

Brewing Company celebrated their 16th business anniversary.

Worth Brewing Company is actively involved in the Northwood community and has been recognized for contributions to the microbrewery and historic preservation industries. In 2019, Worth Brewing Company won the Adrian D. Anderson Award from Preserve Iowa for their preservation of the IOOF-Erickson building. Previously, in 2016, they were awarded the Preservation at its Best by Preserve Iowa for their work on the IOOF-Erickson building. In 2015, Governor Terry Branstad visited Worth Brewing Company to congratulate the business on their expansion from the 1886 Worth County State Bank building to the IOOF-Erickson building. Peter Ausehus and Margaret Bishop are actively involved in animal charities and historic preservation philanthropies in both the Northwood community and the State of Iowa.

Worth Brewing Company's commitment to providing quality beers, ciders, and arts in Northwood is clear. I want to congratulate Peter Ausehus, Margaret Bishop, and the entire team at Worth Brewing Company for their continued dedication to Worth County. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MADISONIAN

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the longstanding tradition of weekly, rural newspapers in Montana. This week, Montana's longest running weekly print newspaper is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Originally located in Virginia City, MT, dating all the way back to November 1873, the Madisonian newspaper now located in Ennis, MT, has kept residents of Madison County up to date and informed on what is happening in their community for a century and a half. From local elections, to stories about new public schools and libraries, the Madisonian has told the stories of Madison County residents for generations—heck, they have told these stories since before Montana was officially admitted to the Union.

The Madisonian is a paramount example of how folks in rural America stay informed. Rural weekly newspapers like the Madisonian are the lifeblood of engaged citizens in Montana. They tell stories, they keep us informed, and they hold elected officials—like me—accountable. The folks at these papers work long hours for little pay, and are often forced to drive long distances to chase leads, but they do it to serve their readers.

Much like hospitals and schools, rural newspapers are part of the fabric of their communities and help to keep every corner of our State strong. I appreciate the work of our weekly newspapers across Montana, but today, I especially appreciate the work of the people at the Madisonian that have kept this tradition alive for 150 years.

Thank you for keeping Montana informed, and I look forward to the next 150.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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 3:02 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. 1722. An act to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2717. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2717. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CASEY, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Fighting Fraud: Top Scams in 2022" (Rept. No. 118-111).

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 Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 3290. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish improvements and structural alterations as part of home health services for disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3291. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 460. A resolution supporting the United States dollar as the reserve currency of the world and combating the economic influence of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 461. A resolution congratulating the Texas Rangers for winning the 2023 Major League Baseball World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 76

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 76, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to furnish tailored information to expecting mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to authorize the location of a monument on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual report on suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1510

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

S. 2014

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2014, a bill to ensure that

certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to support and strengthen the fighter aircraft capabilities of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

S. 2695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2695, a bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes.

S. 2888

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2888, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during preseparation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 2899

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2899, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to include Middle Easterners and North Africans in the statutory definition of a “racial and ethnic minority group”, and for other purposes.

S. 3028

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3028, a bill to continue in effect certain Executive orders imposing sanctions with respect to Iran, to prevent the waiver of certain sanctions imposed by the United States with respect to Iran until the Government of Iran ceases to attempt to assassinate United States officials, other United States citizens, and Iranian nationals residing in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3282

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3282, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 49

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from North Caro-

lina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 49, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a “Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 460—SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR AS THE RESERVE CURRENCY OF THE WORLD AND COMBATING THE ECONOMIC INFLUENCE OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 460

Whereas the United States dollar serves an indispensable role in global commerce and finance;

Whereas the United States dollar represents—

- (1) a stable, rule of law-based legal system;
- (2) democratic, representative government institutions;
- (3) highly liquid and reliable capital markets;
- (4) a robust and dynamic capitalist domestic economy;
- (5) deep and extensive global trading relationships; and
- (6) a significant commitment to market-based, free-floating exchange rates and independent monetary policy;

Whereas the International Monetary Fund reports the United States dollar accounted for approximately 71 percent of global currency reserves in 1999 and has since declined to 58.88 percent in 2023;

Whereas the People’s renminbi, the official currency of the People’s Republic of China (commonly referred to as the “yuan”), accounted for 2.45 percent of global currency reserves in the second quarter of 2023;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China appears to have built substantial “shadow reserves” that are under the control of the People’s Bank of China, the central bank of the People’s Republic of China, but are obscured from international data;

Whereas, in the fall of 2023, the People’s Republic of China reportedly intervened in international currency markets to support the renminbi;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has disregarded the Paris Club and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and saddled developing countries with opaque and unsustainable debt, including through the Belt and Road Initiative;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party’s refusal to disclose its lending to foreign countries and reluctance to engage in significant debt restructuring is undermining the missions of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank related to global economic development and stability;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party is now the largest official creditor and provider of export subsidies in the world;

Whereas the Belt and Road Initiative has led to an increased reliance on capital from

the People’s Republic of China in developing countries;

Whereas, since 2013, the Chinese Communist Party has invested more than \$1,000,000,000,000 in projects under the Belt and Road Initiative around the world;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has been taking aggressive steps towards developing its central bank digital currency, the digital yuan;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has worked to expand the use cases of the digital yuan for the Belt and Road Initiative and to settle cross-border transactions;

Whereas Brazil and Argentina, the two largest economies in South America, have taken steps to facilitate their trade with the People’s Republic of China using the yuan instead of the United States dollar;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has sought to influence the global economy by expanding the BRICS group, made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, and in August 2023, the BRICS group announced it was inviting Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates to join the group, and several members of the BRICS group have supported using the group to support a competitor currency to the United States dollar; and

Whereas the efforts of the Chinese Communist Party to develop a parallel financial system to rival United States-led institutions poses a threat to the economy and national security of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States must take steps to protect the United States dollar as the reserve currency of the world and maintain its position as a key player in the global financial system;

(2) the efforts of the Government of the People’s Republic of China to undermine the status of the United States dollar as the reserve currency of the world must be closely monitored, and appropriate measures must be taken to counter those efforts;

(3) the United States must work to strengthen its economic ties with critical regions of the world to provide an alternative to Chinese capital; and

(4) the United States must continue to work with its allies to promote economic policies that ensure growth and stability across developing countries.

SENATE RESOLUTION 461—CONGRATULATING THE TEXAS RANGERS FOR WINNING THE 2023 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 461

Whereas, on November 1, 2023, the Texas Rangers (referred to in this preamble as the “Rangers”) defeated the National League Champions, the Arizona Diamondbacks, by 4 games to 1 to win the 2023 Major League Baseball World Series in 5 games;

Whereas this victory marks the first Major League Baseball World Series championship in Rangers franchise history;

Whereas, during the 2023 playoffs, the Rangers defeated the Tampa Bay Rays, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Houston Astros to make their third Major League Baseball World Series appearance;

Whereas the Rangers were a perfect 11–0 on the road in the 2023 playoffs;