

Another important moment in McCracken's history came in the Cold War, when the community bolstered American security at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, which began production of enriched uranium in 1952. For many years, the plant remained the only operating uranium enrichment facility in the United States. While that work has since completed, the plant's employees remain dedicated to their jobs and the important work they perform each day to transition this facility into the future.

Today, McCracken County remains the heart of America's inland waterways and a center for creativity and folk art that serves as the gateway to west Kentucky's history and opportunity. Kentuckians from all across the Commonwealth travel to Paducah each year, the cherished home of the National Quilt Museum and other famed attractions like the Paducah Riverfront, the Paducah Railroad Museum, the Tilghman Civil War Museum, the Inland Waterways Museum, and the William Clark Market House Museum, the county's oldest museum. It is no surprise that, every year, more and more families decide to call McCracken County home. With the leadership of Judge Executive Craig Clymer, the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, and other dedicated Kentuckians, this vibrant community will continue to succeed in our Commonwealth. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in honoring McCracken County and its 200 years of history and heritage.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING KARI DZIEDZIC

• Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to enter the following letter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, on behalf of Ms. KLOBUCHAR and myself. The material follows:

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF KARI DZIEDZIC: Our thoughts are with you and everyone who knew and loved Kari. As we are in Washington this week, we will be submitting this letter to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in Kari's honor.

Like all of you, we were both lucky enough to call Kari a friend and saw firsthand how she met people where they are to get big things done for our state. She governed with strength, calm, and grace, always seeking solutions over soundbites.

Serving others came naturally to Kari—you could say it was in her blood. Her dad, the late Walt Dziedzic, was a Minneapolis legend in his own right who taught her the importance of public service. She carried those lessons with her, emerging from the rough-and-tumble world of old-school Northeast Minneapolis politics and carving out her own path as a leader who earned the respect of leaders from both sides of the aisle.

It was because of her ability to listen to others, bridge divides, and focus on results that her colleagues chose her to serve as Majority Leader. Her leadership improved lives across the state. And although her tragic cancer diagnosis forced her to step down from her position last year, her impact will be felt for generations to come:

Every new parent who takes paid leave to care for their child can thank Kari Dziedzic.

Every worker who has taken earned sick and safe time can thank Kari Dziedzic.

And every kid who no longer has to go hungry at school can thank Kari Dziedzic.

In describing her approach to public service, Kari quoted her former boss the late Senator Paul Wellstone in saying, "we all do better when we all do better." That principle was clear in everything she did, and there is no question that we are all better off for having had her in our lives.

Our state is better because of Kari Dziedzic. As you come together today to celebrate her life, know that our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

AMY KLOBUCHAR,
United States Senator.
TINA SMITH,
United States Senator.●

REMEMBERING MARY MURPHY

• Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to enter the following letter into the Congressional Record, on behalf of Ms. KLOBUCHAR and myself. The material follows:

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MARY MURPHY: Our thoughts are with you and everyone who knew and loved Mary. As we are in Washington this week, we will be submitting this letter to the Congressional Record in Mary's honor.

Mary was a beloved daughter of Northern Minnesota who went from her childhood home in Hermantown all the way to the State Capitol, where she would go on to become the longest-serving woman in the history of the Minnesota House.

Before that, though, she was a social studies and history teacher, and she carried that spirit with her to the state legislature. Her work was proof that history is not only a record of what has been, but a roadmap for what can be. Having grown up under the New Deal during the Great Depression, she saw firsthand that public service had the power to lift people up. Throughout her nearly half a century in the state legislature, Mary fought to do exactly that.

They may not know it, but countless Minnesotans have felt her impact in one way or another:

Every barber, waiter, and bartender who earns the full state minimum wage can thank Mary Murphy.

Every student at Fond du Lac Tribal College can thank Mary Murphy.

And every kid who participates in Head Start, ECFE, or Youthworks can thank Mary Murphy.

That's barely scratching the surface. Mary improved the lives of Minnesotans from all walks of life—and for years, she did it while often being one of the only women at the table in Northern Minnesota. Because of her leadership, that has changed, but in so many ways, she was ahead of her time. As her friend and colleague Erin Murphy has said, Mary "was a trailblazer in every way that you could imagine."

Our state is better because of Mary. As you come together today to celebrate her life, know that our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

AMY KLOBUCHAR,
United States Senator.
TINA SMITH,
United States Senator.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN PHILIPS

• Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Robin Philips, who is

retiring after over two decades of leadership at the Advocates For Human Rights.

Robin was on the organization's delegation to document violence against women in Romania in 1994. She then founded the Advocates' Women's Human Rights Program, one of the first in the United States. Robin's work has been revolutionary in ensuring recognition for women's human rights as human rights and developing a partner-based methodology.

The Advocates is committed to human rights work built on partnerships with, and led by, individuals impacted by human rights violations. Volunteers are at the heart of the Advocates' work, with thousands of supporters contributing their time to legal services, fact-finding, advocacy, outreach, and operational support.

Under Robin's leadership, the Advocates has provided pro bono legal counsel to more than 7,000 noncitizen victims of persecution, torture, trafficking, prolonged detention, and family violence. She has made Minnesota a leader in anti-human trafficking efforts by advocating for our Safe Harbor For Sexually Exploited Youth Act and for expanding the State's criminal statute to protect more people from labor trafficking and provide permanent State funding for victims.

As executive director, Robin has also greenlit transitional justice projects in Peru, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. She supervised work with partners worldwide to abolish the death penalty. More than two-thirds of countries in the world have now abolished the death penalty in law or in practice. Robin has also been deeply committed to the Advocates' Nepal School Project, which has provided education as an alternative to child labor, serving over 1,000 low-income Nepali students. These achievements are highlights of Robin's impact on our State and world.

Congratulations on your well-earned retirement, Robin, and best of luck in your next chapter.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:08 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 23. An act to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2001, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members to the House Office Building Commission to serve with himself: Mr. SCALISE of Louisiana and Mr. JEFFRIES of New York.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 23. An act to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies.

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-51. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments for Inflation" (RIN0605-AA69) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-52. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes; Amendment 39-22881" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0228) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-53. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes; Amendment 39-22840" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1468) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-54. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31580) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-55. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31581) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-56. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Zeeland, MI" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2084) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-57. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace; Abbotsford Airport, Abbotsford, BC" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2084) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-58. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Updates to BasicMed" (RIN2120-AM06) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2580) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-59. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; 2024-2025 Annual Specifications and Management Measures for Pacific Sardine" (RIN0648-XD848) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-60. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; Amendment 7 to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the American Samoa Archipelago and Final Rule; Discontinue Rebuilding Plan for American Samoa Bottomfish and Implement Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for Fishing Year 2024-2026" (RIN0648-BN03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-61. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea Subarea and Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD956) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-62. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE445) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-63. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer From New York to North Carolina" (RIN0648-XE510) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Decem-

ber 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-64. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Framework Adjustment 16 to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BN02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-65. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer From New Jersey to North Carolina" (RIN0648-XE335) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-66. A communication from the Director of Rulemaking Operations, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing the Whistleblower Provisions of the Vehicle Safety Act" (RIN2127-AL85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-67. A communication from the Director of Rulemaking Operations, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Event Data Recorders" (RIN2127-AM12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-68. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freight Car Safety Standards Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (RIN2130-AC94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-69. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integration of Powered-Lift: Pilot Certification and Operations; Miscellaneous Amendments Related to Rotorcraft and Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1275) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 38. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to penalize false communications to cause an emergency response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.