

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LORIE TUDOR

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Lorie Tudor who is retiring from the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) after an accomplished career, including the last 4 years as its director.

Tudor started at ARDOT in 1981 as a clerk typist and served the agency for 14 years before departing to obtain an engineering degree. She then returned after graduating from the University of Memphis in 1997 to begin working as a civil engineer.

In March of 2020, she became ARDOT's first female director. Facing the COVID-19 pandemic and an emergency closing of the Hernando de Soto I-40 Mississippi River Bridge in 2021, as well as other major endeavors, her steady hand and trusted leadership made the transformation of our State's transportation network possible.

Tudor embodies the Arkansas spirit of service. Her commitment to the organization, its staff, and its role within communities across the Natural State has been essential.

During her 41-year tenure at ARDOT, she helped secure a stable and reliable funding stream; guided the completion of the Connecting Arkansas Program, which modernized our State's transportation systems; played an important role in several interstate designations; oversaw the final stages of construction of the Bella Vista Bypass; and ensured progress on key projects including I-30 and I-69, as well as the Thomas B. Schueck Highway.

She is a dedicated public servant who has spent her career striving to make Arkansas better. Tudor's expertise has been widely recognized, including her selection as president of the Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and appointment to the State Board for Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors in October 2020, on which she served as president in 2023.

Director Lorie Tudor has served ARDOT and our State with incredible devotion and skill. I am grateful for all she has contributed to improve our State's transportation infrastructure and appreciate our valuable partnership. I know her impact will continue to be felt for generations to come and wish her the best of luck in retirement.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 5. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 9. A bill to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

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-1. A communication from the Program Analyst, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Natural Grass Sod Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Referendum Procedures" (RIN0581-AE07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment of Customer Funds by Futures Commission Merchants and Derivatives Clearing Organizations" (RIN3038-AF24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations to Address Margin Adequacy and to Account for the Treatment of Separate Accounts by Futures Commission Merchants" (RIN3038-AF21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2024 Antideficiency Act Reports Compilation"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of five (5) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6. 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 "Updating Authorizations for Payments for Legal Services" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Presidential \$1 Dollar Coin Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13219 with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14115 of February 1, 2024 with respect to the situation in the West Bank; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13466 with respect to North Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-12. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2025-2027 Enterprise Housing Goals" (RIN2590-AB34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-13. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2024 annual report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-14. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "CFPB College Banking and Credit Card Agreements, December 2024"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-15. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EDGAR Filer Access and Account Management" (RIN3235-AM58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-16. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission of Certain Materials Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; Amendments Regarding the Focus Report" (RIN3235-AL85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-17. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions" (RIN3170-AA42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-18. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as emergency requirements all funding (including the transfer and repurposing of funds) so designated by the Congress in the American Relief Act, 2025

pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts received during adjournment of the Senate in the office of the President of the Senate on December 23, 2024; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-19. A communication from the Executive Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area; Bicycling" (RIN1024-AE80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-20. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers" (RIN1904-AD79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-21. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters" (RIN1904-AF65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 9. A bill to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth; read the first time.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 21. A bill to require each Executive department to establish policies and collect information regarding teleworking employees of the Executive department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 22. A bill to establish a competitive bidding process for the relocation of the headquarters of Executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 23. A bill to require the head of each Executive agency to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to the headquarters of the Executive agency to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 24. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 154 First Avenue East in Jerome, Idaho, as the "Representative Maxine Bell Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 25. A bill to impose an assessment related to fossil fuel emissions, to establish the Polluter Pay Climate Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 26. A bill to exclude locality adjustments from average pay for purposes of computing the amount of retirement annuities of new employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 27. A bill to prohibit certain telework employees from receiving certain annual adjustments to pay schedules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 28. A bill to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 29. A bill to make daylight saving time permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. BANKS):

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; 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. THUNE:

S. Res. 16. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 17. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 16—TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

Mr. THUNE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 16

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY: Mr. Boozman (Chair), Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Ernst, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Tuberville, _____, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Moran.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Ms. Collins (Chair), Mr. McConnell, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Graham, Mr. Moran, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Mr. Hagerty, Mrs. Britt, Mr. Mullin, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Rounds.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Wicker (Chair), Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Ernst, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Scott (FL), Mr. Tuberville, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Budd, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Banks, Mr. Sheehy.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Scott (SC) (Chair), Mr. Crapo, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hagerty, Ms. Lummis, Mrs. Britt, Mr. Ricketts, Mr. Banks, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Moreno, Mr. McCormick.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Cruz (Chair), Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Moran, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Young, Mr. Budd, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Moreno, Mr. Sheehy, Mrs. Capito, Ms. Lummis.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Mr. Lee (Chair), Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Risch, Mr. Daines, Mr. Cotton, Mr. McCormick, _____, Mr. Cassidy, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Hoeven.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs. Capito (Chair), Mr. Cramer, Ms. Lummis, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Ricketts, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Moran.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Mr. Crapo (Chair), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Scott (SC), Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Daines, Mr. Young, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Tillis, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Marshall.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS: Mr. Risch (Chair), Mr. Ricketts, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Daines, Mr. Hagerty, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Lee, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Scott (FL), Mr. Curtis, Mr. Cornyn.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS: Mr. Cassidy (Chair), Mr. Paul, Ms. Collins, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Scott (SC), Mr. Hawley, Mr. Tuberville, Mr. Banks, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Blackburn.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Mr. Paul (Chair), Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Scott (FL), Mr. Hawley, Mr. Moreno, Ms. Ernst, Mr. Scott (SC).

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Grassley (Chair), Mr. Graham, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Britt, Mr. Crapo.