

SFA. Since its founding in 1986, the SFA has played a vital role in propelling high-achieving students with financial need into top colleges across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country. Its ongoing dedication to removing barriers for these students through wraparound advising, coaching, and scholarship programs has made a profound impact on their futures—and, by extension, on the community at large.

The recent milestone of awarding over \$1.4 million in the last year to support more than 400 Alexandria City High School graduates' matriculation to more than 60 different institutions is a testament to the SFA's commitment to ensuring that no student is left without the opportunity to pursue their educational and career goals. In the nearly four decades that it has been helping students, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria has awarded nearly \$20 million in scholarships and helped send more than 5,700 Alexandria students to college.

Equally significant is the role the SFA plays in college and career advising. Starting as early as the ninth grade, the SFA guides students through the complex process of applying for financial aid, selecting a best-fit institution, and navigating the rigor and demands of postsecondary education. Through partnerships with the National College Attainment Network, the Virginia College Affordability Network, and annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops, SFA provides individual FAFSA assistance to ensure Virginia scholars have ample opportunity and boundless choice.

Furthermore, the SFA's participation in the first beta testing phase of the 2025–26 FAFSA highlights the organization's national leadership in improving access to financial aid. The SFA was one of only six organizations selected nationwide, a testament to and reflection of its deep connections to the vibrant and diverse set of student and contributor populations within the Alexandria community.

Thank you to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and its leadership, staff, volunteers, and community partners for continuing to open doors for the next generation of scholars and future leaders.●

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH OF THE JAMES MAGAZINE

● Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I would like to wish North of the James magazine a happy 30th anniversary and extend a heartfelt congratulations on reaching this milestone.

From its humble beginnings in a garage in Richmond's North Side, the magazine has flourished into an integral part of the Richmond community thanks to the tireless work of editor Charles McGuigan and his dedicated team. It has been delightful to watch the magazine's growth as a trusted

news outlet that uplifts the voices of local businesses, amplifies the voices of everyday Virginians, and highlights the efforts of not-for-profit organizations working to create a better community. The magazine's commitment to its readers is evident through its loyal following over the decades.

I was honored to have been featured by the magazine in 2012 and to have shared that distinction with many exceptional Virginians over the years. I am also proud of the accolades that the North of the James team has achieved this year, as recognized by the Virginia Press Association. Charles McGuigan and Rebecca D'Angelo earned first place for their combination picture and story, "Alleys: Roads Less Travelled," and Fran Withrow received second place for his commentary writing. Catherine McGuigan earned second place for her front cover designs for "Noah Scalin," "RampsRVA," and "Dawoud Bey."

Local news is essential to our communities, and North of the James magazine continues to be a shining example of this. From covering art exhibits and local cuisine to sharing the stories of everyday Virginians, the magazine has been a cherished resource for Richmonders. Congratulations again on a remarkable 30 years.●

### 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 RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 15, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1510. An act to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2143. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building".

S. 2274. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the "Dessie A. Bebout Post Office".

S. 3267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the "First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building".

S. 3419. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the "John Charles Traub Post Office".

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:05 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. 7409. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8446. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8932. An act to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, November 18, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

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. 2143. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building".

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### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 7409. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 8446. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-6514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Section 508 of the Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024 (Div. B, P.L.118-50)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6516. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12001-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6517. 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: Technical Amendments" (48 CFR Parts 205, 212, 214, 215, and 217) (DARS-2024-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6518. 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: Technical Amendments" (48 CFR Part 225) (DARS-2024-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6519. 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: Past Performance of Affiliate Companies of Small Business Concerns (DFARS Case 2024-D016)" ((RIN0750-AM13) (DARS-2024-0035)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6520. 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: Procurement Technical Assistance Program (DFARS Case 2024-D006)" ((RIN0750-AM03) (DARS-2024-0018)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6521. 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: Updates to the Definition of Departments and Agencies (DFARS Case 2024-D026)" ((RIN0750-AM23) (DARS-2024-0033)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6522. 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: Inapplicability of Additional Defense-Unique Laws and Certain Non-statutory DFARS Clauses to Commercial Item Contracts (DFARS Case 2018-D074)" ((RIN0750-DK33) (DARS-2023-0043)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6523. 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: Pilot Program to Incentivize Contracting with Employee-Owned Businesses (DFARS Case 2024-D004)" ((RIN0750-AM01) (DARS-2024-0017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6524. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6525. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Amendments to Commission Rules and Forms" (17 CFR Parts 200, 230, 274, and 275) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6526. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Covered Clearing Agency Resilience and Recovery and Orderly Wind-Down Plans" (RIN3235-AN19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6527. 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 "Burma Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 525) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6528. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bonding Requirements When Filing an Appeal of a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Civil Penalty" (RIN1014-AA57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6529. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Homeless: Revisions to Regulations" (RIN0991-AC14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6530. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Home-

less" (RIN2506-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6531. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Update to Include New Jersey State Requirements" (FRL No. 12035-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6532. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrating e-Manifest with Hazardous Waste Exports and Other Manifest-Related Reports, PCB Manifest Amendments, and Technical Corrections; Correction" ((RIN2050-AH12) (FRL No. 7308-04-OLEM)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6533. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Delaware; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 12094-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6534. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Forsyth County, North Carolina; Removal of Excess Emissions Provisions" (FRL No. 12179-02-R4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6535. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Revisions; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 12225-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6536. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Mississippi; PSD and Air Quality Modeling Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 12250-02-R4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6537. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal 'Good Neighbor Plan' for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Response to Judicial Stay" ((RIN2060-AW30) (FRL No. 8670 .4-03-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.