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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in 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.

DAKOTA WATER RESOURCES ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2024

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am placing a hold on S. 4996, the Dakota Water Resources Act Amendments of 2024. This bill authorizes the appropriation of more than \$1.5 billion to further the construction of projects that directly and indirectly facilitate the diversion of water outside of the Missouri River basin. Despite the precedent this will set and the impacts these projects will have on the future of water supply for downstream States along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, the Bureau of Reclamation has only held two meetings with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, one in 2010 and the other in 2015. The Bureau has not engaged with any other downstream States or impacted interests, which includes municipal water supply users, navigators, and electric utilities.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT KATRINA BUTLER

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize SMSgt Katrina Butler for her dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force and the Senate as a legislative defense fellow. Katrina has served as a vital part of my team since January 2024 as a trusted adviser on issues relating to the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Katrina enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August 2006. She deployed in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel and was stationed at the Pentagon as a senior enlisted leader at U.S. Air Force headquarters. She has earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal, among other decorations.

Her effort and passion stood out as a valuable member of my legislative team. I am proud to have had someone like Katrina on my staff who understands the significance of maintaining America's air superiority and caring for our servicemembers and their families.

During her tenure in my office, she made integral contributions to the U.S. Senate Air Force Caucus, leading mul-

tiple trips and hosting numerous key leader engagements that helped grow the relationship between lawmakers and the service during an active year.

As she is soon to be promoted to the rank of chief master sergeant, Katrina's character and consistent display of knowledge, leadership, and devotion deserve to be recognized and rewarded.

I am incredibly grateful for her dedication to serving the people of Arkansas. Both in the Nation's Capital and while visiting the Natural State, she spoke with and actively listened to our State's military, veterans and their families.

We have been very fortunate to have Katrina's expertise and knowledge enhancing my team's work on defense and veterans policy. I also want to thank her husband Mr. Shikeem Butler and her beloved children Jaden, Laila, and Micah for their support during her time in uniform. Growing up in a military family, I understand that service in the Armed Forces is a family affair and impossible without their sacrifice.

We appreciate Katrina's continued service to the U.S. Air Force and all her heartfelt, committed work as a member of my staff. Having her on my team has been a privilege, and she will always be welcome. I know she will remain an asset to our military and veterans in addition to any other endeavors she pursues; I wish her and her family the best and congratulate Katrina on this well-deserved promotion.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ED CROSS

• Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, today, I rise to honor and recognize Ed Cross for his 21 years of service as president of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association.

A leading advocate for Kansas independent oil and natural gas producers, Ed had an active presence in both State and Federal legislation throughout his tenure. On behalf of the State of Kansas, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the way in which Ed enhanced the oil and natural gas industry in both Kansas and throughout our Nation.

During his tenure, Ed was Kansas' appointed associate representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and was recognized for his leadership by being awarded the 2015 Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Stripper Well Association. More recently, in November 2018, he was a finalist for the Petroleum Economist magazine's Energy Executive of the Year award.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ed for his work on behalf of Kansas' independent oil and natural gas producers, as well as in wishing him the best of luck in his new position with the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. •

REMEMBERING VINCENT LEGGETT

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life of the late Vincent "Vince" Leggett of Baltimore, MD.

Mr. Leggett was born in East Baltimore in 1953 to Charlie and Willie Mae Leggett. After attending local schools, Mr. Leggett attended Morgan State University before continuing on to Central Michigan University, where he earned his master's in public administration in 1999.

Mr. Leggett would often spend his summers as a child traveling south to North Carolina to tend to his family's farm. It was through this and his love for experiencing the outdoors with his family that inspired his career in conservation. In 1984, Mr. Leggett materialized his passion into the Blacks of the Chesapeake Project in which he worked tirelessly to not only preserve African-American maritime history in our region but also to advocate for environmental justice for African-Americans in the DMV area. His efforts led to the establishment of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation that we know today.

Under Mr. Leggett's direction, the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation cultivated a tremendous archive of Black maritime stories. In 2000, the foundation was designated as a Local Legacy Project by the Library of Congress and U.S. Congress. Because of his work, Mr. Leggett was also awarded the honor of Admiral of the Chesapeake, a lifetime achievement award given by the Governor to those committed to conserving the bay. Most recently, he was working with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Maryland State Archives to digitize the collection and make it more accessible to the community.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Leggett's family for his service. In honoring those who came before him, Mr. Leggett also cemented his own legacy as a conservationist champion to all in our community. He will be sorely missed by all, but his impact will continue to carry on for years to come. •

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 December 6, 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. 91. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 4243. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

H.R. 1432. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to

certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

H.R. 3821. An act to reauthorize the Fire-fighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

H.R. 5863. An act to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:09 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. 5349. An act to develop and disseminate a civic education curriculum and oral history resources regarding certain political ideologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7198. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8413. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9598. An act to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act to reauthorize such Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9600. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 709. An act to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Vice President announced that on today, December 9, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 91. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, December 9, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 4243. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

H.R. 1432. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

H.R. 3821. An act to reauthorize the Fire-fighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

H.R. 5863. An act to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5349. An act to develop and disseminate a civic education curriculum and oral history resources regarding certain political ideologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 9598. An act to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act to reauthorize such Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 9600. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 6, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3960. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide a good faith exception to the imposition of fines for false assertions and certifications, and for other purposes.

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-6716. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12338-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6717. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal years 2021-2023 report on reducing barriers to food access received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6718. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Reserve Bank Capital Stock" (RIN7100-AG85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6719. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Resolution Plan Submissions of Domestic Triennial Full Filers" (Docket No. OP-1816) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6720. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Resolution Plan Submissions of Foreign Triennial Full Filers" (Docket No. OP-1817) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6721. A communication from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions and Modifications to the Entity List; Removals from the Validated End-User Program"

(RIN0694-AJ77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6722. A communication from the Executive Director, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain" (RIN0605-AA51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6723. A communication from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign-Produced Direct Product Rule Additions, and Refinements to Controls for Advanced Computing and Semiconductor Manufacturing Items" (RIN0694-AJ74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6724. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs and Directives, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation" (RIN1004-AF01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6725. A communication from the Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Wildlife Refuge System: 2024-2025 Station-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-BH17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6726. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste Rule; Technical Corrections" (RIN2050-AH23) (FRL No. 8687-04-OLEM) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6727. 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; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department" (FRL No. 11596-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6728. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; California; San Diego County Area" (FRL No. 12352-01-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6729. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection