware has an "online warehouse" of over 67,000 items and is a one-stop shop for all home improvement needs. In 2022, Swenson's Do it Best Hardware celebrated their 45th anniversary.

The team at Swenson's Do it Best Hardware is active in the Britt community. Jon Swenson has been a volunteer firefighter in the Britt Fire Department since 1978 and was named the fire chief in 2015. Additionally, and since 1974, Jon has filmed the football games at the West Hancock High School. Swenson's Do it Best Hardware has also been a sponsor of the high school's events and activities. In 2022, when RAGBRAI had a stop in Britt and Swenson's Do it Best Hardware's downtown storefront was used for photo opportunities for riders and tourists. They also provided a device charging station for the 2022 racers. They have also participated in Britt Chamber of Commerce events to support the local small business community.

Swenson's Do it Best Hardware's commitment to providing quality tools, equipment rentals, and repair services in northern Iowa is clear. I want to congratulate Jon Swenson and the entire team at Swenson's Do it Best Hardware for their continued dedication to providing home improvement supplies to Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

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 and three withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 25, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, without amendment:

S. 777. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 11. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of

title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards".

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 346) to establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 25, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

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

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bill was signed on May 25, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. COONS).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 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. 366. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain individuals who served in Vietnam as a member of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 467. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1076. An act to require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on the trafficking into the United States of synthetic drugs, and related illicit finance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1156. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct a study and report on the exposure of the United States to the financial sector of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1669. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the high technology pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 45. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Waivers and Modifications of Federal Students Loans".

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. 40. Concurrent resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies.

The message further announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the resolution

(H.J. Res. 39) 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", returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said resolution do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300jj-12, the Speaker appoints the following individual to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Dr. Jim Jirjis of Nashville, Tennessee.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(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 Air Force Academy: Mr. Davis of North Carolina.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), 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 Coast Guard Academy: Mr. Courtney of Connecticut.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(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 Naval Academy: Mr. Ruppertsberger of Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9803(d)(1)(C) and (E) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Mr. Quigley of Illinois.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 366. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain individuals who served in Vietnam as a member of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 467. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1076. An act to require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on the trafficking into the United States of synthetic drugs, and related illicit finance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1156. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct a study and report on the exposure of the United States to the financial sector of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1669. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the high technology pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 40. Concurrent resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-1239. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines" (RIN1904-AE67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1240. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers" (RIN1904-AD78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1241. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Fan and Blowers" (RIN1904-AF17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1242. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incentives for Advanced Cybersecurity Investment" (Docket No. RM22-19-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1243. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Computer Room Air Conditioners" (RIN1904-AE45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1244. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of