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Christopher is a student at Florida State University, where he is majoring in finance. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Christopher for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH RICHARDSON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Elizabeth Richardson, a recent intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Liz recently graduated from Florida State University, where she majored in history. She possesses many wonderful qualities that include an aptitude to evaluate complex issues, a strong work ethic, and a kindness that inspires.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Liz for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come as she pursues a career in law.●

TRIBUTE TO REBECA RODRIGUEZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Rebeca Rodriguez, a recent intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Becky is a student at Florida State University, where she is majoring in human resource management. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

Becky believes that service and sacrifice are essential to achieving the American dream. She learned this lesson, along with many others, from her grandparents who fled Cuba to make a better life for their family in the United States. Becky strives to honor them by being the best version of herself in all that she does.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Becky for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come as she pursues a career in law.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE ROSENBERG

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Michelle Rosenberg, a spring 2023 intern in my Miami office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Michelle recently graduated from Florida International University, where she majored global affairs. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Michelle for her work with my office,

and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO IAN SEIBERT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Ian Seibert, a spring 2023 intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Ian is a student at Florida State University, where he is majoring in finance. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Ian for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LUIS ADRIAN SORIA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Luis Adrian Soria, a spring 2023 intern in my Orlando office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Luis recently graduated from the University of Central Florida, where he majored in legal studies. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Luis for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LILLIETTE SOTOLONGO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Lilliette Sotolongo, a spring 2023 intern in my Miami office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Lilliette recently graduated from Florida International University, where she majored in political science and international relations. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Lilliette for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:30 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. 2792. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study and rulemaking on the definition of the term "small entity" for purposes of the securities laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2795. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers with a multi-class stock structure to make certain disclosures in any proxy or consent solicitation material, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2796. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Advocate

for Small Business Capital Formation to provide educational resources and host events to promote capital raising options for traditionally underrepresented small businesses, and for other purposes.

At 9:50 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3746. An act to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2792. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study and rulemaking on the definition of the term "small entity" for purposes of the securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2795. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers with a multi-class stock structure to make certain disclosures in any proxy or consent solicitation material, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2796. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation to provide educational resources and host events to promote capital raising options for traditionally underrepresented small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

(Legislative Day May 30, 2023)

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3746. An act to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

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-1254. A communication from the Director of External Relations, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a corrected report entitled "Economic Impact of Section 232 and 301 Tariffs on U.S. Industries, Investigation No. 332-591, USITC Publication 5405, March 2023"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1255. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Planning Grant Implementation Initial Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1256. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1257. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report entitled “Child Welfare Outcomes 2020: Report to Congress”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Procedures for Exempt Organizations determination letters for the electronically submitted Form 8940” (Rev. Proc. 2023-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1259. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Section 1332 State Innovation Waivers”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1260. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “FY 2021 Report to Congress: Review of Medicare’s Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1261. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Data Mining Activities by Federal Agencies” received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1262. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification entitled “Certification of Countries That Are Not Fully Cooperating with U.S. Anti-Terrorism Efforts” received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1263. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2023-0029 - 2023-0033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1264. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Determination Under section 7034(I) (5) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (Div. K, P.L. 117-328)”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1265. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1266. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Determination Under Section 506(a) (1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1267. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2023-0034 - 2023-0039); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1268. A communication from the Supervisory Regulations Coordinator, Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Policy and Regulatory Changes to the Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Requirements; Additional Policy and Regulatory Changes to the Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs-IID) to Provide COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Offer Vaccinations to Residents, Clients, and Staff; Policy and Regulatory Changes to the Long Term Care Facility COVID-19 Testing Requirements” (RIN0938-AU75) (RIN0938-AU57) (RIN0938-AU33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1269. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1270. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1271. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1272. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Annual Reporting and Disclosure” (RIN1210-AB97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1273. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “2020-2021 Report to Congress on Organ Donation and the Recovery, Preservation, and Transportation of Organs”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1274. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1275. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the third 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-1276. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1277. A communication from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’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-1278. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Chief Human Capital Officers Council’s annual report to Congress for 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1279. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’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 President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1280. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled “To extend the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security and for other purposes”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1281. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Peace Corps’ fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1282. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1283. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Global Media, 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-1284. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled “Foreign Language Proficiency Awards for Immigration Officers”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1285. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1286. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1287. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for

the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1288. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1289. A communication from the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act of 2002 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1290. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-94, "Street Vendor Advancement Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1291. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-03, Introduction" (FAC 2023-03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-20. A resolution from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico expressing its enthusiastic support for the agreement entered into by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean Basin (FOPREL), which provides for the establishment of a FOPREL branch office in Puerto Rico; establish the rules and objectives of said office; provide for the duties and operations of the branch office; for the purpose of strengthening the cooperation among the various parliaments that are members of this International Body and cementing ties among all Latin American peoples; among others; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 987

Laws are the vehicle that implements the will of the People and establish the foundation for a progressive, inclusive, and democratic society. The role of parliaments, which are the institutions that best represent the power of citizens within the government structure, is to create legal frameworks that are innovative, efficient, and consistent with the goal of creating the necessary conditions to meet the challenges faced in a modern society. Thus, a parliamentary system is not just an internal mechanism that each country can use to find answers, but one that can be used to exchange experiences and ideas with other legislative bodies in order to face the challenges of the 21st century in a comprehensively and thoroughly.

The Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL, Spanish acronym) is the highest inter-parliamentary organization in the Central American, Caribbean Basin, and Mexico region. Its mission is to be: (i) a space for political dialogue, (ii) an organization that promotes inter-parliamentary diplomacy, (iii) a Forum to reach agreements on regional legislative initiatives directed at strengthening national legislation, (iv) a facilitator for the generation of knowledge and to strengthen the parliamentary sphere, (v) a nexus between the legislative, executive, and judicial powers, civil society, and multilateral organizations, (vi) an inter-parliamentary network that promotes the sharing of experiences, good practices, and technical and financial cooperation; and (vi) an institution for the formation of alliances geared towards achieving common goals. Therefore, FOPREL has the authority to enter into agreements with parliaments within and without the region as well as to enter into cooperation agreements with other institutions in order to support its projects and programs.

FOPREL's Charter establishes that the institution "may open branch offices in all countries that are full members of the Forum in order to implement and create programs and projects that contribute to capacity building and strengthen the ties between the aforementioned parliaments and International Organizations." FOPREL's "2022-2027 Institutional Development Plan" states that "branch offices shall be established in the countries that are members of FOPREL and such offices shall be granted the institutional tools necessary for their administration and operation."

During FOPREL's 25th Special Meeting held on November 26, 2021, in the Dominican Republic, an agreement was reached to "create a FOPREL branch office within the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that shall serve as a liaison between Puerto Rico and the countries of the Caribbean Basin that are members of FOPREL." The new office shall undertake, administer, and carry out projects to further FOPREL's institutional goals, and shall serve as a liaison between Puerto Rico, the countries of the Caribbean Basin and all other full and observer members of FOPREL.

This Legislative Assembly believes that the establishment of a FOPREL branch office on our Island shall enable Puerto Rico to join in progressive conversations on different topics and challenges and provide Puerto Rico with access to answers and solutions that shall, in turn, allow for the development and drafting of more effective, sensible, and appropriate legislation to address the needs of Puerto Rican society.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—To express our enthusiastic support for the agreement entered into by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean Basin (FOPREL) at the 25th Extraordinary Meeting held on November 26, 2021, which provides for the establishment of a FOPREL branch office in Puerto Rico for the purpose of strengthening cooperation among the different parliaments that are members of this International Body and cementing ties among all Latin American peoples.

Section 2.—A branch office of the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL) is hereby established within the House of Representatives, in the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Section 3.—FOPREL branch office shall be subject to FOPREL's regulatory framework,

depending hierarchically and administratively on the Permanent Secretary, as provided in Articles 9, 10, and 11 of the Institutional Bylaws, adopted in the 24th Special Meeting of the International Body held on August 10, 2021.

Section 4.—FOPREL branch office, in coordination with the FOPREL's Permanent Secretary shall enact bylaws to provide for its operation and management. Furthermore, it shall take legal and administrative actions as appropriate for its efficient operation as an International Parliamentary Body in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Section 5.—FOPREL branch office may undertake, administer, and carry out projects to further FOPREL's institutional goals, as well as to collaborate as necessary in any and all processes at the request of the House of Representatives upon authorization of FOPREL's Permanent Secretary.

Section 6.—The FOPREL branch office's work agenda includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Facilitating and promoting actions within the framework of Collaboration Agreement No. 2021-003 which is the governing instrument of the Institutional Fellowship and Collaboration Alliance between the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic, entered into under Resolution No. RE-VVV-01-28112021.

(b) Developing a Regional Program for Inter-Parliamentary Action and the Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals, as provided in Resolution No. RE-XXXIX-04-25022021.

(c) Serving as a liaison between the countries of the Caribbean Basin and all other full and observer members of FOPREL.

(d) Addressing all other matters assigned by FOPREL.

Section 7.—Upon its approval, a copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL) as well as to each member thereof. Furthermore, this Resolution shall be translated into English and delivered to the President of the United States and the leadership of the United States Congress.

Section 8.—This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

POM-21. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging state agencies to expand comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs to allow for earlier identification of patients at risk of cardiovascular events; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States; and,

Whereas, in the United States, approximately 21 million patients have been diagnosed with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and are at risk of a cardiovascular event, according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and,

Whereas, the Mayo Clinic states that ASCVD is linked to the buildup of cholesterol in the arteries, and the risk of associated events can be modified by lowering low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C); and

Whereas, in 2016, nearly 70 million adults in the United States had higher than recommended LDL-C levels; and

Whereas, 43.1 million people in the United States are currently treated with lipid-lowering therapies to manage cardiovascular risk; and

Whereas, only 20 percent of people with ASCVD who are taking statins, one of the