

We have a moral duty to leave behind a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations, and that is a belief I know is shared by most Americans.

Now that the Senate has passed both of these bills, I welcome all of our House colleagues to join us in this effort.

I want to say to the Presiding Officer, our colleague from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works—I want to thank him for being part of the effort that has enabled us to bring this legislation to the floor, I believe without opposition and with total, bipartisan support of Democrat and Republican Members.

Hopefully, we will be able to convince our friends over in the House that we come up with some pretty good ideas over here in the Senate from time to time, and these are a couple of them.

I yield the floor.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JON D. LEVY

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the outstanding career of Chief Judge Jon D. Levy of Portland, ME, and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement from the judiciary. Jon is retiring after nearly three decades of service on both Maine's State and Federal courts. I have had the privilege of knowing Jon since my time as Governor and his dedication and outstanding service on the bench has continued to impress me over the years.

Jon was born in New York and attended Syracuse University before pursuing his study of law at West Virginia University College of Law. After earning his JD, Jon worked as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, and as special monitor for the Southern District of Texas. In 1982, Jon and his wife—in search of coastline—came to Maine and ultimately settled in York, where Jon practiced family law until 1995.

In 1995, Jon first came to my attention as an outstanding legal practitioner, and he was one of my first judicial appointments as Governor to the Maine District Court. After only a handful of years, Jon became chief judge of the Maine District Court, an upward trajectory he would repeat

throughout his career. In 2002, I appointed Jon to the Maine Supreme Court as an associate justice, becoming the first in Maine's history to go directly from the district court to the supreme court without prior service on the superior court. A remarkable feat, but one that Jon deserved.

In 2014, President Obama nominated him to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, and he was confirmed with over three-quarters of the Senate's support. Jon served with distinction and always with the utmost respect and dedication to the institution. He retires in May as our chief judge.

It has been a privilege to know Jon and call him my friend, and I am sure he will be dearly missed on the bench. I hope that Jon's analytical, decisive intellect and genuine respect for the law will inspire others to follow in his footsteps. I wish Jon all the best in his next chapter of life and give him my sincerest thanks; he truly is a judge's judge, and Maine is lucky to call him one of our own.●

REMEMBERING GEORGE E. "COTTON" FLETCHER

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of George E. "Cotton" Fletcher. Cotton Fletcher was born in St. Petersburg, FL, and shortly after moved to Newberry, FL, where he led family enterprises and created jobs for hard-working Floridians, including a 2,000-acre farm, the Newberry Fletcher Farm Equipment dealership, a cattle ranch, and a family-run sawmill in west Gainesville. Later he turned to property development as the president and CEO of the Fletcher Family of Companies.

Mr. Fletcher also dedicated his life to service. He served in the U.S. Navy and the Air Force, retiring as a major from the Air Force Reserves. His service continued beyond the military, serving 53 years on the Alachua General Hospital Board, which later became Santa Fe Healthcare and included the founding of Haven Hospice in Gainesville, FL. He also served on the Florida Lottery Commission, the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, and as a Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Member.

He is survived by his children Cheryl Hartley (Robert), Cindy Thompson, Deborah Diamond, and Blake Fletcher (Ashley); his sister-in-law Mary Fletcher, son-in-law Lester Thompson; 12 grandchildren Matthew, Bryce, Andrew, Ross, Myles, Chelsea, Ryan, Bella, Reagan, Landon, Greyson, Brady; and 6 great-grandchildren Brendan, Parker, Catherine, Emory, Claire, Ellie.●

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 10:03 a.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, without amendment:

S. 1278. An act to designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building", and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6276. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to identify the utilization rate of certain public buildings and federally-leased space, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7521. An act to protect the national security of the United States from the threat posed by foreign adversary controlled applications, such as TikTok and any successor application or service and any other application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Ltd. or an entity under the control of ByteDance Ltd.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 206. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry.

S. 1858. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6276. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to identify the utilization rate of certain public buildings and federally-leased space, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 7521. An act to protect the national security of the United States from the threat posed by foreign adversary controlled applications, such as TikTok and any successor application or service and any other application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Ltd. or an entity under the control of ByteDance Ltd; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 14, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 206. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry.

S. 1858. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance.

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-3768. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2025 Budget and Performance Plan; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3769. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: DFARS Buy American Act Requirements (DFARS Case 2020-D019)" (RIN0750-AL74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3770. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Order Execution Information" (RIN3235-AN22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3771. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors" (RIN3235-AM87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3772. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Magnitsky Sanctions Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3773. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Korea Sanctions Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3774. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indexing Methodology for Title I Manufactured Home Loan Limits" (RIN2502-AJ52) received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3775. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allied Governments Favorable Treatment: Revisions to Certain Australia Group Controls; Revisions to Certain Crime Control and Detection Controls" (RIN0694-AJ29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3776. A communication from the Management Analyst of the Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment" (RIN1024-AE85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3613. A bill to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-160).

S. 3648. A bill to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-161).

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. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 3934. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration project to increase access to biosimilar biological products under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 3935. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule, entitled "Safe and Appropriate Foster Care Placement Requirements for Titles IV-E and IV-B"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHMITT (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3936. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to seek to engage the authorities of Taiwan with respect to expanding cooperation on civilian space activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH:

S. 3937. A bill to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to establish a 3-year phase-in period for de novo financial institutions to comply with Federal capital standards, to provide relief for de novo rural

community banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3938. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lynchburg, Virginia, as the "Private First Class Desmond T. Doss VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 3939. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 3940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a first-time homebuyer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 3941. A bill to repeal the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KING, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3942. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include maple syrup under the seniors farmers' market nutrition program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3943. A bill to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VANCE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 3944. A bill to establish the William S. Knudsen Commission for American Defense-Industrial Mobilization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VANCE:

S. 3945. A bill to restrict the Chinese Government from accessing United States capital markets and exchanges if it fails to comply with international laws relating to finance, trade, and commerce; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3946. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in Bastrop, Texas, as the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 3947. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to reduce the standard workweek from 40 hours per week to 32 hours per week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 3948. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to better address certain transactions by foreign entities of concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BUTLER (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr.