

charities, youth, and nonprofit organizations, the Caldwell Night Rodeo has made a significant difference in the Caldwell community. With the help of over 500 volunteers and the support of more than 100 community business and media sponsors, the rodeo raises thousands of dollars each year for local causes. Since its establishment, the Caldwell Night Rodeo Foundation has granted more than \$262,000 in youth scholarships, livestock purchases for 4H and FFA, and sponsored other youth activities. In addition to its charitable contributions, the Caldwell Night Rodeo is estimated to have an annual economic impact of \$10 to \$12 million to the city of Caldwell.

The Caldwell Night Rodeo serves as the hometown rodeo of the Man Up Crusade, a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of domestic violence at professional rodeo venues across the Nation. During Wednesday's events, attendees are encouraged to wear purple to stand up and "man up" against domestic violence. The Caldwell Night Rodeo also hosts a first responder family night, a cancer awareness night—known as CNR Strong—and Patriot Night to recognize servicemembers and veterans.

The Caldwell Night Rodeo's 100-year anniversary is a testament to its legacy and the remarkable impact on the community of Caldwell. We commend the organizers, volunteers, participants, and sponsors for their dedication and contributions to this outstanding event. May the Caldwell Night Rodeo continue to thrive and bring joy to the community for years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF ALAN C. JONES

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Sheriff Alan C. Jones, a law enforcement officer who has dedicated over 35 years of his life to protecting and serving the citizens of Caldwell County.

His journey in law enforcement began in 1988, following his graduation from West Caldwell High School. Since 2007, he has been the sheriff of Caldwell County, leading a team of 120 employees who share his unwavering commitment to the safety and security of the county's residents.

Throughout his distinguished tenure in law enforcement, Sheriff Jones has pioneered community-based policing initiatives and served on several law enforcement-related commissions and committees, including the North Carolina Sheriffs' Training and Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Traumatic Incident Response Team. His exceptional service was recognized in 1994 when he was awarded Officer of the Year while serving as a police officer for the city of Lenoir. During his tenure at the Lenoir Police Department, he became one of the youngest officers in North Carolina history to attain the rank of lieutenant.

Since 2019, he has served as secretary of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, where he has generously shared his wealth of experience to mentor newly elected sheriffs on how to better serve their communities.

Sheriff Jones' career has been marked by a deep love for public service and his community. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sheriff Jones for his lifelong dedication to law enforcement and wish him and his family the very best as he retires and begins this new chapter of his life. Sheriff Jones represents the very best of law enforcement. North Carolina is proud of him and forever grateful for his service.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13936 OF JULY 14 2020, WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG—PM 59

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*To The Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020, is to continue in effect beyond July 14, 2024.

The situation with respect to Hong Kong, including recent actions taken by the People's Republic of China to fundamentally undermine Hong Kong's autonomy, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in substantial part outside the United States, to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13936 with respect to the situation in Hong Kong.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 10, 2024.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:14 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7637. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7700. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for dishwashers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 7637. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 7700. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for dishwashers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 3044. A bill to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness", and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-189).

#### 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. SMITH:

S. 4650. A bill to establish a rental assistance program for low-income veteran families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 4651. A bill to require agencies to use information and communications technology products obtained from original equipment manufacturers or authorized resellers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RISC, Mr. BUDD, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4652. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to update certain

procedures applicable to commerce in fire-arms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 4653. A bill to repeal portions of a regulation issued by the State Superintendent of Education of the District of Columbia that require child care workers to have a degree, a certificate, or a minimum number of credit hours from an institution of higher education; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 4654. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian tribal governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4655. A bill to provide protections for employees of, former employees of, and applicants for employment with Federal agencies, contractors, and grantees whose right to petition or furnish information to Congress is interfered with or denied; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 4656. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, concerning restrictions on the participation of certain Federal employees in partisan political activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. BUDD):

S. 4657. A bill to establish a grant program for education related to semiconductor manufacturing and related industries; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 4658. A bill to provide for the ongoing presence of certain structures at the Table Rock Lake project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4659. A bill to require that the President's annual budget submission to Congress and any concurrent resolution on the budget include the ratio of the public debt to the estimated gross domestic product of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 4660. A bill to clarify that the baseline is based on current laws and the assumption of continuation of current levels of discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4661. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to include information on improper payments under Federal programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 4662. A bill to strengthen congressional oversight of the Administrative Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2023, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4663. A bill to improve administration of the unemployment insurance program by expanding program integrity and anti-fraud activities and improving access to benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4664. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to promote the use of artificial intelligence to support the missions of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4665. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for a joint meeting of Congress to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 4666. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to apply the ban on contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals under such Act to foreign-controlled, foreign-influenced, and foreign-owned domestic business entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 4667. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 4668. A bill to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 4669. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON:

S.J. Res. 101. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Designated Placement Requirements for LGBTQI plus Children; to the Committee on Finance.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 758. A resolution remembering the 32nd anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, and the 30th anniversary of the bombing

of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. Res. 759. A resolution recognizing the importance of the alliance between the United States and the Baltic States and expressing support for that alliance, including for the Baltic Security Initiative, amidst foreign aggression; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. Res. 760. A resolution expressing support for the designation of July 10, 2024, as Journeyman Lineworkers Recognition Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VANCE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KELLY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. Res. 761. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of June 2024 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month" and June 27, 2024, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 762. A resolution designating July 27, 2024, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the United States.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator