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House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KIM of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 25, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY KIM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, great are Your promises to us. In Your divine grace, You have given us all we need to face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead this day.

Empower us with everything we need to live a godly life, a life which reflects Your great goodness in a world overcome with evil and hatred. Strengthen us with Your divine nature that we would stand above corruptive and corrosive selfish desire.

Instead, may the words of our mouths, the decisions we make, and the lives we lead reflect the righteousness to which our faith aspires.

May we add Your wisdom to our attempts of kindness, self-control and perseverance to our know-how, godliness to our perseverance, mutual affection to our godliness, and to our regard for one another, the most important quality: love.

So may our work be effective and our lives beneficial, as we seek to serve our communities, our country, and You.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jeff Sagnip, District Director, the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 1, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Jeff Sagnip, have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division: Probate Part, Monmouth County.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JEFF SAGNIP,
District Director.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University:

Ms. MCCOLLUM, Minnesota
Mr. BUCSHON, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2022, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☒

[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. DAVID SCOTT, Apr. 5, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

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HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH, Apr. 5, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

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HON. ZOE LOFGREN, Apr. 13, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

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HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA, Apr. 5, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RULES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN, Apr. 5, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

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HON. NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, Apr. 7, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]

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HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Apr. 6, 2022.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC–3769. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Captain David P. Walt, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); ; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–3770. A letter from the Program Specialist, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Exemptions to Suspicious Activity Report Requirements [Docket No.: OCC-2020-0037] (RIN: 1557-AE77) received March 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC–3771. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 40th Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); Public Law 94-135, Sec. 308(b); (92 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC–3772. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Iowa; Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0932; FRL-9461-02-R7] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3773. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 and 2015 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2017-0583; EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0311; EPA-R05-OAR-2020-0501; FRL-9056-04-R5] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3774. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0154; FRL-9648-01-OCSPP] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3775. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Indiana, Ohio; Definition of Chemical Process Plants Under State Prevention of Significant Deterioration Regulations and Operating Permit Programs [EPA-R05-OAR-2008-0138; EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0827; FRL-9397-02-R5] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3776. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Bulk Silos PM10 FESOP Update [EPA-R05-OAR-2021-0411; FRL-9547-02-R5] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3777. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Limited Approval and Limited Disapproval; California; Air Resources Board; Volatile Organic Compounds [EPA-R09-OAR-2021-0410; FRL-8791-02-R9] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3778. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Birmingham Limited Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0010; FRL-9539-02-R4] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3779. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment New Source Review Permit Program Requirements [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0362; FRL-9502-02-R4] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3780. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Air Quality Control, Miscellaneous Rule Revisions to Definitions and Permitting [EPA-R04-OAR-2020-0702; FRL-9537-02-R4] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3781. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Finding of Failure To Attain the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard; Tennessee; Sullivan County Nonattainment Area [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0428; FRL-9374-02-R4] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3782. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Kansas; 2015 Ozone NAAQS Interstate Transport Requirements [EPA-R07-OAR-2022-0075; FRL-9428-02-R7] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3783. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Control of Emissions From the Manufacturing of Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels and Other Allied Surface Coating Products [EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0953; FRL-9396-02-R7] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3784. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Air Plans; Base Year Emissions Inventories for the 2015 Ozone Standards; Arizona; Phoenix-Mesa and Yuma Nonattainment Areas [EPA-R09-OAR-2021-0638; FRL-9101-02-R9] received April 5, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–3785. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2021 annual report of Military Assistance, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2415(a); Public Law 87-195, Sec. 655 (as amended by Public Law 104-164, Sec. 148); (110 Stat. 1435); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–3786. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting Declaration of National Emergency and Invocation of Emergency Authority Relating to the Regulation of the Achorage and Movement of Russian- Affiliated Vessels to United States Ports, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 117—113); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC–3787. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notice of intent to designate Colombia as a Major Non-NATO Ally, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2321k(a); Public Law 87-195, Sec. 517 (as added by Public Law 104-164, title I, Sec. 147(a)(1)); (110 Stat. 1434) (H. Doc. No. 117—114); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC–3788. A letter from the Senior Bureau Officer, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–3789. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification of a drawdown under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–3790. A letter from the Acting Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY

2021 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–3791. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2021 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–3792. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2021 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–3793. A letter from the Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2021 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–3794. A letter from the Natural Resource Specialist, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Technical Corrections for Four Midwest Mussel Species [Docket No.: FWS-R3-ES-2022-0006; FXES11130300000-223-FF03E00000] (RIN: 1018-BE37) received March 24, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC–3795. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the Office's notice — Certification of Arizona Capital Counsel Mechanism [Docket No.: OAG-167; AG Order No.: 4666-2020] received March 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–3796. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Agusta S.p.A.) Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0948 Project Identifier; MCAI-2020-00394-R; Amendment 39-21883; AD 2021-26-24] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3797. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0004; Project Identifier AD-2022-00036-T; Amendment 39-21913; AD 2022-02-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3798. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Turbomeca S.A.) Turboshaft Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0793; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-00372-E; Amendment 39-21885; AD 2021-26-26] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3799. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Stemme AG Gliders [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0842; Project Identifier 2019-CE-032-AD; Amendment 39-21871; AD 2021-26-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1146. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes (Rept. 117–293). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 972. A bill to establish the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes (Rept. 117–294). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 441. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. 117–295, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2793. A bill to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes; and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117–296). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3525. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117–297, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5973. A bill to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117–298). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6201. A bill to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free Black persons who served in the American Revolution, and for other purposes (Rept. 117–299). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6651. A bill to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force (Rept. 117–300). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6023. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold, and for other purposes; with an amendment Rept. 117–301, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 441 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on House Administration discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3525 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 7566. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the punishment for human trafficking in a school zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 7567. A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify certain due process rights of Federal employees serving in sensitive positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7568. A bill to provide for coverage of employees of the District of Columbia courts and the District of Columbia Public Defender Service under the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. ROSS (for herself and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 7569. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study relating to cybersecurity and energy infrastructure; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7570. A bill to establish certain protections for individuals involuntarily separated from the Armed Forces solely on the basis of refusing to receive vaccinations against COVID-19; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7571. A bill to direct the Administer of the Small Business Administration to consider certain applications under certain EIDL COVID-19 relief programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 7566.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clauses 18 of the Constitution of the United States which states that Congress has the power ''to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.''

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7567.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7568.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. ROSS:

H.R. 7569.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause l:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts, and Excises. shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7570.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7571.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 920: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 923: Mr. WOMACK.

H.R. 1068: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 1179: Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Mr. HILL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mr. DELGADO.

H.R. 1304: Mr. CAREY.

H.R. 1829: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1927: Mr. BUCK.

H.R. 2050: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BASS, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 2354: Mrs. AXNE, Mr. DELGADO, and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 2489: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 2549: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 3206: Mr. BABIN, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. GOOD of Virginia.

H.R. 3517: Ms. BOURDEAUX.

H.R. 3535: Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 3825: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 4134: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 4390: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 4693: Mr. RASKIN and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 4792: Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 4824: Mr. POSEY and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 5008: Ms. BASS.

H.R. 5428: Mr. JONES, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 5546: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 6015: Mr. DAVIDSON.

H.R. 6201: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 6270: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 6411: Mr. MALINOWSKI.

H.R. 6613: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. GOLDEN.

H.R. 6801: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 7018: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 7075: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 7174: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.

H.R. 7240: Ms. OMAR, Mr. SIRES, and Ms. Sánchez.

H.R. 7314: Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 7359: Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mrs. KIM of California, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. MANN.

H.R. 7423: Mr. KELLER.

H.R. 7437: Mr. WENSTRUP.

H.R. 7458: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. LAMB.

H.R. 7466: Mr. MEIJER and Ms. STEFANIK.

H.R. 7488: Mr. HILL.

H.R. 7490: Ms. TENNEY and Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 7542: Ms. KUSTER and Ms. LEE of California.

H.J. Res. 81: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. CAWTHORN, and Mr. HARRIS.

H. Con. Res. 33: Mr. GIMENEZ.

H. Res. 891: Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. VEASEY.

H. Res. 1044: Mr. COURTNEY.

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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite, thank You for the exemplary life and legacy of former Senator Orrin Hatch.

Lord, I am personally grateful for his friendship, integrity, and faithfulness. I cherish the many conversations we had each morning before he convened the Senate and invited me to pray. He blessed us by striving to do Your will. Lord, he consistently upheld the standards of excellence, civility, and accountability.

Inspired by this long and consequential life, may our lawmakers seek to faithfully and obediently honor You.

And, Lord, we continue to intercede for Ukraine.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Ms. HIRONO assumed the Chair.)

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING LORENZO CERVANTES

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, last week, America and Illinois lost a hero. Lorenzo Cervantes was his name. He had been a steelworker living in the small town of Sterling, IL, in the Rock River Valley. That is an hour or two west of Chicago.

Mr. Cervantes was 98 years old. When he was a young man, he set out to save the world. He joined the U.S. Army in February of 1943, during World War II, before he had reached the age of 20. He was a member of an elite group. There was an American-Canadian commando unit known as the First Special Service Force, a top-secret band of brothers operating deep behind enemy lines.

The Forcemen, as they were known, earned the nickname ''The Devil's Brigade'' from terrified Nazi soldiers and officers who said that they seemed to appear out of nowhere in the dead of night, like devils.

That unit he served in suffered one of the highest casualty rates in the war. Listen to these figures. Of the 2,400 men who fought with the unit, 2,300 of them were either killed or wounded, but they never lost a mission—not one.

The First Special Service Force existed for only 2 years, but the spirit of that force lives on in the Green Berets, Army Rangers, Navy SEALS, Marine Raiders, Canadian Special Operations Regiment, and, frankly, all of today's military Special Forces.

For decades after World War II, the very existence of that unit remained top secret and classified. The Forcemen didn't tell anyone what they had done in the war, not even their families. Like Lorenzo Cervantes, they quietly returned home, married, raised families, and lived ordinary lives.

In 2015, some 70 years after the end of World War II, they were finally honored for their service, and Congress awarded them the Congressional Gold Medal.

I had the privilege of meeting two other Forcemen from Illinois at that Gold Medal ceremony. Casey Celske was one of them. He fought with the Devil's Brigade at the Battle of Anzio—one of the Allies' greatest surprise victories. He was among the first Allied soldiers to enter Rome and liberate it from the Nazis.

Mr. Celske died 3 years ago, also age 98. After the war, he had returned to Illinois and married. He and his wife had 11 children—11.

In 1995, 50 years after the war ended, Mr. Celske and one of his sons decided to go back to Europe to take a look and see the places where the First Special Service Force had fought and to visit the towns that the Force liberated.

Near the Anzio beachhead, they spoke to an Italian man. When the man realized who they were, he dropped to his knees, broke out in tears, and thanked Casey Celske of Illinois.

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The Italian man said to his son: This is one of the soldiers who saved our village.

Casey Celske turned to his son and said: All these years, I wondered what I was doing. Now I know.

UKRAINE

Madam President, after World War II, the United States and the leading free nations of Europe worked together to create a new system of rules and institutions to guard the peace of World War II and to reduce the risk in Europe that we would ever again descend into the hell of war. The most important of these new institutions was called the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—NATO. Among its most important new rules was the commitment that nations must never again wage wars of conquest against their neighbors. For more than 75 years, the new rules and institutions largely helped keep the peace in Europe, but then came Ukraine.

With its barbaric attack on Ukraine, Russia is waging war not only against a sovereign nation—an innocent, unprovoked nation—Russia is attacking the very system of democracy and rules-based order for which 400,000 U.S. servicemembers died in World War II and many more have given their lives since.

Vladimir Putin is seeking to restore some mythical Russian Empire. He wants to demolish NATO, and he wants to drag the world back into a bloodsoaked past, when Kings and tyrants waged wars of conquest to expand their territory and fill their coffers.

As Russia's barbaric, blood-thirsty war against Ukraine enters its third month, it is clear that Vladimir Putin has miscalculated disastrously. He thought his forces were so overwhelming that he would occupy Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, in a matter of days; that he would remove Volodymyr Zelenskyy from power in Ukraine and that he would install a puppet government that would once again take orders from Moscow.

Instead, Kyiv still stands, Zelenskyy is still in control, and Vladimir Putin has been frustrated by the determination, courage, and resiliency of the Ukrainian troops. He has suffered heavy losses. Russia has lost the battle for Ukraine to date. Vladimir Zelenskyy is still Ukraine's President, and Russian forces are demoralized and depleted.

Instead of seizing Kyiv and all of Ukraine, Russia is now regrouping to try to pick one region that they can conquer, the Donbas region—which they have illegally occupied since 2014—and to seize the Black Sea Port of Mariupol.

Russia's economy is increasingly staggering under the weight of some of the most powerful sanctions ever levied against any nation in the history of the world. The effect of these sanctions against Russia will become even more onerous in the months ahead as Russia is unable to buy parts and equipment to keep its basic industries thriving and other key sectors of its economy functioning.

The sanctions also target the oligarchs, the kleptocrats, Putin's fraternity who helped prop up his corrupt regime. They are losing their superyachts—isn't that a heartbreaker—their vacation dachas, and some are starting to lose their lives—strangely, a fate that seems to befall a number of people who get close to Russia's KGB thug who happens to be the leader in Russia today.

The Russian Government has given up any pretense it once had after the breakup of the Soviet Union of ever becoming a democracy. I say that with some sadness for the people of Russia. They have been relegated to the role of pawns in Putin's escapade.

A new censorship law has taken effect. It makes it a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison to even describe the invasion of Ukraine as a ''war'' or to describe Russia's assault on Ukraine in honest terms. You can go to prison for that in Mr. Putin's Russia.

It was just a few weeks ago that I met upstairs in my office with a Russian journalist and opposition leader. His name is Vladimir Kara-Murza. Mr. Kara-Murza is fearless. He survived poisoning attempts by the Kremlin twice. He told me several weeks ago, ''I'm going back.''

I said, ''Why?''

He said, ''There is work to be done.''

He told me about his opposition to Russia's war in Ukraine, the increasing opposition to the war with Russia, and his hopes that some day Russia will be a part of the community of democracies. Well, Mr. Kara-Murza went back to Moscow, and last week, he was arrested—the same day CNN broadcast an interview in which he called Putin's government ''a regime of murderers.'' Mr. Kara-Murza faces years of imprisonment for simply telling the truth.

Senator MARCO RUBIO of Florida and I are going to introduce a bipartisan resolution this week calling for Mr. Kara-Murza's immediate release. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join us.

Vladimir Putin also badly miscalculated the unity of NATO and the will of free people to defend democracy. Instead of shattering NATO, Putin has strengthened NATO. Finland and Sweden, longtime neutral nations, could soon join NATO. Germany is pursuing a historic dramatic overhaul of its approach to security and defense. And yesterday, French voters re-elected their President, Emmanuel Macron, decisively, choosing him over his far-right Putin sympathizer, Marine Le Pen. That election in France marked the first time in 20 years that French voters have given a President a second term. It is widely viewed as, among other things, a vote of support for NATO and Ukraine and against Putin and his Russian aggression.

Vladimir Putin also gambled that America would be too weak and divided to oppose Russia's assault on Ukraine. He was badly mistaken again. Republicans and Democrats are standing together in support of Ukraine, as are the American people.

President Biden's leadership has been critical in uniting NATO and the West and enabling Ukraine to defend itself. Yesterday, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin traveled to Kyiv and met with President Zelenskyy personally to show Putin and the world that the United States of America stands with the Ukrainian people in their heroic defense of their homeland.

The U.S. is providing Ukraine with the military equipment to defend itself, but it takes the courage and determination of those men and women in Ukraine to make it work. In the last 2 months alone, America has committed to Ukraine an unprecedented $3.7 billion in military equipment, including howitzers, helicopters, ammunition, tactical drones, and more. Ukraine's Armed Forces are using this equipment and performing brilliantly.

The coming weeks will be difficult, and they may be decisive. In concentrating its assault on the Donbas, Russia is moving the war from cities like Kyiv and Kharkiv to a more wide-open landscape where its heavy artillery seems to have an advantage. In addition, many intelligence reports suggest that Putin is desperate for something he can call a military win by May 8, which Russia celebrates as ''Victory Day,'' marking the Allies' defeat over Nazi Germany in World War II.

The tragic irony is that in this war, Russia is using many of the same tactics used in World War II: attacking a peaceful neighboring nation, intentionally targeting civilians, and committing heinous war crimes.

This Senate voted unanimously last month to condemn Vladimir Putin as a war criminal. We must continue to stand with Ukraine and for democracy and for the rules of civilization where so many Americans fought for and died in World War II and since.

I started these comments on the floor this afternoon remembering a World War II vet in Illinois that just passed away at the age of 98, Lorenzo Cervantes. I have spoken to so many of those vets and said: What were you fighting for?

And they said: We were fighting for our buddies right next to us. We were going to bring each other home safe, so we kept the fight. And we were fighting for our families. We believed our family name was at stake, and the courage we showed reflected on them. And we also were fighting for our nation, the United States, which we were proud to serve and risk our lives for. But most of all, we were fighting to make sure our kids didn't have to do the same. We were willing to sacrifice, even give our lives, so our kids could live in a peaceful world.

Well, for almost 80 years that was a fact after World War II and the service

of Lorenzo Cervantes and hundreds of thousands of others. And then came Vladimir Putin with this unprovoked attack on Ukraine. He thought they would be a pushover. He had this massive Russian army mobilizing over a span of months ready to attack. And when he launched his attack, he expected the people of Ukraine to fold, quit, and leave. But they didn't. They fought and they have been an inspiration ever since.

Putin wants to write a new world order. He wants to say to the living veterans of World War II and their families: You wasted your time. I can do this if I wish. I have the power. But he has run into a force he didn't anticipate. The Ukrainians have done an incredible job, an inspiring job to the world.

And I want, of course, to say a word of praise to their President. Mr. Zelenskyy started in life as a stand-up comedian. Somehow or another, he has become the world's leading stand-up President—standing up to a tyrant like Vladimir Putin, inspiring people all around the world to join in this effort to save his nation.

I am glad that the United States is on board, and we will continue to help him until Putin is finally gone. The genocide which he is inflicting on the Ukrainian people is an embarrassment to the 21st century. To think that this could happen in the so-called civilized western world is virtually unthinkable. We have got to make a stand, and I am glad that we have. I support President Biden and the NATO alliance who are standing behind the people of Ukraine.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Republican leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING ORRIN G. HATCH

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, as the Senate convenes today, we are mourning the loss of our dear friend and legendary former colleague, Orrin Hatch.

When Senator Hatch retired 3 years ago, this body lost its longest serving Republican and its President pro tem. We also lost one of the kindest and best humored colleagues any of us had ever served with and, for that matter, the Senate's only former band manager of a Mormon folk music group.

Orrin Hatch led an incredibly full, interesting, and accomplished life. By the end of his tenure, our very funny colleague liked to poke fun at his own longevity. I remember when Orrin, a former Judiciary Committee chairman, would pretend to wistfully recall his work on Justice Joseph Story's confirmation back in 1811.

Humor aside, the reality was impressive enough. Orrin's dogged service for Utah and our Nation was a constant in this Chamber for 42 years. He was an accomplished, influential chairman of three major committees: HELP, Judiciary, and Finance. He was an essential legislator behind a long list of landmark laws—from the Hatch-Waxman law on generic drugs in the 1980s to the Americans with Disabilities Act, to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program—all back in the 1990s—all the way through to the historic 2017 tax reform that Orrin shepherded as Finance chairman. That helped engineer the best economic moment for American workers and families in modern history. There were also countless specific achievements for the great State of Utah that Orrin loved so much.

Amid all that legislative heavy lifting, Orrin was also a pivotal player concerning the Senate's part in the personnel business. Amazingly, at the time of Orrin's retirement, he had personally participated in the confirmations for more than half—half—of all the article III judges who had ever served in American history.

Orrin came into the Senate as a young, conservative firebrand. His first campaign for any public office of any kind was the 1976 campaign that landed him here. He left the Senate as a widely admired and universally liked elder statesman. His legacy is peppered with both big, principled victories, bipartisan collaborations, and a roster of friends that spanned the entire political spectrum and sometimes transcended politics altogether.

But there was never any confusing what Orrin viewed as his proudest accomplishment of all. That would be his remarkable marriage to Elaine and their loving family. Alphabetical order has perhaps never served any man better than when ''Hatch, Orrin'' was assigned the chair next to ''Hansen, Elaine'' in a Brigham Young University classroom. Decades later, Orrin said, ''I can't remember a doggone thing from that astronomy class,'' but the two of them got 65 inspiring years of marriage and a big, happy brood of kids and grandkids out of the bargain.

So, today, the entire Senate stands with Elaine, the Hatch family, and the huge, huge network of friends, former staffers, and admirers whom Orrin leaves behind across Utah and across our country. We mourn this great loss, and we honor this great life.

INFLATION

Madam President, on an entirely different matter, the Senate reconvenes today, after Passover and Easter, to begin a new work period, but, unfortunately, the biggest problem facing the American people is still the same as it has been all year long. Rising inflation is continuing to inflict painful consequences on working families across our country. This painful problem isn't getting better; it is still getting worse.

Last month, consumer prices clocked an 8.5-percent year-on-year increase. Inflation is now rising at its fastest pace in more than four decades. The surge is being led in large part by a 23.6-percent jump in airfares, a 35.3-percent increase in used car and truck prices, and a 48-percent spike in the cost of gasoline. These are exactly the sorts of products consumers lean on most heavily in the warmer months.

But, while March's numbers are an extra cruel twist, the American people have been feeling the effects of the Biden administration's war on domestic energy for the better part of a year. Before most folks even began to consider summer travel and long before Putin launched his invasion of Ukraine, working families were already facing soaring prices at the gas pump.

Even as wage growth accelerated for a fifth straight month, workers' paychecks once again failed to keep pace with the steep surge of rising prices. Raises and bonuses are being swallowed by inflation. Real wages are down 2.7 percent year-on-year.

Democrats' runaway spending has brought us runaway inflation. Prices in the United States have risen higher and faster than in other developed economies. Even the New York Times now admits that ''risks are mounting that America's ambitious spending will end up with a checkered legacy.'' Let me say that again. Even the New York Times now admits that ''risks are mounting that America's ambitious spending will end up with a checkered legacy.''

But even in the face of this painful reality, even as every measurable indicator spells out the clear consequences of reckless runaway spending, Washington Democrats are showing no sign of changing course. President Biden's response to the shaky economy he created is to propose the biggest tax hike in American history and double-digit percentage growth in domestic discretionary spending.

Democrats' policies have working families deep in a financial hole, and our colleagues across the aisle just want to keep digging.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. DUCKWORTH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING ORRIN G. HATCH

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, before I begin the substance of my remarks today, I wanted to note how the Senate mourns the loss of one of its fine public servants. Senator Orrin Hatch, the longest serving Republican in the history of the Senate, the sixth longest serving Member ever, passed away Saturday at the age of 88.

Senator Hatch was a friend, a respected colleague, and a legislator of rare skill. In our 20 years serving together, our disagreements were frequent. They often ran deep. But I always knew him to be a person of good faith who put the needs of his State above all else.

While nobody ever mistook Senator Hatch for anything but a principled conservative, to his credit, he was never afraid to work with his Democratic colleagues when necessary to get things done, and he would make compromises. I was in the room many times when it happened, and I will always admire him for that.

The people of Utah lost a titan this weekend, one that will not likely come through this Chamber again for a long time. My prayers and condolences go to all of Senator Hatch's family and friends, especially his wife, Elaine, and their six children and many, many grandchildren.

May he forever rest in peace, and we thank him for his lifetime of public service.

NOMINATION OF LAEL BRAINARD

Madam President, today, the Senate gavels in for the start of a 5-week work period, and there is much, much that the American people want us and need us to work on in order to lower costs and improve their daily lives. That will be one of our primary focuses. The Senate will also continue confirming President Biden's administrative and judicial nominees.

Today we will vote to advance the nomination of Lael Brainard to be Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Ms. Brainard received bipartisan backing in the committee, and I expect her to sail through this Chamber with similar bipartisan support.

NOMINATION OF LISA DENELL COOK

Madam President, as soon as tomorrow, the Senate will proceed on the nomination of Lisa Cook to sit on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Coming from humble beginnings in rural Georgia, where her family fought racial segregation, Ms. Cook would make history as the first Black woman ever to sit on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Her qualifications are irrefutable. She is a professor of economics at Michigan State, a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Advisory Board, and served as senior economist in President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers. In short, Ms. Cook absolutely belongs on the Fed, and I look forward to the Senate confirming her soon.

NOMINATION OF ALVARO M. BEDOYA

Madam President, this week, the Senate will also confirm Alvaro Bedoya as a commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission, breaking a 2–2 deadlock on the FTC that has lasted for over a year. Mr. Bedoya's confirmation is truly significant. If we want to lower costs, if we want to understand why the price of things like gasoline have surged, then it is important to break the 2–2 deadlock at the FTC so it can fully examine these issues and execute its agenda.

Every time Americans go to the pump, they just know something truly rotten is going on with America's energy sector. Last year, the top 25 oil and gas companies reported $205 billion in profits. Earlier this month, ExxonMobil alone reported its highest quarterly profits since 2008. But has any of this translated into lower prices for Americans? Has any of this gone to help resolve our energy challenges? Has any of it gone to increasing worker productivity? No, no, and no.

Instead, soaring energy profits have fueled soaring stock buybacks. In the fourth quarter of last year, oil and gas companies' stock buybacks rose by more than 2,000 percent—2,000 percent.

They are making record profits, and what do the CEOs do? They artificially increase the value of their stocks simply by buying some of it back. That is not why stock should go up.

Could they do something to reduce prices? Wouldn't that help America more? Could they do something to make their oil companies—their workers fare better? No. There is something deeply wrong, deeply wrong about seeing the largest oil and gas companies in the world drench top executives and wealthy shareholders with cash while Americans are struggling at the pump.

That is why we need a fully functioning FTC as soon as possible; so it can look under the hood of America's energy sector and determine if rising prices are, in part, rooted in shady conduct, and I believe they are. For that reason, we must confirm Mr. Bedoya by the end of this week.

And I say to my Republican friends, if you are complaining about oil and gas prices—gasoline prices, one of the best things to do is have the FTC take a look and propose action and act.

On this very same note, Democrats are also discussing and will consider other potential action to beef up the FTC's ability to crack down on potential gas price manipulation. We will have more to say on this as the week progresses.

UKRAINE

Madam President, also in the coming weeks, the Senate must make progress on several pressing legislative priorities. We must, for one, continue helping the people of Ukraine in their fight against Russian aggression.

Last Thursday, President Biden announced the emergency funding Congress approved in March is close to running out, and he is expected to make another request to Congress later this week. Two months into the war, Putin's hopes for a quick takeover have all but extinguished, thanks to the bravery of the Ukrainian people and to the aid that the U.S. and other countries have provided the Ukrainians in the form of Javelins, Stingers, and other critical weapons.

But as we all know, the fight is far from over. We must make sure the Ukrainian people continue to have the help they need for as long as they need it. Approving additional aid for Ukraine is a must, and I expect swift bipartisan cooperation to get it done.

NOMINATION OF BRIDGET A. BRINK

Madam President, this morning, the President also announced he will nominate Bridget Brink to serve as the next ambassador to Ukraine. Ms. Brink's nomination is terrific news at a critical moment, and the Senate will prioritize her confirmation once she comes before the Senate and move her as quickly as possible. She is needed, and we will not tarry or delay.

The United States has not had an ambassador within Ukraine since 2019, and Ms. Brink is an excellent choice to lead our diplomatic mission as we stand with the Ukrainian people. She is a longtime veteran of Eastern European affairs and has already been confirmed unanimously by the Senate to serve as ambassador to Slovakia. There is no reason both sides can't work together quickly and expeditiously to confirm Ms. Brink.

CORONAVIRUS

Madam President, in addition to Ukraine funding, I will also keep working with my colleagues to pass another bipartisan COVID funding package. At the end of the last work period, a group of Democrats and Republicans reached an agreement on a funding package, only for every single Republican to vote against moving forward—every single one. Truly disappointing, because this funding is desperately needed.

The best way to keep life as close to normal in case a new COVID variant arises, is for Republicans to work with us to quickly approve more money for vaccines, more for testing, more money for lifesaving therapeutics, and other urgent tools to fight the pandemic.

The longer that Senate Republicans hold out on working with us to approve new funding, the higher the cost will be for our country down the line. As we have learned already, it doesn't take much for a new variant to undo a lot of the progress we have made in recent months.

So in the coming weeks, both parties must come to the table and reach a good-faith agreement to move forward on COVID funding.

It will be vital for keeping schools, churches, businesses, and our communities open if and when a future, more potent variant rears its ugly head.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT

Madam President, finally, this week, the Senate will also begin a formal conference committee with the House to finalize our jobs and competitiveness legislation. If there is anything that Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree on and move speedily on, it should certainly be a bipartisan bill that increases jobs, boosts innovation, and gets tough on the Chinese Communist Party, while shoring up our chips manufacturing here at home.

This legislation has been in the works for well over a year, and I know that Members from both sides want to see us enter a conference as soon as we can.

As the week progresses, Republicans must come to the table and show they are willing to work with us to finalize a vote to enter the conference. Both parties in both Chambers have already announced their choices of who should serve as conferees, so the time has come to wrap up this process and begin a conference.

I hope both sides will reach an accord soon so we can finish the yearlong work of sending the competitiveness legislation to the President's desk for his signature. Our economy and American consumers will be far, far better off for it.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, the Senate is now, of course, back in session following a 2-week home work period, as we refer to it. That is when we get to go back home and see our friends and constituents and travel around our States. And in my case, representing 29 million Texans, that entails a fair amount of travel, but it is always good to get reconnected with your friends and your neighbors and your constituents.

I know we are eager to hit the ground running here this week, and certainly, we have a lot to do. For example, the conference committee process for the China competitiveness bill will begin soon, and I am eager to work with the fellow Members of the conference committee to reach a strong, bipartisan bill.

The long list of unrelated partisan provisions in the House bill, though, have no place, in my opinion, in the final agreement, but I am ready to get the ball rolling so we can pass a bill that serves the American people, our economy, and, most importantly, our national security.

CORONAVIRUS

Madam President, in the next couple of weeks, as we know, we could well see another pandemic relief bill come to the floor for a vote.

I hope this package includes a piece of legislation that Senator PADILLA, the Senator from California, and I authored, that would give State and local governments more flexibility to spend their excess COVID dollars, in this case, on infrastructure or disaster relief.

This bill passed the Senate unanimously and addresses a problem communities across our Nation are facing. And there is no reason for it to be excluded from the larger package, so I am optimistic.

In the coming days, I hope the Senate will also take action to preserve the use of title 42, the public health title, addressing COVID–19, following the President's reckless decision to eliminate it with no alternative plan in place, which would invite even more chaos at our southern border.

Months ago, during the height of COVID, the Border Patrol told me that title 42 was helpful in repelling migrants who were not claiming asylum and avoiding having to process them on this side of the border. But that was one of the few things, given the huge number of asylum claims that were being made, that permitted them to control the flow of people across the border, at least in some manner.

I am proud to cosponsor a bipartisan bill introduced by Senator LANKFORD and Senator SINEMA, which would delay the end of title 42 until there is a reasonable, workable alternative in place. There is bipartisan support for this legislation, and I hope it will receive a vote here on the Senate floor very soon.

These are just a few of the items on the Senate's lengthy to-do list, but of course the single biggest item looming in the news and on our minds and hearts is the war in Ukraine.

Over the last 2 months, Ukraine has endured unimaginable suffering, and its brave people and soldiers continue to fight to save their country. As Americans, we cannot lose sight of our role in the conflict. Our sons and daughters are not on the frontlines, nor are we obligated by a treaty, like the North Atlantic Treaty, to come to the aid of Ukraine.

But I believe we have a moral responsibility to aid a fellow democracy against this kind of unprovoked and outrageous aggression. We can't just send money and weapons halfway around the world and then pat ourselves on the back and say: Job well done.

As I said, we have a moral responsibility to help Ukraine not only fight but also to win this war. We can't just prop up its forces to continue to take more hits without providing them a plan for them to sustain their efforts in the long run.

Over the last couple of months, folks across the political spectrum have united in support of Ukraine. As a matter of fact, this has been one of the truly bipartisan responses that we have seen here in Congress—bipartisan support of Ukraine.

I have to say, amid so much pain and suffering, it has been encouraging to see people around the world—not just here in America but around the world—stand shoulder-to-shoulder in support of Ukraine.

As we know, since the war began, the United States has provided billions of dollars in military assistance as well as humanitarian relief. This has come in the form of everything from body armor to helmets, to ammunition to Javelin antitank missiles.

But as we know, more is needed. That was the message President Zelenskyy delivered to Members of Congress. It was a message I heard from our partners in Europe when I traveled to Poland and Germany last month. And it is the same message we are hearing today: Send us the weapons we need to defend ourselves against this unprovoked and barbarous invasion by the Russian Federation.

Daily, Ukrainian soldiers and civilians are being bludgeoned. We need to get them the resources they need to hold the line, and we need to continue to act with dispatch.

Just before the State work period, the Senate passed legislation that would help make that more likely. It was called the bipartisan Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act, which I introduced with Senator CARDIN, that has broad bipartisan support in the Senate, and it passed unanimously here early last month.

This legislation is rooted in the same principle as the original Lend-Lease Act, which occurred during World War II, whereby the United States became what Franklin Delano Roosevelt called the ''arsenal of democracy,'' and we provided, at the time, up to $30 billion worth of materials—airplanes, ships, ammunition, all manner of weaponry—which allowed Great Britain to hang on against Nazi aggression.

Now, if you translate the amount of assistance that the United States gave our allies in World War II under the Lend-Lease Act that was passed then and signed into law by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it would translate into more than $400 billion today.

And I think it is important for us to send a strong bipartisan message that the U.S. Congress supports Ukraine not just for today, not just for tomorrow but for the long run.

Now that the Senate has unanimously passed this bipartisan legislation, it is up to the House. As I said, this legislation is important, one, because it cuts the redtape and expedites the shipment and delivery of weapons. As it stands today, there are a lot of time-consuming steps between the United States deciding to send more resources to the forces on the ground and between the time that the decision is made and the time that weapons are actually received.

As we can see by the devastating videos of this war, there is no time for delay or redtape. Our assistance cannot move at the speed of the bureaucracy.

And equally important is point No. 2. This bill ensures that we can send Ukraine the resources it actually needs, not just what current authorities allow.

President Zelenskyy himself said: Ukraine can't shoot down Russian missiles with shotguns and machineguns. We need to listen to what Ukraine needs and send those items with dispatch.

That is what this legislation provides for, nothing more and nothing less. It doesn't just help speed up the process of getting this equipment to Ukraine; it will ensure that we are actually sending them the items they actually need and can actually use.

Now, I know I don't have to convince my Senate colleagues that this is a good piece of legislation. We passed it unanimously 2 weeks ago. So we all understand what is at stake, and we are eager to remove the hurdles that prevent the United States from arming the Ukrainian forces with what they need to win this war as soon as we can get it in their hands.

I hope our Senate colleagues and the American people will contact our colleagues in the House and encourage them to pass the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act this week.

Every day we are learning more about the horrors unfolding in Ukraine. We have seen Russian war crimes in Bucha, and there are well-founded fears that the same carnage is unfolding in Mariupol. These developments should light a fire under our colleagues in the House to pass this legislation as soon as possible.

Chris Alexander is a former Canadian diplomat, who spent time posted at the Canadian Embassy in Russia. He recently said: ''Lend-Lease is a potential game-changer for the war in Ukraine.''

A potential game-changer—there is no better way to describe this legislation or to underscore its urgency.

Last week, the Ukrainian Prime Minister himself said that our Lend-Lease Program is what Ukraine needs to win the war.

Over the last 2 months, Ukrainian forces have demonstrated unbelievable strength and bravery. So it is time, once again, for the United States to serve as that ''arsenal of democracy,'' as Franklin Roosevelt called it, and ensure that Ukraine has the full range of resources it needs not just for today, not just for tomorrow but for the future as well.

After this bill passed the Senate, Ukraine's Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed his gratitude to all 100 Senators who voted to pass the bill, and he said he looks forward to its swift passage in the House.

So I would respectfully encourage Speaker PELOSI to bring this legislation to the floor for a vote this week so we can answer Ukraine's call to provide more weapons more quickly for the indefinite future.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 800.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 800, Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Charles E. Schumer, Cory A. Booker, Tammy Baldwin, Patrick J. Leahy, Patty Murray, Tina Smith, Sheldon Whitehouse, John W. Hickenlooper, Gary C. Peters, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jeanne Shaheen, Jon Tester, Richard J. Durbin, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mazie K. Hirono, Amy Klobuchar, Maria Cantwell.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 865.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 865, Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Charles E. Schumer, Cory A. Booker, Tammy Baldwin, Patrick J. Leahy, Patty Murray, Tina Smith, Sheldon Whitehouse, John W. Hickenlooper, Gary C. Peters, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jeanne Shaheen, Jon Tester, Richard J. Durbin, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mazie K. Hirono, Amy Klobuchar, Maria Cantwell.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 670.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 670, Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Charles E. Schumer, Ron Wyden, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Richard J. Durbin, Maria Cantwell, Debbie Stabenow, Jacky Rosen, Raphael G. Warnock, Chris Van Hollen, Christopher A. Coons, Richard Blumenthal, Robert Menendez, Jeff Merkley, Tina Smith, Martin Heinrich, Alex Padilla.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally, I ask unanimous consent that

the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, April 25, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 808, Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Charles E. Schumer, Mazie K. Hirono, Martin Heinrich, Tim Kaine, Jack Reed, Jacky Rosen, Ben Ray Luján, Christopher A. Coons, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Patrick J. Leahy, John W. Hickenlooper, Tammy Baldwin, Angus S. King, Jr.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Baldwin	Heinrich	Rosen
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Blumenthal	Hirono	Sanders
Booker	Kaine	Schatz
Brown	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sinema
Carper	Leahy	Smith
Collins	Luján	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	Lummis	Sullivan
Crapo	Manchin	Tester
Duckworth	Markey	Van Hollen
Durbin	Menendez	Warner
Feinstein	Merkley	Warnock
Gillibrand	Murphy	Warren
Graham	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hagerty	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	Young

NAYS—40

Barrasso	Fischer	Risch
Blackburn	Grassley	Romney
Blunt	Hawley	Rubio
Boozman	Hoeven	Sasse
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Burr	Inhofe	Scott (SC)
Capito	Johnson	Shelby
Cassidy	Kennedy	Thune
Cornyn	Lankford	Tillis
Cotton	Lee	Toomey
Cramer	Marshall	Tuberville
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	Paul	
Ernst	Portman	

NOT VOTING—6

Casey	Moran	Murray
Coons	Murkowski	Peters

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 54, and the nays are 40.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Ohio.

UKRAINE

Mr. PORTMAN. I am coming to the floor again this evening to talk about the tragedy that is unfolding in Ukraine. This is the ninth week in a row during sessions that I have come to the floor to talk about the brutal and unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine—Ukraine, an ally of ours, a democratic country, and a sovereign country.

It has now been more than 2 months since Russia's assault began, and Ukrainians continue to fight with heart, toughness, and conviction. The Russians have been defeated in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. And the Russian Black Sea flagship, the *Moskva*, was sunk by Ukrainian Neptune missiles. So there have been some successes. But while Ukraine and its people have impressed the free world with their fierce defense of their homeland, the senseless and indiscriminate killing of Ukrainian civilians by Russia continues.

In this new stage of the war, Russia has begun an intensified offensive in the Donbas region in the eastern part of Ukraine. A few days ago, a Russian commander affirmed that their goal is to gain full control of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts—meaning control of all of the Donbas in eastern Ukraine, rather than the roughly 50 percent they took in 2014, and control of southern Ukraine, cutting Ukraine off from its Black Sea ports, leaving one of the world's most important exporters landlocked.

The commander also threatened the territorial integrity of the small country of Moldova that borders southern Ukraine by saying this would connect Russia to the breakaway province of Transnistria, where Russian troops are already stationed.

It may not be coincidental that today we heard reports of bombs hitting the Ministry of State building in Transnistria, when no one was there, by the way. Some say this could be a false flag attack, giving Russia an excuse to invade all of Moldova. All of the countries in the region are nervous about their status. They are worried for a good reason. They could be next. I can see why they are concerned.

We have all seen with our own eyes what is going on, on television or online, the videos we have seen, but let's not forget, Russia continues to commit war crimes and display an utter disregard for innocent human lives. They continue to prevent evacuation of civilians from Mariupol. They have executed noncombatants, and now there are reports of systemic rape and torture by Russian soldiers. This is on top of previous confirmed reports of the use of cluster munitions and thermobaric weapons on civilians.

As of February 28, the International Criminal Court announced allegations would be investigated. That is good. That must happen. But if they wait and have the proceedings once the war is over, in my view, that is too late. The perpetrators must be brought to justice. These horrific Russian assaults on innocent Ukrainian families in Bucha, Mariupol, and elsewhere, the bombing of civilian targets, the rapes, the tortures, all of these are crimes against humanity, and Russia must be held accountable for war crimes, not later but now.

If there is not accountability, more senseless killings in Ukraine will occur, and these atrocities are likely to be repeated by others in the future.

Many of my colleagues and I were on a video call today with the Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal. He expressed his appreciation for the lethal support we have provided here in the U.S. Senate and in the House and through the administration.

But he stressed the need for more help, for more heavy weapons to defend and push Russia back in the Donbas region. He also detailed how the country's economy has been severely damaged and what they will need just to stay afloat.

Regarding military assistance, I am pleased that this past week the White House heeded calls from a bipartisan group of us to appoint a Ukraine security assistance coordinator to cut through the redtape and get the right military assistance to Ukraine more quickly.

It is important, with so many agencies and individuals involved, that one person be solely focused on this critical mission and be held accountable. That person the White House has appointed is a three-star general, Terry Wolff, who has extensive experience as the former Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL and has commanded every level from platoon to armored division.

From the very start of this conflict, I have said we need to do more, and we need to do it more quickly. We cannot do that if our assistance gets bogged down by the bureaucracy. Every delay in lethal aid costs Ukrainians lives, so I am pleased we now have a coordinator, and I hope that this will streamline the process.

I am encouraged that the administration also recently announced further

assistance of $800 million in artillery pieces, ammunition, armored vehicles, and a new loitering munition called the Phoenix Ghost. This is a suicidal drone that is now in the hands of the Ukrainians. That is promising.

I understand that the $3.4 billion in security assistance Congress passed in March will soon be exhausted and that there will be a need for additional supplemental funding for Ukraine. I encourage the administration to go ahead and look at that package, send it to us, get us to start thinking about it because when it comes here for a vote, I think we need to act quickly on it, review what the administration has sent, and be sure we do it on a stand-alone basis, rather than having it get bogged down in unrelated legislative matters.

I am also pleased that some State National Guards are sending armored vehicles to assist Ukraine in their efforts. The Ohio National Guard will provide some M–113 Armored Personnel Carriers as part of a drawdown of DOD inventories to support Ukraine. This sends a strong message of support to our allies from the Buckeye State.

I also appreciate the number of police departments across Ohio, including the Cleveland Police Department—where I was last week—for providing over 200 protective vests to Ukrainians. Thank you.

Last week, I had the chance to visit an incredibly effective nonprofit in Ohio called MedWish that collects donated medical supplies from hospitals and provides these medical supplies to countries that are in need—sometimes because of a natural disaster, in this case, because of war.

Today, their major focus is on Ukraine, where they have delivered over 7 tons of badly needed medical supplies, and this effort continues. Again, I thank them for what they are doing. I thank all the hospitals and all the private practices that have donated equipment to be able to be sent to Ukraine to save lives.

As we all know, this war continues to produce a staggering number of refugees. Last week, the White House announced the program Uniting for Ukraine to streamline the process for bringing 100,000 refugees, with strong ties to the United States, into our country. Uniting for Ukraine will allow Americans and organizations here to sponsor Ukrainians who have been forced to leave their country. The American sponsors will be required to declare their financial support for the applicants, and the Ukrainians applying for this program must meet vaccinations and other public health requirements, as well as biographic and biometric screening, vetting, and security checks.

That is all good. These individuals will then be allowed to work and remain in the United States legally for up to 2 years. I have heard personally from so many generous Ohioans who want to open up homes to these refugees, who want to be helpful. More than 500 people have now called or emailed my office, and a number of businesses have expressed interest in offering jobs to these refugees. I urge the administration to quickly staff up this program so that we can bring some of these desperate refugees to the United States as planned.

Unfortunately, I am finding out that there is no online portal yet, no way for people to be able to know how they can participate in this process. So my hope is that we will launch this online portal with applications soon so that folks who want to sponsor Ukrainians fleeing the war are able to do so. I wish this had been done sooner, but this is a step in the right direction.

Our partners in Europe are doing more than their fair share here. More than 5 million Ukrainians have fled their homeland since the war began, and they are crossing borders into their neighboring countries in Europe.

As I saw when I was in Poland last month meeting with refugees, Poland has taken in almost 3 million refugees alone. I think Poland is to be commended with the way they have responded to this Ukrainian crisis in so many respects, including taking these refugees.

We saw cars lined up at the refugee processing center, down at the border, of everyday Poles who were there to pick up Ukrainian refugees and to take them into their home.

Hungary and Slovakia have taken in hundreds of thousands, too. Surely, the United States can get our act together with regard to the 100,000.

I am pleased that Secretaries Blinken and Austin met with President Zelenskyy yesterday in Kyiv. This is the first time since the war began 2 months ago that we have had American diplomats in Kyiv. I think it is important that we are there. The Europeans are there, other countries are there; we need to be there too.

I am glad to hear that we are finally reestablishing our diplomatic presence in Kyiv, and I am also pleased that the administration is finally nominating an ambassador to Ukraine. We have had no ambassador to Ukraine during this administration. They have indicated they are going to nominate Bridget Brink, who is a career foreign service officer and is the current U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia; so she has some critical experience in the area.

While both of these moves were long overdue, I commend the administration for finally acting—sending a strong signal to our allies and adversaries alike that the United States is serious about standing with Ukraine.

Let's get our diplomats back to the capital, back to Kyiv. Let's get an ambassador in place as soon as possible.

On the sanctions front, I believe we should be seizing, not just freezing, assets of Kremlin supporters and provide the funds from the sale of these assets to meet the needs of Ukraine. To do this, I introduced with Senator BENNET of Colorado the Repurposing Elite Luxuries into Emergency Funds—RELIEF—for Ukraine Act to require the Department of Justice to direct any funds resulting from the disposal of seized Russian assets to support Ukrainian refugees and support reconstruction. So like other countries have done, including France and Germany, let's seize these assets, like yachts owned by the Kremlin supporters or by President Putin himself, and then take those funds on the sale of those assets and use them immediately to help with the humanitarian effort.

I urge the Senate and the House to act this week on this legislation so that we can give Ukrainians the help they need.

I continue to believe our top priority on sanctions should be cutting off Russia's No. 1 source of income that fuels the war machine. Forty to 50 percent of their budget is from one place—energy. Those receipts from energy are fueling the Putin war machine. Energy is Russia's largest export and accounts, again, for a significant part—or of roughly half of their budget.

Over the past year, the average oil revenues going back to Russia from their exports to the United States alone was $50 million a day. Under pressure from Congress, the administration reversed course and supported blocking Russian oil, natural gas, and coal imports into the United States. I am glad we did that. It made no sense for us to help fund the Russian war effort, especially when we have our own resources here, in terms of energy, that we can access.

I welcomed the President's announcement in Brussels of the creation of a joint U.S.-EU task force to help reduce Europe's dependency on Russian energy and strengthen Europe's energy security. Europe has become much more dependent on Russia for energy than the United States. Germany now gets almost 40 percent of its natural gas from Russia.

This means that Europe, by the way, is now sending an estimated $870 million a day to Russia—$870 million a day in payments for its natural gas, oil, and coal from Russia. Ending that European reliance on Russian energy is the right policy, and it will save lives.

Fortunately, again, some progress has been made. The EU has agreed to phase out imports of Russian coal over time. They say over the next several months. They have said that they are willing to work with the United States to have some of our liquefied natural gas, LNG, replace some of the Russian gas. This is a good idea. We should allow more production here in the United States so we have that LNG to be able to export to Germany and to other European countries to replace some of that Russian gas to make them less dependent on Russia and to stop sending this revenue to fund the war machine.

Lithuania needs to be held up as the first European Union country to completely cut itself off from Russian natural gas.

But the reality, again, is that Europe continues to fund the war machine right now with this $870 million every day in energy receipts going to Russia.

Part of the answer, again, lies with us. We must support our domestic energy producers as a means of supporting our national and economic security but also as a way to support our allies. This means America having a robust, all-of-the-above approach to power our Nation, which includes hydrogen, renewables, fossil fuels, carbon capture technologies, nuclear power, hydropower. The importance of this cannot be overstated. Energy is national security.

As a practical matter, to stop the revenues going from Europe to fund the Russian war machine, the administration must change policies to get more American LNG to Europe to substitute for Russian gas. This requires more pipelines, more infrastructure, more export facilities, of course.

Unfortunately, we aren't off to a very good start on that front. The President's tax proposals released with his recent budget submission to Congress eliminates important tax provisions used by our domestic producers, like the deduction for intangible drilling costs, or IDCs, which allows natural gas and oil producers to deduct costs that are necessary for the drilling in preparation of wells.

Let's take an approach here where we are encouraging, again, all of the above in order to ensure our national security and to help our allies in Europe.

The ruble has just about fully recovered to its preinvasion value because Russia is still bringing in these revenues from the sale of its energy. Shares on Russia's stock market are trading again, and Russia's VTB bank remains open for business in Europe, where it has gathered billions of euros in deposits, mainly from German savers.

Our sanctions have left Russia's biggest economic lifeline largely untouched—again, energy sales, specifically to Europe.

In fact, in addition to cutting off the natural gas and the revenue that fuels the Russian war machine, we need to tighten up bank sanctions as they relate to energy. Sanctions for energy transactions don't go into effect against Russian banks, including the VTB bank, until June 24. Those sanctions ought to go into place right now. They should have gone into place weeks ago.

President Biden must lead the alliance to do what it takes to help Ukraine win, and the administration needs to make clear that their objective is for Ukraine to actually be victorious, to push the forces of Russia out of the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

We must remember that the Ukrainians are not asking us to fight for them, but they are asking for the tools to defend themselves so they have a chance to win.

I have said before that both Ukraine and Georgia should be given what is called a membership action plan as a next step toward NATO membership. Based on the actions of the Russians and the fighting spirit of the Ukrainians, I now feel more strongly than ever that Ukraine should be part of NATO. They deserve it.

I am encouraged that both Finland and Sweden are considering NATO membership. They should both be immediately welcomed into the NATO family.

Vladimir Putin sought to weaken the NATO alliance. This is yet another strategic failure on his part, as we are coming closer together and will potentially add even more members.

I will close with this thought: Some might ask—even a few of my colleagues have asked me—why a Senator from Ohio cares about what goes on in Ukraine.

Well, the first answer is, we should all care. This is about the fight for freedom in our time, in our generation. This is where it is being engaged right now.

I also happen to have tens of thousands of Ukrainians who call Ohio home. These Ukrainian-Americans are good friends of mine. They are constituents. They keep me informed and have over the years. They have helped me to get more engaged on this issue.

I have been to Ukraine six or seven times. When I was at the border of Ukraine and Poland last month, some of my Ohio friends were there too as volunteers, providing food and medical supplies to the refugees.

When Ukraine made a decision to turn to us, to turn to democracy and freedom and free enterprise back in 2014, I was there with my colleague BEN CARDIN, a Democrat from Maryland. We were there as election observers, but what we really observed was a country that had made a decision to turn to us, to turn to the West, to be like us, to join us in the fight for freedom.

Even if I had no constituents of Ukrainian descent, I would be standing here because this is the fight for freedom. This is our test. Are we going to be stand against tyranny and for freedom at a time when these terrible atrocities are being committed?

I have been to the border of Ukraine and Poland and talked to these refugees. Through their tears, they spoke of their apartments or homes being destroyed and damaged. They talked of friends and family members being injured or killed. They talked of the pain of being separated from their husbands or fathers, not knowing their fate, since they had stayed behind to fight.

They also begged us to put in place a no-fly zone to help them even more.

The popular Ukrainian national rallying cry ''Slava Ukraini'' when translated into English is ''Glory to Ukraine.'' And then the response to that is ''Glory to the heroes.'' ''Heroyam Slava.''

In the midst of all this, there are so many heroes to glorify in Ukraine—heroes like the people I saw in Ohio last week who work at MedWish and are providing medical supplies urgently needed in Ukraine; the staff that collect and send these much-needed supplies, going mostly to the women and children of Ukraine who continue to seek safe passage in their homeland.

Not only are there heroes here, but there are so many heroes at home in Ukraine. Those are the firefighters. Those are the soldiers. Those are the citizen soldiers.

With our help, the Ukrainians can win this war.

One of the members of Parliament from Ukraine, from the Rada, who came to see us a few weeks ago here in Congress, perhaps said it best. We met with the Ukrainian Caucus that I cochair, and we had four members of the Rada come, all women; and the Ambassador from Ukraine was there as well.

She said she hears all the time that, ''We are all Ukrainians now,'' and I have heard that back home, and that is how I feel.

She said that if that is true, since we are all Ukrainians now, we must be like Ukrainians. She said, ''We must be brave, creative, and fast.'' And that is what they are.

They are very resourceful. They have figured out a way to take on one of the biggest armies in the world and be successful, brave, creative, and fast.

I urge my colleagues, the administration, and the world: Let us help Ukraine win this war by being brave, creative, and fast. By doing that, we will show the world America stands with Ukraine, which is in our national security interest.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I thank the other Senator from Ohio, Senator PORTMAN, for his work in Ukraine. I was with the Ukrainian group over the last week or so and talked about the work Senator PORTMAN has done. And we also talked about how Putin has just been shocked by the passion and the effectiveness and the strength and the courage of the Ukrainian opposition, surely, and also Putin has been shocked by President Biden's skill at putting together this coalition in opposition to the Russians.

Germany, who hadn't really played in an exercise like this, in an action like this in decades, and Sweden and Finland and Switzerland—countries that simply were neutral. And I appreciate Senator PORTMAN's work on that and the President of the United States, and it is why we are doing a reasonably good job as a world, as a world community, in helping with refugees who have gone to Poland and Moldova and other areas while we are getting arms to them, while we are doing damage to the Russian economy and will continue to do that. So I thank my friend from Cincinnati.

NOMINATIONS OF LAEL BRAINARD AND LISA DENELL COOK

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues in joining me in voting to confirm the

nominations of Lael Brainard to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Lisa Cook to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve.

Dr. Brainard and Dr. Cook are highly qualified economists with decades of experience, having provided exemplary service to their profession and to this country.

Since 2014, Dr. Brainard has served as a Member of the Board of Governors to the Federal Reserve. She has helped oversee the Fed's important financial stability work. She has worked to create a better payment system that works for consumers and for small banks.

Prior to serving on the Fed, Dr. Brainard was Under Secretary for International Affairs at Treasury, where she played a critical role in helping support our country's recovery from the Wall Street-induced financial crisis in 2008.

She has a long history of bipartisan support and bipartisan work. She served in administrations of both parties. She was Deputy National Economic Adviser in the Clinton administration. She was a staff economist at the Council of Economic Advisers during the first George Bush administration.

And in between her public service to our country, she served as a professor of applied economics at one of the nation's great institutions, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Throughout this distinguished career, Dr. Brainard has been not just a good economist, but she has been a persistent advocate for working families and for communities who have been left on their own for too long.

She understands the role of government and the role of the Federal Reserve should be—it is not always successful in getting them there; I think these new nominees will do that—putting workers at the center of our economy and putting the workers at the center of our financial regulatory system, and putting workers at the center of what we do here.

She led the way at modernizing and strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act, a landmark civil rights law passed to begin undoing the legacy of redlining and lending discrimination, spurring investments in neighborhoods and communities. The CRA has fallen short many times, partly because of the last administration and the damage it did, but we are breathing new life into the CRA. Dr. Lael Brainard has done a good job in keeping it alive and setting the stage.

She led decisive, bipartisan action to use the Fed's emergency lending and monetary policy tools to support families through the COVID–19 crisis.

Like Dr. Brainard, Dr. Cook is a leading economist with years of research and international experience in monetary policy, banking, and financial crises. She knows that workers drive our economic growth. She knows how important their local communities are.

Dr. Cook spent her formative years in the South, growing up in Milledgeville, GA. She spent a significant portion of her career in the industrial Midwest. She has seen how economic policy set here and economic policy set at the Federal Reserve affect all kinds of different people in different parts of the country.

She graduated from Spelman College, one of the great institutions in this country. She was a Marshall scholar and a Truman scholar. Whom do we know that are both of those things? And she chose both, very exclusive honors and academic disciplines. She studied at Oxford University. She earned a Ph.D. in economics, again, from one of our great institutions in this country, the University of California Berkeley.

She is a tenured professor of economics and international relations at one of the great institutions in my part of the country, Michigan State University. She taught at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She served on the Council of Economic Advisers during the eurozone crisis and at the Department of Treasury.

Yet—yet—Mr. President, despite her extensive experience, despite her broad support, a small but really, really loud minority, far outside the mainstream, have engaged in a smear campaign against Dr. Cook. It is emblematic of the sorts of attacks that Black and Brown Americans, particularly women, have encountered for far too long here.

I won't go through what has happened in my committee. I chair the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. I won't lay out—for one thing, the Senators on my side of the aisle know it, and the Senators on their side of the aisle don't want to think about it—what has happened with very, very qualified, accomplished Black women coming out of my committee and how few Republicans have voted for them. Counting one after another, they get zero votes or 1 vote or 2 votes out of 12.

Women, and certainly Black women, know all too well what it is like to be called ''inexperienced'' when you are anything but. They know what it is like to be told that your qualifications are never enough, no matter how extensive they are, no matter how impressive they are.

These naysayers wrongly claim that Lisa Cook doesn't meet the standards for this position—standards that only seem to apply for certain nominees. Like the game of Whac-A-Mole, each time these assertions and allegations are rebutted—and each time they are effectively rebutted—a new, more untethered one arises.

She is unquestionably qualified. Dr. Lisa Cook is unquestionably qualified. If confirmed, she would be the first Black woman ever in the 100-plus year history of the Fed to serve on the Board. Think of that. In 1913, the Fed started, and 109 years later, seven people—not one person on the Fed, not one Chair; seven people on the Fed, most times—but with seven spots on the Fed, she will be the first Black woman ever in 109 years. Think about that.

Dr. Cook and Dr. Brainard will be excellent additions to the Fed. We need them on the job now. As Americans face rising prices caused by corporate greed and the global pandemic and Putin's war, having a full Board has never been more vital than now. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Dr. Lael Brainard and Dr. Lisa Cook—their nominations—so they can get to work for the American people.

I yield the floor.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN. 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.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD–423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 22–03, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Argentina for defense articles and services estimated to cost $73 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures:

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22–03

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Argentina.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* $0 million.

Other $73 million.

Total $73 million

Funding Source: National Funds

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Follow-on sustainment and support of their T–6 Texan aircraft fleet, to include the following aircraft hardware and software modifications and support: major and minor modifications include airframe and avionics improvements for reliability and integration of training munitions and external fuel tanks; aircraft and engine support equipment, components, consumables, spare parts and repair/return; publications and technical documentation; heavy maintenance support; other U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistical support services, and related elements of program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (AR–D–QAY).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AR–D–SAI.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 8, 2022.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Argentina—T–6 Aircraft Sustainment

The Government of Argentina has requested to buy follow-on sustainment and support of their T–6 Texan aircraft fleet, to include the following aircraft hardware and software modifications and support: major and minor modifications include airframe and avionics improvements for reliability and integration of training munitions and external fuel tanks; aircraft and engine support equipment, components, consumables, spare parts and repair/return; publications and technical documentation; heavy maintenance support; other U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistical support services, and related elements of program support. The estimated total cost is $73 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major Non-NATO ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in South America. It is in the U.S. national interest to assist Argentina in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed renewal of T–6 aircraft support will provide the Government of Argentina with the capability to meet current and future threats by revitalizing Argentina's trainer aircraft capabilities and to aid in the overall development of a professional pilot corps. Argentina is committed to modernizing its military and will have no difficulty absorbing the additional sustainment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Textron Aviation Defense, Wichita, KS. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of additional U.S. Government and/or U.S. contractor representatives to Argentina to support program and financial management reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD–423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 22–23, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $42 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22–23

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* $40 million.

Other $2 million.

Total $42 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One hundred six (106) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) (5) Terminals.

Fifteen (15) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) (6) Terminals.

Seven (7) Multifunctional Information Distribution System MIDS-Low Volume Terminal (MIDS–LVT) (4) Block Upgrade Two (BU2) Retrofit Kits.

Non-MDE: Also included are Low Volume Terminal (LVT) Cryptographic Modules (LCM).

(iv) Military Department: Navy (AT–P–LGM).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AT–P–LFT.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 19, 2022.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—Defense Articles Related to Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio Systems

The Government of Australia has requested to buy one hundred six (106) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) (5) terminals; fifteen (15) MIDS JTRS (6) terminals; and seven (7) Multifunctional Information Distribution System MIDS-Low Volume Terminal (MIDS–LVT) (4) Block Upgrade Two (BU2) retrofit kits. Also included are Low Volume Terminal (LVT) Cryptographic Modules (LCM). The estimated total value is $42 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to interoperate with U.S. forces and exchange secure, jam-resistant tactical data via Link 16. Australia will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and strengthen its homeland defense. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Viasat, Carlsbad, CA; and Data Link Solutions, Cedar Rapids, IA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of the proposed sale may require U.S. Government and contractor personnel to visit Australia on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements, including program and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22–23

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AN/USQ–140 Multifunctional Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminal (MIDS–LVT) is a secure, jam-resistant communication and positioning system that employs a defined waveform in the 960–1215 megahertz (MHz) Ultra High Frequency (UHF) range for packet message communication and 16 Kilobit digital voice and packet message communication. MIDS provides interoperability with NATO and coalition users, significantly increasing force command and control (C2) effectiveness. The Tactical Digital Information Link–J

(TADIL–J) series message standard is employed by the system as defined in NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 5516 and U.S. Military Standard (MIL–STD) 6016. The embedded hardware features provide communications security. The AN/USQ–190 Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) builds on MIDS–LVT's capabilities with the addition of Concurrent Multi-Netting (CMN) and Concurrent Contention Receive (CCR) functions. CMN and CCR dramatically expand the number of platforms and network-enabled systems that can be reliably included in a Link 16 network. These enhancements allow a single MIDS JTRS terminal to simultaneously receive messages on up to four nets, compared with on a single net in terminals without CMN and CCR, within a single Link 16 time slot, allowing a user to ''hear'' messages from up to three additional sources at once. Tactical Targeting Network Technology (TTNT) is built into some MIDS JTRS terminals that adds an additional advanced capability waveform.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. In a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Australia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD–423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 22–24, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Nigeria for defense articles and services estimated to cost $997 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures:

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22–24

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Nigeria.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* $521 million.

Other $476 million.

Total $997 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Twelve (12) AH–1Z Attack Helicopters.

Twenty-eight (28) T–700 GE 401C Engines (24 installed, 4 spares).

Two thousand (2,000) Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) Guidance Sections.

Non-MDE: Also included is Night Vision Cueing Display (NVCD); commercial variant GPS with Standard Positioning Service (SPS); communication equipment; electronic warfare systems; AN/AVS–9 Aviator's Night Vision Imaging System; M197 20mm machine gun; Target Sight System (TSS); support equipment; spare engine containers; spare and repair parts; tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; personnel training and training equipment; Mission Planning system; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical, and logistics support services; U.S. Government and contractor assistance and oversight of facilities construction to include the provisioning of plans, drawings and specifications; $25M of case funds will be allocated for institutional and technical assistance to the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) to continue Air Ground Integration (AGI) program, which includes developing targeting processes that are legally compliant with International Humanitarian Law and the Laws of Armed Conflict; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (NI–P–SAO).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 14, 2022.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Nigeria—AH–1Z Attack Helicopter Related FMS Acquisitions

The Government of Nigeria has requested to buy twelve (12) AH–1Z Attack Helicopters; twenty-eight (28) T–700 GE 401C engines (24 installed, 4 spares); and two thousand (2,000) Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) guidance sections. Also included is Night Vision Cueing Display (NVCD); commercial variant GPS with Standard Positioning Service (SPS); communication equipment; electronic warfare systems; AN/AVS–9 Aviator's Night Vision Imaging System; M197 20mm machine gun; Target Sight System (TSS); support equipment; spare engine containers; spare and repair parts; tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; personnel training and training equipment; Mission Planning system; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical, and logistics support services; U.S. Government and contractor assistance and oversight of facilities construction to include the provisioning of plans, drawings and specifications; $25M of case funds will be allocated for institutional and technical assistance to the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) to continue Air Ground Integration (AGI) program, which includes developing targeting processes that are legally compliant with International Humanitarian Law and the Laws of Armed Conflict; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is $997 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a strategic partner in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The proposed sale will better equip Nigeria to contribute to shared security objectives, promote regional stability and build interoperability with the U.S. and other Western partners. This sale will be a major contribution to U.S. and Nigerian security goals. Nigeria will have no difficulty absorbing the equipment and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Bell Helicopter, Textron, Fort Worth, TX; and General Electric Company, Lynn, MA. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program and technical reviews plus training and maintenance support in country, on a temporary basis, for a period of five (5) years. It will also require approximately three (3) contractor support representatives to reside in country for a period of two (2) years to support this program.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22–24

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Z-model has an integrated avionics system (IAS) which includes two (2) mission computers and an automatic flight control system. Each crew station has two (2) 8x6-inch multifunction liquid crystal displays (LCD) and one (1) 4.2x4.2-inch dual function LCD display. The communications suite will have NON–COMSEC AR–1500 Ultra High Frequency Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) radios with associated communications equipment. The navigation suite includes a commercial variant Standard Positioning System (SPS), a digital map system and a low-airspeed air data subsystem, which allows weapons delivery when hovering.

2. The crew is equipped with the Optimized Top Owl (OTO) helmet-mounted sight and display system. The OTO has a Day Display Module (DDM) and a Night Display Module (NDM). The AH–1Z has survivability equipment including the AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning and Laser Detection System, AN/ALE–47 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS) and the AN/APR–39 Radar Warning Receiver

(RWR) to cover countermeasure dispensers, radar warning, incoming/on-way missile warning and on- fuselage laser-spot warning systems.

3. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

4. If a technologically-advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that Nigeria can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Nigeria.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD–423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On April 23, 2022, the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, determined that an emergency exists which requires the immediate sale of the defense articles and defense services identified in the attached transmittal to Ukraine through the Foreign Military Sales process. Ukraine's military forces require urgent support to enable them to resist the ongoing Russian invasion. Ukraine has identified a number of urgent needs to support its effort to repel the invasion, including ammunition. Immediate delivery of ammunition will help Ukraine in its continuing battle against Russian ground forces. It is in U.S. national security interests to facilitate these transfers in support of Ukraine's defense of its territory.

Please find attached (Tab 1) the Secretary of State Determination and Justification waiving the Congressional review requirements under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, for the attached Transmittal of the proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the Ukraine for defense articles and services pursuant to the notification requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended. The determination and detailed justification are a part of the Transmittal. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of the proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 3 6(B)(1) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(1)

Pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, I hereby determine that an emergency exists which requires the immediate sale of the following defense articles and services in the national security interest of the United States:

Various rounds of non-standard ammunition to include, but not limited to, the following:

152mm rounds for 2A36 Giatsint.

152mm rounds for D–20 cannons.

VOG–17 for automatic grenade launcher AGS–17.

120mm mortar rounds (non-NATO).

122mm rounds for 2S1 Gvozdika; BM–21 GRAD Rockets.

300mm rounds/rockets for MLRS ''Smerch''.

VOG–25 grenades for under barrel grenade launcher GP–25.

82mm mortar rounds.

125mm HE ammunition for T–72.

152mm rounds for 2A65 Msta.

Transportation.

Logistical and program support.

This determination, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be transmitted to Congress with the applicable notifications.

MEMORANDUM OF JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF NON-STANDARD AMMUNITION TO UKRAINE UNDER SECTION 36(b)(1) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT

The Secretary of State has executed his delegated authority to determine that an emergency exists requiring the sale of non-standard ammunition to the Government of Ukraine in the national security interest of the United States and the immediate issuance of the associated letter of offer.

In the early morning of February 24, Russia launched a full-scale, premeditated attack against Ukraine. Russia's massive military force buildup (with over 150,000 soldiers and equipment along the Russia-Ukraine and Belarus-Ukraine borders) enabled it to invade Ukraine with devastating consequences. This incursion came after Russia's cyber operations attacks against Ukrainian government infrastructure, Russian President Putin's purported recognition on February 21 of the so-called ''Luhansk People's Republic'' and ''Donetsk People's Republic'' as independent states, and the Kremlin's subsequent deployment of Russian military forces into the Donbas. On February 24, President Putin announced a ''special military operation'' in Ukraine, and Russian forces launched premediated, unprovoked, and unjustified attacks against locations throughout Ukraine, including civilian infrastructure, in a full-scale invasion.

Over the last eight years, the U.S. government has provided robust levels of defense support to Ukraine to help counter Russia's aggressive and destabilizing activities. Ukraine also has increasingly purchased U.S. military equipment using national funds. Since the beginning of the conflict in 2014, the United States has provided more than $6 billion in security assistance to Ukraine, including through the Department of Defense's (DoD) Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI), DoD's security assistance authority under 10 U.S.C. 333, State's foreign military financing (FMF) program, and presidential drawdowns. Through these programs, which accelerated in the immediate lead-up to and following the February 24 all-out Russian attack, the United States has provided and is providing Ukraine with military equipment such as anti-armor missile systems, man-portable air defense systems, unmanned aerial systems, patrol boats, helicopters, artillery, grenade launchers, counter-artillery and counter-mortar radars, military medical equipment, electronic warfare detection systems, tactical gear, ammunition, and support for ongoing training programs.

Although U.S. security assistance has improved Ukraine's overall defense posture and capabilities, Ukraine's military forces require urgent additional support to enable them to continue to defend against the ongoing Russian invasion. There is an urgent and pressing need to provide nonstandard ammunition to Ukraine's military forces, which is essential to enable those forces to repel Russian advances into their territory—particularly a renewed offensive in the east and south. As Ukrainian forces expend ammunition to defend their country, their daily replenishment requirements continue to increase. With critically low stores of ammunition for their fielded systems, we must act immediately to provide the required ammunition to sustain Ukraine in this conflict. The sale of this ammunition is expected to be funded from FMF for Ukraine.

For the reasons discussed above, an emergency exists which requires this sale under the Arms Export Control Act, in the national security interest of the United States and the immediate issuance of the associated letter of offer.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22–30

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Ukraine.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* $0 million.

Other $165 million.

Total $165 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Various rounds of non-standard ammunition to include, but not limited to, the following: 152mm rounds for 2A36 Giatsint; 152mm rounds for D–20 cannons; VOG–17 for automatic grenade launcher AGS–17; 120mm mortar rounds (non-NATO); 122mm rounds for 2S1 Gvozdika; BM–21 GRAD Rockets; 300mm rounds/rockets for MLRS ''Smerch;'' VOG–25 grenades for under barrel grenade launcher GP–25; 82mm mortar rounds; 125mm HE ammunition for T–72; 152mm rounds for 2A65 Msta; transportation; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UP–B–UCS).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 24, 2022.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Ukraine—Non-Standard Ammunition

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy various rounds of non-standard ammunition to include, but not limited to, the following: 152mm rounds for 2A36 Giatsint; 152mm rounds for D–20 cannons; VOG–17 for automatic grenade launcher AGS–17; 120mm mortar rounds (non-NATO); 122mm rounds for 2S1 Gvozdika; BM–21 GRAD Rockets; 300mm rounds/rockets for MLRS ''Smerch;'' VOG–25 grenades for under barrel grenade launcher GP–25; 82mm mortar rounds; 125mm HE ammunition for T–72; 152mm rounds for 2A65 Msta; transportation; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is $165 million.

The Secretary of State has determined and provided detailed justification that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale to Ukraine of the above defense articles (and defense services) in the national security interests of the United States, thereby waiving the Congressional review requirements under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Ukraine's capability to meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of its forces. The provision of nonstandard and legacy Warsaw Pact ammunition will enable the Armed Forces Ukraine to defend itself against ongoing threats and enhance national defense. Ukraine already has these items, or variants thereof, in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor(s) will be selected upon contract award.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Ukraine.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRIBUTE TO THEODORE ''TED'' BORNSTEIN

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor my friend, Theodore ''Ted'' Bornstein. Ted recently announced his well-deserved retirement, after a long career as a vital and vigorous public servant and advocate.

In the late 1970s, Ted began his work in Washington, DC, establishing and overseeing the State of Missouri's DC office, and led it for more than 6 years on behalf of Governors Joe Teasdale and Kit Bond. He later shifted to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving as chief of staff to Representatives Cecil Heftel and Les Aspin. After Representative Aspin's confirmation to be Secretary of Defense under then-President Bill Clinton, Ted served as the director of the Defense Reinvestment Task Force.

Following his time in the Department of Defense, Ted returned to Capitol Hill to serve the people of Wisconsin as chief of staff for former Senator Herb Kohl. As Senator Kohl's chief of staff, he led legislative outreach strategies and programs and oversaw the operation of several offices of more than 40 staff. He later departed Senator Kohl's office and joined the firm of Foley & Lardner, LLP, where he will retire as a partner this year.

Ted's experience on Capitol Hill and the executive branch have made him a valuable asset to clients across a wide breadth of interests. He has successfully assisted clients in areas ranging from congressional investigations to defense policy and appropriations, as well as tax policy, healthcare, and governmental ethics.

Outside of his professional work, Ted is a cofounder of the influential Wisconsin Group. This group brings together Wisconsin–connected professionals in business and public policy to meet regularly on issues of importance. His efforts on this front have been invaluable to many bipartisan achievements of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

I am pleased to recognize Ted's long career in public service and advocacy, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

REMEMBERING R. RICHARD ''DICK'' WAGNER

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor someone who was a true leader and inspiring figure to many in my hometown of Madison, WI, and across our country.

Scholar and activist R. Richard ''Dick'' Wagner sadly passed away on December 13, 2021, at the age of 78. Dick devoted his life to public service and advancing our common good. In 1980, he was elected as the first openly gay member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, where he served for 14 years, including 4 years as chair.

I first met Dick in 1984. Fresh out of college and looking to connect with the local political scene, I was invited to a gathering of local progressive elected officials, labor union leaders, and civil rights and environmental activists to strategize about candidate recruitment for city council and school board seats to be contested in the spring elections. We met on the second floor of a popular local establishment, Mother's Pub, which had long been a gathering spot for local progressives. I observed how much respect Dick had earned from his fellow progressive leaders. Following a discussion about the issues the group hoped to advance, we broke into small groups. Dick Wagner led a discussion on opportunities to advance policies, initiatives, and ordinances to counter discrimination against our community. That day, Dick became my role model and mentor, and a lifelong friendship ensued.

As one of the first dozen openly gay officials in the Nation, Dick was a founding member of the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials, now known as the Victory Institute. With quiet determination and the utmost civility, he provided me and many others a path forward. Together, Dick and I cohosted the fifth Victory Institute conference in Madison in 1989.

Dick had an expansive professional career in public service, serving on the Wisconsin Arts Board, the Wisconsin Humanities Committee, the National Board for the Assembly of State Arts Agencies, the Madison Landmarks Commission, Olbrich Botanical Society, Friends of UW Libraries, and the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

He also cofounded UW-Madison's LGBT Alumni Association; and the New Harvest Foundation, the LGBT foundation for south-central Wisconsin, and served on the board of Fair Wisconsin.

Dick understood that change grows at local grassroots level, and he worked hard in a collaborative way to bring it to Wisconsin. His work as a leader in the gay community helped lead to a city gay rights ordinance in 1974 and a county ordinance in 1980 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He was also instrumental in establishing some of the State's first antidiscrimination laws against gays and lesbians.

In retirement, he fully utilized his doctorate in history by authoring two groundbreaking volumes on gay history in Wisconsin: ''We've Been Here All Along'' provided an illuminating picture of Wisconsin's gay history from the reporting on the Oscar Wilde trials of 1895 to the landmark Stonewall Riots of 1969. ''Coming Out, Moving Forward: Wisconsin's Recent Gay History'' outlined the challenges that LGBTQ Wisconsinites faced in their efforts to right past oppressions and secure equality. It also powerfully told the stories of our State's LGBTQ pioneers who pushed back against injustice and found ways to live openly and proudly as themselves.

Dick Wagner was a deeply inspiring person in my life as a role model, mentor, and lifelong friend. In fact, I may not have ever entered public service if not for the guidance and encouragement he provided me to walk the path he paved. He provided the opportunity for young people like myself and others growing up all over Wisconsin to know that they are not alone and that they stand on the shoulders of people who came before them. Dick lived a life that showed to all of us that history only moves in one direction: Forward. For that, I am forever grateful.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ARKANSAS STATE TROOPER SPENCER MORRIS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Arkansas State Trooper Spencer Morris who has been

named the National State Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State, and Provincial Division. Morris has demonstrated his dedication to serving his community, and this high honor is certainly hard earned and well deserved.

Hailing from Crittenden County, Trooper Morris graduated from the Arkansas State Police Training Academy in 2018 and began his career serving and protecting his neighbors and fellow Arkansans. As with all law enforcement positions, this role comes with considerable risk and uncertainty, which he understood and agreed to step into for the sake of public service.

Morris has shown his commitment to the people of Arkansas each day he puts on his badge and uniform, but exhibited incredible bravery on December 16, 2021, during an attempted traffic stop. While on patrol, Morris answered the radio call from the U.S. Marshals Service requesting assistance in the apprehension of a wanted fugitive believed to be armed and dangerous. Morris sprang into action and attempted to pull the suspect's vehicle over when he sustained a shot in the chest. After returning fire and calling for backup, the suspect was successfully apprehended.

Colonel Bill Bryant, director of the Arkansas State Police, said of Morris' heroism, ''Trooper Spencer Morris is just one example of more than 500 other Arkansas state troopers, just like him, who set aside awesome risks to themselves each day to make their state a safer and better place to call home.''

I am extremely thankful for Trooper Morris and his colleagues who patrol our State highways and serve Natural State citizens each and every day. It is because of their dedication and bravery we are able to travel across our beautiful State and feel safe on our roads, highways, and beyond.

Congratulations to Trooper Spencer Morris on this distinguished and prestigious honor. He represents the best of his community, his brothers and sisters in law enforcement, and our wonderful State. We are tremendously proud of him and celebrate this milestone in his career and protecting the Natural State.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Buffalo National River as we mark the 50th year since it was designated as our country's first National River. Enjoying wildlife and the outdoors is a way of life for residents of the Natural State, and the Buffalo National River has helped countless Arkansans do just that.

Congress formally afforded the Buffalo River Federal protection on March 1, 1972, to preserve its 135 miles of free-flowing river and conserve natural, scenic and scientific features like the deep valleys, towering bluffs, rugged wilderness, and beautiful landscapes of the Ozark Mountains. That act has helped safeguard one of Arkansas' most prized gems for five decades.

This was the result of the leadership and vision of Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, the longtime representative of the Third Congressional District. Using his position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he helped protect the Buffalo River under the designation as a national river.

This incredible attraction welcomes Arkansans and travelers from all over the world, to take in the State's natural beauty.

From Big Bluff and Hawksbill Crag, to its famous herd of elk, images of the area are instantly recognizable.

The Buffalo National River provides something for everyone. Outdoor enthusiasts come to enjoy the excitement of the river, take in the beauty and serenity of the surrounding wilderness, and experience the friendliness of the Arkansas community. This unique, natural treasure has also been a steady source of economic growth and a staple of our tourism industry for years. Helping to grow businesses and communities, the Buffalo National River has contributed to the betterment of Arkansas in countless ways.

I am so thankful for all the men and women who have worked over the years to make this park what it is today and helped maintain it for all Arkansans to enjoy. It is because of these dedicated individuals and organizations that future generations will be able to experience the river's beauty and inviting atmosphere just as we do today.

In celebration of this historic milestone, an incredible group of park and community workers and volunteers has planned some great events throughout the year, and I am excited to follow along. Congratulations to all those, past and present, who have helped conserve and protect this iconic natural resource that has helped define and differentiate Arkansas for the last 50 years and many more into the future.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE ''KAT'' MILLER

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank COL Katherine ''Kat'' Miller for her years of service to the people of Nevada. She leaves behind a powerful legacy of public service and dedication to our military and Nevada's veterans.

Kat Miller grew up in Reno, NV, and after graduating from Reno High School embarked on a 34-year career in the Army and Nevada National Guard. Among her many contributions to our Nation's Armed Forces are her service on four continents and deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Kat was something of a trailblazer serving in multiple leadership positions and commanding thousands of staff as a military police brigade commander in the U.S. and Afghanistan and as the commander of the Department of Defense's largest correctional organization. After retirement from the Army, she taught at the University of Maryland and the University of Nevada, Reno before becoming the director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services—NDVS—in 2013.

Nevada has benefited immensely from Kat's directorship of the NDVS. Under her watch, the NDVS made huge strides for our State's veterans. Notably, NDVS assisted the Governor and Nevada mayors in their efforts to reduce suicide among veterans and their families, created nine programs to support unique or at-risk veteran populations, trained hundreds of healthcare providers in understanding how dementia and the aging process affect the care of veterans, and created a program to help employers recruit and retain veterans.

Kat also successfully led the NDVS in applying for over $70 million in Federal grants for veterans' programs, including for nursing home creation and improvements, cemetery expansions, disabled veterans sports programs, rural transportation initiatives, and telehealth equipment. Under Kat's directorship, the NDVS received five national awards for these innovative veterans support programs: the Nevada Veterans Advocate Program, the Nevada Veterans Legislative Program, the ''Ask a VSO'' Program, Operation Mission Ready, and the Patriot Employer Program. Furthermore, last year, Kat was appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee to help identify barriers to access to healthcare in rural areas and recommend solutions to the Veterans Affairs secretary.

The list of Kat's achievements and contributions to the State of Nevada and the U.S. Army goes on and on. I have no doubt that Kat's legacy of service will continue to leave a powerful impact on the lives of many veterans in Nevada for years to come. She has my deep thanks.●

REMEMBERING JOHN DISTASO

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I rise today to join Granite Staters in mourning the loss of John DiStaso, whose tenacious, in-depth, and effective political reporting reflected—and was a tribute to—New Hampshire's independent, skeptical, and engaged political culture.

John got his start in our State as a correspondent for the New Hampshire Union Leader. Beginning as a staff reporter in 1980, John rose to spend many years as the senior political reporter at the Union Leader, becoming an expert on the most pressing issues facing New Hampshire and the political campaigns that help define the Granite State and the Nation. Ending his tenure at the Union Leader in 2014, John later took his talents to WMUR, where he helped lead the station's political coverage.

For any of us who were the subject of his reporting, it was always clear that

John loved what he did and deeply believed in the importance of journalism to our democracy. He asked tough questions, he chased scoops, and he brought a Granite State lens to everything he wrote. Politics wasn't a game to him, and he took seriously his role of bringing political news directly to the voters.

John is perhaps best known for setting the standard for first in the Nation primary coverage, chronicling our primary for decades. First and foremost, Granite Staters turned to him to get everything that they needed to know as they grilled candidates at townhalls, and made their choices at the ballot box. And John was surely on speed dial for countless national political reporters who relied on him for his insights and analysis on our unique and historic primary, because no one knew the first in the Nation primary better than John.

Day in and day out, John tirelessly reported the news, ensuring that Granite Staters always knew the latest, not only on elections but also on critical issues facing our State, like the substance misuse epidemic. No story was too big or too small for John. Throughout his 40–year career in the Granite State, he interviewed four sitting Presidents, as well as countless New Hampshire elected officials and national leaders.

The impact of this coverage extended far beyond the page or the screen. Granite Staters are some of the most informed and engaged voters in the country, and that is in no small part due to John's deep commitment to sharing New Hampshire political news directly with the people. His passion for reporting helped fuel the Granite State practice of deeply engaged citizen participation in democracy.

John's love of journalism, his understanding of its importance to nurturing and protecting, our democracy, and his commitment to getting it right reflect the very best of New Hampshire—even if he was a Yankees fan. He will be missed.●

TRIBUTE TO MARCINE D. GOODLOE

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a constituent, a trailblazer, a pillar of the Montgomery County community, a neighbor, and a dear friend: Ms. Marcine D. Goodloe. Ms. Goodloe has spent over 40 years advocating for the interests of volunteer firefighters and first responders across Maryland. She has been a special champion for Montgomery County, the place where I raised my family and where I still live. It is my honor to recognize her extraordinary life and dedication to our community and to the safety of all Americans.

Marcine D. Goodloe has made service her mission. She began her career as the executive secretary for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services and later served as executive director for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission. Over the years, Ms. Goodloe's commitment to community service moved her up the fire-rescue ranks. At the height of her career, she oversaw the operations of 19 local volunteer fire and rescue departments and more than 2,400 fire, rescue, EMS, administrative, and auxiliary members serving over 1 million Montgomery County residents.

Following years of exemplary service, Ms. Goodloe made history as the first woman elected president of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association in its century-long history. Her distinguished tenure lasted 16 years. As president, Ms. Goodloe worked tirelessly to advance the priorities of the entire association family. She partnered with community leaders at all levels of government—from the county council to the U.S. Congress—and delivered real results. At the local level, she successfully advocated for innovative policy solutions that helped strengthen physical standards, first responder training, and drug and alcohol testing. She raised the concerns of the Montgomery County volunteer fire-rescue community in Washington D.C. too, working with Members of Congress to secure Federal resources for first responders. Ms. Goodloe's commitment to service also reached beyond my State. In 2005, she raised more than $20,000 for a fire department in Mississippi that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Goodloe has been a vocal ambassador for first responders everywhere, and her leadership has been nothing short of inspiring.

Throughout her decades of service, Ms. Goodloe has always brought dignity, strength, and kindness to her work. She has toiled in the trenches, working day-in and day-out to ensure that the men and women who stand guard over our communities get the support they need to do the job and come home safe. Ms. Goodloe has not only served her community honorably, but she has also empowered women across the Nation to enter a career in fire service. Her legacy of good works have earned her numerous accolades including the Mason Fire Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award, the Chief Leslie B. Johnson Community Service Award, and a spot in the Maryland State Firemen Association's Hall of Fame. On a personal note, I always look forward to meeting with Marcine on her visits to Capitol Hill to champion Federal programs that support all firefighters. She always did her homework. No one could say no to Marcine.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest gratitude to my friend Marcine Goodloe for her outstanding service to Maryland's Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and in recognition of all she has done to keep our communities and our first responders safe.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, 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 and three withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 400. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, in Washington, DC, as the ''William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building''.

H.R. 3113. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1095(b)(1)(C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on the National Defense Strategy for the United States: Ms. Jane Harman of Venice, California.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC–3711. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; ordered to lie on the table.

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 Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 4076. A bill to protect firefighters from exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 4077. A bill to reauthorize programs of the Economic Development Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 4078. A bill to require the Office of Management and Budget, the General Services Administration, and the Council on Environmental Quality to develop short-term and long-term strategies to reduce the cost of transportation fuels for consumers in the United States through Federal conservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 4079. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 4080. A bill to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 594. A resolution honoring the lives of fallen Missouri police officers and expressing condolences to their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 350

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reauthorize and expand the National Threat Assessment Center of the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to amend section 3661 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the consideration of acquitted conduct at sentencing.

S. 634

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to support and expand civic engagement and political leadership of adolescent girls around the world, and other purposes.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. 692, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the ''Hello Girls''.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 765, a bill to improve United States consideration of, and strategic support for, programs to prevent and respond to gender-based violence from the onset of humanitarian emergencies and to build the capacity of humanitarian actors to address the immediate and long-term challenges resulting from such violence, and for other purposes.

S. 833

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 833, a bill to amend XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prescription drug prices under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to establish a postsecondary student data system.

S. 1014

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to limit the presence of toxic elements in, and otherwise regulate, infant and toddler food, and for other purposes.

S. 2386

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2386, a bill to amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018, to expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to all medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2512, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices and judges of the courts of the United States.

S. 2607

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2607, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States.

S. 2615

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2615, a bill protecting the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 2705

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2705, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish Tribal Wildlife Corridors, and for other purposes.

S. 2750

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2750, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a precision agriculture loan program, and for other purposes.

S. 2854

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2854, a bill to allow for the transfer and redemption of abandoned savings bonds.

S. 2981

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2981, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 3052

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3052, a bill to promote free and fair elections, democracy, political freedoms, and human rights in Cambodia, and for other purposes.

S. 3193

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3193, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the scope of practitioners eligible for payment for telehealth services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 3302

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3302, a bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve provisions relating to dyslexia, and for other purposes.

S. 3686

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3686, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide education and training on eating disorders for health care providers and communities, and for other purposes.

S. 3726

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3726, a bill to address research on, and improve access to, supportive services for individuals with long COVID.

S. 3766

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3766, a bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 3860

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3860, a bill to establish a grant program to provide assistance to local governments with fewer than 200 law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 3909

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3909, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make employers of spouses of military personnel eligible for the work opportunity credit.

S. 3942

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3942, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of disability.

S. 3998

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3998, a bill to clarify the inability of the President to declare national emergencies under the National Emergencies Act, major disasters or emergencies under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and public health emergencies under the Public Health Service Act on the premise of climate change, and for other purposes.

S. 4007

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4007, a bill to require the Attorney General to propose a program for making treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and acute stress disorder available to public safety officers, and for other purposes.

S. 4030

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4030, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and for other purposes.

S. 4055

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 4055, a bill to establish a task force for regulatory oversight and review.

S. 4062

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4062, a bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the sale of certain Federal land to States and units of local government to address housing shortages, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to ''Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Updating Payment Parameters, Section 1332 Waiver Implementing Regulations, and Improving Health Insurance Markets for 2022 and Beyond''.

S. RES. 559

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 559, a resolution expressing gratitude on behalf of the people of the United States to the journalists and news staff who are risking injury and death, are subject to grave threat, and have sacrificed their lives, to chronicle and report on the ongoing war in Ukraine resulting from the Russian Federation's invasion.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 4080. A bill to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act.

This legislation would expand the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include approximately 3,925 acres of adjacent public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

In 2015, President Obama established the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, proclaiming that ''once covered by ocean waters, it is a landscape shaped by geologic forces of staggering power overlain with bountiful but fragile biodiversity. Anchored in the north by Snow Mountain's remote forests and in the south by scenic Berryessa Mountain, this area stretches through unbroken wildlands and important wildlife corridors, a mosaic of native grasslands, picturesque oak woodlands, rare wetlands, and wild chaparral . . . This dramatic and diverse landscape is a biological hotspot providing refuge for rare plant and animal species and showcasing the human history of north-central California.''

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is managed jointly by the Bureau of Land Management, BLM, and the U.S. Forest Service, USFS and provides for unparalleled outdoor recreational opportunities, is home to rich biodiversity, and contains lands that are culturally significant to over two dozen federally recognized tribes. This legislation would add over 3,900 acres of adjacent, BLM-administered land to the existing national monument.

This expansion would include portions of the land known previously as Walker Ridge in Lake County, CA. Importantly, the legislation renames ''Walker Ridge'' to ''Condor Ridge,'' which is translated from Molok Luyuk in the indigenous Patwin language. For thousands of years, these sacred lands have been central to Tribal origin stories, and Condor Ridge is an area that retains deep cultural significance to the Patwin people and over two dozen Native American tribes. The legislation also directs the BLM and USFS to complete the management plan for the national monument and to consult with federally recognized Tribes to do so.

I am proud that this legislation would better enable federally recognized Tribes to be involved in the day-to-day management of the national monument. This essential, landmark component of the legislation would enable Tribal communities to share their rich history and ecological knowledge to better conserve and care for these lands.

With the protections provided by this legislation, the abundant natural resources and the rich history on Molok Luyuk will be preserved for our children and future generations. By requiring the Federal Agencies to finally develop a management plan and by allowing for Tribal governments to be involved in the management of the monument, the bill would improve the health of these lands to benefit both people and biodiversity.

I thank Senator FEINSTEIN for introducing this legislation with me, and I thank Congressmen GARAMENDI and THOMPSON for spearheading this effort in the House of Representatives. I would also like to thank the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for their leadership and desire to cooperatively manage ''Molok Luyuk'' to ensure that all Californians and Americans have the opportunity to benefit from these sacred lands.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act as quickly as possible.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 594—HONORING THE LIVES OF FALLEN MISSOURI POLICE OFFICERS AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 594

Whereas police officers, sheriffs and deputies, and other law enforcement officers serve and protect their communities with honor and sacrifice;

Whereas all individuals in law enforcement put their lives on the line while serving and protecting their local communities;

Whereas when violent crime increases, law enforcement officers and the communities they serve are directly impacted;

Whereas, in the month of March 2022, Missouri experienced violent attacks against police officers, especially in rural areas;

Whereas, in a 20-day period, 6 police officers in Missouri were shot in the line of duty, 3 of whom suffered injuries that were fatal; and

Whereas these fallen officers include—

(1) Corporal Benjamin Lee Cooper of the Joplin Police Department, who passed away in the line of duty on March 8, 2022, after attempting to take a suspect into custody;

(2) Police Officer Jake Alexander Reed of the Joplin Police Department, who passed away from injuries sustained in the line of duty on March 11, 2022, after attempting to take a suspect into custody; and

(3) Patrolman Lane Anthony Burns of the Bonne Terre Police Department, who passed away in the line of duty on March 17, 2022, after responding to a disturbance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses deep condolences for the Missouri police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty;

(2) recognizes the countless selfless and heroic actions carried out by local law enforcement officers;

(3) expresses strong support for police officers and law enforcement officers in rural areas and across the United States that serve and protect their local communities;

(4) recognizes the need to ensure that rural law enforcement departments have the proper equipment, training, and resources necessary to protect officers and the individuals in the communities they serve;

(5) acknowledges the importance of honoring and remembering fallen police and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; and

(6) expresses condolences to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer across the United States who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and whose sacrifice will not be forgotten.

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, DC, April 25, 2022.

Hon. KAMALA HARRIS,
President of the U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

MADAM: I have the honor to submit a full and complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate, showing in detail the items of expense under proper appropriations, the aggregate thereof, and exhibiting the exact condition of all public moneys received, paid out, and remaining in my possession from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, in compliance with Section 105 of Public Law 88–454, approved August 20, 1964, as amended.

Sincerely,

SONCERIA A. BERRY,
Secretary of the Senate.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILING

The filing date for the 2022 first quarter Mass Mailing report is Monday, April 25, 2022. An electronic option is available on Webster that will allow forms to be submitted via a fillable PDF document. If your office did no mass mailing during this period, please submit a form that states''none.''

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APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, re-appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Reverend Frederick A. Davie of New York.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 68–541, as amended by the appropriate provisions of Public Law 102–246, and in consultation with the Republican leader, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a 5-year term: J. Richard Fredericks of California; and Kevin Young of New York.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Brainard nomination, postcloture; that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; and that at 2:15 p.m. the Senate vote on the confirmation of the Brainard nomination; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:51 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

PEACE CORPS

CAROL SPAHN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS, VICE JOSEPHINE OLSEN.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CYNTHIA DYER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, VICE JOHN COTTON RICHMOND.

RACHNA SACHDEVA KORHONEN, OF NEW JERSEY, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALI.

RICHARD LEE BUANGAN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER–COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MONGOLIA.

MICHAEL ALAN RATNEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER–COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

MICHAEL C. GONZALES, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER–COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.

GEOFFREY R. PYATT, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (ENERGY RESOURCES), VICE FRANCIS R. FANNON.

THE JUDICIARY

JOHN Z. LEE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE DIANE P. WOOD, RETIRING.

SALVADOR MENDOZA, JR., OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, VICE M. MARGARET MCKEOWN, RETIRING.

STEPHEN HENLEY LOCHER, OF IOWA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA, VICE JOHN ALFRED JARVEY, RETIRED.

NANCY L. MALDONADO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE MATTHEW F. KENNELLY, RETIRED.

GREGORY BRIAN WILLIAMS, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, VICE LEONARD PHILIP STARK, ELEVATED .

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RACHELLE L. CROWE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE STEPHEN R. WIGGINTON, RESIGNED.

JOSHUA D. HURWIT , OF IDAHO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE BART M. DAVIS, RESIGNED.

GERARD M. KARAM, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DAVID J. FREED, RESIGNED.

JACQUELINE C. ROMERO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM M. MCSWAIN, RESIGNED.

PHILLIP A. TALBERT, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MCGREGOR W. SCOTT, RESIGNED.

STEVEN M. DETTELBACH, OF OHIO, TO BE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, VICE B. TODD JONES, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JAIME AREIZAGA–SOTO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE CHERYL L. MASON, RESIGNING.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. STEVEN L. BASHAM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

BRIG. GEN. CAROLINE M. MILLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. TIMOTHY D. HAUGH

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN P. SULLIVAN

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. WILLIAM M. JURNEY

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 8035:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. LISA M. FRANCHETTI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) CRAIG A. CLAPPERTON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 8081:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) RICHARD J. CHEESEMAN, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601, AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C, SECTION 711:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. STEPHEN T. KOEHLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. SARA A. JOYNER

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

EVEN THOMAS ROGERS

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

DAPHNE C. MITCHELL WRIGHT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

DEVANIE N. JOHNSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

RALPH C. MERRILL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

JASON S. WENGER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

MATTHEW T. ETHERIDGE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

DAVID S. YU

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be lieutenant colonel

VICTOR F. SORANO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

LAURA A. PROFFIT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

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IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

SCOTT C. DEMARCO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

DAVID D. NOVOTNEY

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on April 25, 2022 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

AMANDA HOWE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE CRAIG HOOKS, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 15, 2021.

JAMES ARTHUR JEMISON II, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE ROBERT HUNTER KURTZ, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 4, 2022.

SUSAN HARTHILL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2027, VICE JAMES J. SULLIVAN, JR., TERM EXPIRED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 4, 2022.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WHY ALL AMERICANS SHOULD OPPOSE AN ATF NOMINEE WHO WANTS TO BAN THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I oppose the nomination of Steve Dettelbach to Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

Our right to meaningful self-defense, and the concomitant right to bear arms, was so important to the Founders that it preceded the right to due process, a speedy trial, and reasonable bail. That is how dangerous the Founders knew a tyrannical government could become. In order to protect those constitutional rights and those in the First Amendment—the right to speech, press, and assembly—citizens must have the means to do so.

And this right is not protected by the Constitution alone. It—and the very closely related right of self-defense—is a civil right as well—or a right that serves to guarantee America's foundational tenet of equality under the law.

All of President Biden's recent actions point to a very simple goal—he wants our guns. By taking our guns, he takes our right to self-defense. Coming at a time when crime is at record levels in most democrat-run cities, self-defense is not a theoretical discussion. The news is filled daily with citizens being attacked, raped, assaulted, maimed or otherwise hurt by assailants. Good people have the right and duty to defend themselves and their family. And, we have seen government overreach as well—tyrannical tendencies by the Biden Regime to imprison its political opponents and political dissidents. Currently almost 800 Americans have been arrested, many denied bail, for trespassing and other minor violations relating to January 6th, even though the favored criminals of the regime who looted, burned and murdered in the name of racial justice in 2020 walked away Scot free.

In a country that has enshrined the right to self-defense, the mere existence of the ATF is anathema to the Constitution. We have no government agency running roughshod over newspapers and radio stations seeking to ''constrain'' and ''limit'' the First Amendment. We have no government agency cracking down on the unbridled expectation and right to be secure in one's possessions. But we do have the ATF, whose mission is to violate a constitutional right.

The ATF recently and cleverly changed the definition of machine gun so that more guns would be considered illegal. ATF was caught red-handed recently compiling a registry of gun owners—an action explicitly contrary to federal law. And the DOJ just decided to serialize thousands and thousands more firearms and expand the registry already approaching one billion records.

The Biden administration wants there to be as big a paper trail as possible against those wishing to exercise their constitutional right. And we know the ATF is making lists of gun owners who made legal purchases—and just announced plans to expand that list. Why would they need all this information? Because with more information, the easier it is to confiscate. The easier it is to blacklist. Citizens who oppose the regime have been added to secret lists in the hopes of prohibiting gun ownership. Without charges. Without a trial. And usually without notice. All of these ATF abuses are unconstitutional.

If Biden were serious about violent crime, he would be funding our police officers and rebuking Soros district attorneys for aiding and abetting violent criminals. Over 33 percent of first-time gun buyers in 2021 were women. Guns allow women to stand up to criminals who would otherwise overpower them.

The cure to rampant violent crime is well known by criminologists. Enforce the law. Every time. Throw violent thugs in jail for decades. Throw drug dealers in jail. For decades. Federal laws that did this in the 1990's worked wonders in reducing crime. The problem of violence is not an inanimate object. It is not a gun, a knife or a car that is to blame. It is always, always, in every instance, the operator of the gun, the knife or the car. Inanimate objects have no free will or ability to commit crimes. It is long past time we stop pretending they do. People are responsible for their own violent actions. The millions of law-abiding gun owners shall not be punished for the transgressions of the violent minority.

I am pursuing legislation in many areas to protect our right to defend ourselves from government. As the purpose of ATF's existence is to harass and criminalize gun ownership, it must be eliminated. I also support bills that codify a federal right to self-defense, prohibit the administration from criminalizing many legal guns owned by Americans for decades through crafty and illegal regulatory maneuvers, defund federal attempts to prop up state registries of gun ownership, and nullify all ATF regulations approved by this gun-grabbing administration.

The ATF nominee Dettelbach is of the apparent opinion that guns have free will and he blames the guns for violence. He is thus in favor of disarming as many people as possible. I have no confidence he will oppose Biden's radical agenda to destroy our Second Amendment, which is not only unconstitutional but immoral and a threat to democracy. I oppose his nomination and I urge all senators to oppose this radical and his usurpation of Constitutional rights.

LOGAN WYNES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Logan Wynes for earning the Best in Show—Honorable Mention Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As a first-time participant in the challenge, Logan built an app entitled ''Carbon Calculators'' to create a calculator to track an individual user's weekly carbon output as a way to decrease individual carbon output and ultimately encourage a carbon-neutral footprint.

Logan, an eleventh grader from Golden High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Logan Wynes for his hard work on this project. I am certain this student will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LISA TROLAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Lisa Trolan, who retired from her work with General Dynamics Electric Boat, on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Trolan retires from a long, dedicated career that spans 35 years with Electric Boat. As a senior member of Electric Boat's Public Affairs team, Lisa welcomed thousands of visitors to the company's locations in Connecticut and Rhode Island and helped to highlight the skilled workforce of technological marvels produced by Electric Boat. In doing so, Lisa has acted as a staunch advocate for our community, representing a major employer within the region to attract businesses, suppliers, and employees alike.

A Groton, Connecticut native and a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Lisa has lived out a destiny of nurturing the growth of the very community that raised her. These foundational values trace all the way back to her upbringing under her parents, Julio and Frances, who also served the town of Groton well through their longstanding, respective roles with Groton Utilities and the public school system. It is no coincidence that Electric Boat's Connecticut headquarters is in Groton. It is also no surprise that even in retirement, Lisa remains an active supporter of local civic organizations as well as the University of Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, Lisa's legacy with Electric Boat—one of excellence and commitment to its employees, the Navy and the Nation—is unrivaled. She has always prioritized giving back to her foundational roots and has played a direct part in adding oil to the economic engine that is Electric Boat. To that end, I ask

that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Lisa Trolan on her well-earned retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES SERVING IN SENSITIVE POSITIONS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to clarify certain due process rights of federal employees serving in sensitive positions. This bill would overturn an unprecedented federal court decision, Kaplan v. Conyers and MSPB, which stripped many federal employees of the right to independent review of an agency decision removing them from their jobs on grounds of ineligibility. The case was brought by two Department of Defense (DOD) employees, Rhonda Conyers, an accounting technician, and Devon Northover, a commissary management specialist, who were permanently demoted and suspended from their jobs after they were found to be no longer eligible to serve in noncritical sensitive positions. In 2014, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, which allowed the decision to stand. This bill is cosponsored by Representative ANDRÉ CARSON.

Specifically, the decision prevents federal employees who are designated as ''noncritical sensitive'' from appealing to the Merit Systems Protection Board if they are removed from their jobs. Noncritical sensitive jobs include those that do not have access to classified information. The decision affects at least 200,000 DOD employees who are designated as noncritical sensitive. Even more seriously, most federal employees could potentially lose the same right to an independent review of an agency's decision because of a rule by the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence that permits agency heads to designate most jobs in the federal government as noncritical sensitive, which went into effect in July 2015.

The Kaplan decision undercuts Title 5, section 7701 of the Civil Service Act, which ensures due process rights for federal workers required by the U.S. Constitution. Stripping employees whose work does not involve classified matters of the right of review of an agency decision that removes them from their jobs opens entirely new avenues for unreviewable, arbitrary action or retaliation by an agency head and, in addition, makes a mockery of whistleblower protections enacted in the 112th Congress. This bill would stop the use of ''national security'' to undo a vital component of civil service protection and of due process.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO NORMAN LADD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and accomplishments of Norman Ladd of Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. Norman passed on from this life at age 84 years on March 21, 2022. He dedicated a total of 65 years to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Norman Ladd was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 11, 1937. He attended Macomber High School and graduated in 1955. Not long after, he began his apprenticeship with his local IBEW, Local 8. During his time with the IBEW, he served as treasurer, assistant business manager, and administrator of the Health and Wellness plan.

In the 1980's, Norman was elected the Executive Secretary of the Northwest Ohio Building Trades. He also served on the Toledo Zoning Board of Appeals, and more recently he sat on the Sylvania Zoning Board of Appeals.

As Adlai Stevenson II once said, ''Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.'' Norman Ladd lived a life of dedication and passion, always ready to lend a hand when needed.

Today, we mourn his passing, and offer our deepest condolences to his wife and children. May they find some small measure in his legacy and the gift of his life to his family, friends, fellow tradesmen and women, and our community at large. Norm was a builder of family and community through good and rough times. His commitment and vigilance helped carry us forward together. May his life and works inspire others to emulate his goodwill and accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING STAN KELLY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stan Kelly of Winston-Salem and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement as CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership. With his departure from this position, he leaves the entire Piedmont region revitalized and ripe for North Carolina's next chapter in modern industry.

Stan began his distinguished career as a personal banker with Wachovia National Bank, a North Carolina-based financial institution. His industrious work ethic, charismatic personality, and keen intellect propelled him to the position of President of Wachovia's wealth management division in 2001. When Wachovia was acquired by Wells Fargo & Company in 2008, Stan was selected as the bank's regional president for the Carolinas. In this role, he ensured the brand transition from Wachovia to Wells Fargo was seamless for employees and clients, alike. His region of more than 450 branches consistently overperformed company expectations in customer service ratings, employee retention, and market share. Stan retired from Wells Fargo in 2014, leaving the company well-positioned for future success in the region.

In 2015, however, Stan was called out of retirement when the Piedmont Triad Partnership selected him as its President and CEO. For over 30 years, the Piedmont Triad Partnership has served as the region's umbrella organization for economic development and has worked arduously to promote transformational commercial growth and success in the heart of North Carolina. The Partnership has been instrumental in building upon the Piedmont's proud history of agriculture, textiles, and furniture to facilitate new, robust sectors of industry including aviation and automotive manufacturing, as well as the emerging sector of regenerative medicine.

As President and CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership, Stan again proved himself a remarkable leader. Under his direction, the Partnership launched the Carolina Core brand, a regional initiative to highlight existing infrastructure and develop industrial potential along the future 1-685 corridor. Regional leaders have united with Stan in promoting this economic engine capable of powering the Piedmont into the future. Stan's efforts in developing the Carolina Core have already been instrumental in attracting over 30 thousand new jobs in just five years.

Stan's other accomplishments extend far beyond financial services and economic development. Through various roles, such as Chair of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University and the Winston-Salem Foundation, he has studiously worked to give back to his local community and state. Earlier this month, he was honored with North Carolina's most prestigious civic award: The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Despite all of Stan's accomplishments, however, he is undoubtedly most proud of his loving family: his wife, their daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Stan Kelly for his invaluable contributions to the Piedmont Triad region and the state of North Carolina. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING FES SECURITY FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO EAST TENNESSEE'S COMMUNITIES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize FES Security as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. In April 1972, Frank Whitley started Frank's Electrical Service to meet the electrical needs of his community. Frank enlisted the help of his son, Dale, on the weekends and the work inspired Dale to earn a degree in electronics so he could help run the family business.

Frank and Dale soon noticed a growing demand for home security, so Dale took the lead in getting Frank's Electrical Service involved in the industry. This was a wise decision. The business quickly switched to specializing in home security and was rebranded as FES Security in the process.

Dale Whitley, now the owner of FES Security, is building on the successes of the company his father started. The business keeps up with modern technological advancements and FES Security offers digital security systems, products that are controllable through mobile devices, and cameras with video recording capabilities. The company also offers fire and gate systems, as well as home theatre and surround sound installation.

Although the scope of FES Security's work evolved throughout the years, its commitment

to East Tennesseans stays the same. Dale and the folks at FES Security pride themselves on the fact that monitoring rates have not increased once throughout the business's history, and they continuously strive to provide the kind of high-quality customer service you can always expect in East Tennessee.

Congratulations to everyone at FES Security for making this family-owned and operated business a success. I thank them for their work to provide important security services to our community.

NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR—HONORABLE MENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aiden Boushie, Victor Ibarra, Makayla Clemons and Alex Guzman for earning the Rookie of the Year—Honorable Mention Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from Northglenn High School built an app entitled ''School Club Finder'' to help students discover the extracurricular activities at their school.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aiden Boushie, Victor Ibarra, Makayla Clemons and Alex Guzman for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE TRICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the tricentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire. First known as the Chestnut County, the name was later shortened to Chester after Cheshire County, England, whose county seat is Chester.

Based in one of the thirteen original colonies, Chester is one of the oldest towns in America and its history is tied to that of the entire nation. Throughout the post-Revolutionary and the Civil War eras, Chester supplied housing and goods for many fellow New Englanders and Americans. Beyond its cultural impact, Chester has also given the State of New Hampshire three governors, three senators, a chief justice of the State Supreme Court, and so much more.

Chester reached its population low of just over 650 residents during the early 20th century, but over the past 100 years, that number has grown to more than 5,000 residents. This quick growth is a testament to the charm and character of Chester, and I am confident that this town will continue to prosper for generations to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Town of Chester on this incredible milestone. I look forward to a continued partnership with Chester and its residents who I am proud to represent in Congress.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS J. JENKINS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Thomas J. Jenkins upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement upon more than twenty years of tireless service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Lt Col Jenkins distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service while assigned to the 193d Special Operations Squadron. During this period, he served as the pilot section supervisor and flight commander, managing over sixty (60) aviators' combat readiness, and recruited twenty-nine (29) rated officers, enhancing the group's longevity. Additionally, he excelled through aircraft commander, instructor, and evaluator pilot upgrades in minimum time, and actively trained and evaluated special operations pilots—ensuring the safety and effectiveness of flying operations.

Throughout his career, Colonel Jenkins compiled over four thousand total flight hours in the MC–130W, AC–130W, C–130E/H, and EC–130J airframes. He flew eight hundred (800) hours as an instructor pilot, and totaled over seven hundred (700) career combat sorties, fifteen hundred (1500) combat hours, and forty-four (44) combat support sorties. He deployed and served as an aircraft commander, director of operations, and an expeditionary squadron commander on the EC–130J Commando Solo in support of operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.

Colonel Jenkins' professionalism, expertise, and dynamic leadership contributed immeasurably to the overall mission effectiveness of the 193d Special Operations Group. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Jenkins culminate a distinguished career in the service of our Country and reflect great credit upon himself, the Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force. I wish him Godspeed as he embarks on his next adventure.

HONORING 75 YEARS OF CINE EL REY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Cine El Rey, which has provided outstanding entertainment to South Texans for 75 years.

Cine El Rey opened its doors in 1947 and is one of the longest-running entertainment venues in the nation. Cine El Rey has hosted a variety of entertainment events over the last 75 years, ranging from film screenings and concerts to wrestling events, and propelled the careers of many South Texas artists.

Established during segregation, Cine El Rey was the only place where Latinos could watch movies in McAllen, Texas. Today, it is a hallmark of Hispanic entertainment. Cine El Rey is the only privately-owned National Historic Landmark representative of Hispanic Culture in America.

In 2020, like many entertainment venues across the country, Cine El Rey was forced to close its doors due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Thankfully, with the support of our community and dedication of its owner, Burt Guerra, Cine El Rey has reopened and again offers the live entertainment it is so fondly known for.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to celebrate the 75 years that Cine El Rey has been open and entertaining our community, and I look forward to celebrating many more years.

HONORING THE TX–03 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the 2021–2022 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) as the sixteenth year of the program draws to a close.

Over the past year, students in grades 9th through 12th from public, private, and home schools across Texas' Third Congressional District participated in my youth program as they learned firsthand about our representative democracy. From student governments, athletics, fine arts, honor societies, and a multitude of community and civic organizations, these servant leaders proved to be engaged members of our community both inside and outside of the program.

Over the course of the school year, students assembled on multiple occasions and had the unique opportunity to explore the roles of community leaders, engage in policy discussions, and offer innovative solutions to issues of the day. In addition to attending interactive information sessions, these young leaders capitalized on their experience by completing various assignments and offering feedback on current events which corresponded with our meetings.

These students consistently impressed me with their knowledge and willingness to engage in thoughtful and constructive dialogue,

even when their opinions differed from one another. It is a reminder that when we come to the table with a desire to improve and a willingness to listen, there is nothing our nation can't achieve.

Now, as we conclude the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am filled with unwavering confidence that this next generation of solutions-minded leaders will work towards ushering our country to greatness.

I thank every member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council for their steadfast commitment to this program and for their efforts to make our community stronger. It has been an honor to know them and serve them in Congress, and I look forward to seeing what each of them accomplish as they go forward.

Esther Abiog, Humza Ahmad, Rundransh Arora, Grant Barta, Zain Blair-Roberts, Ainsley Burkes, Neha Chand, Kaitlyn Compton, Kennedy Eagleton, Veronica Fang, Lawrence Gardner, Kendall Gee, Forest Haviland, Peyton Herbert, Victoria Hinnant, Chau Hua, Ishaan Joshi, Keeten Levin, Cassie Liu, Mansi Lohtia, Fardis Mohiuddin, Jordyn Morgan, Arshia Narula, Gikonyo Njendu, Jimmy O'Brien, Sharon Odhiambo, Shayan Parikh, Dhanish Parimalakumar, Nikolas Parker, Tyler Primeaux, Pranavi Reddi, Michael Tallman, Colin Wanek, Danielle Wang, Jedaiah Ward, Luke Yeary, Grace Zou.

NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL BEST IN SHOW AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Siegel, Giovanni Rodriguez and Benjamin Lange for earning the Best in Show Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from the Northglenn High School built an app entitled ''Pastelia Development'' which is a social media app that promotes positivity.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sarah Siegel, Giovanni Rodriguez and Benjamin Lange for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF GEORGE CROUSE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and praise the career of George Crouse, of Stonington, Connecticut. The head coach of the Stonington High School girl's tennis team, George has recently been named a recipient for this year's Gold Key Award, a prestigious honor that celebrates icons in Connecticut athletics. As a coach at Stonington for nearly 50 years, Crouse, with the support of his athletes, has steered his teams to victory time and time again, proving his determination, work ethic, and irreplaceable coaching methods. It is no exaggeration when I say that George is a monumental pillar in not just the success of Stonington High School's tennis team, but the entire Stonington community.

A former student of the class of 1960 himself, George Crouse has represented Stonington High School and southeastern Connecticut impressively well. A truly dedicated steward to Stonington, it was not long after his graduation that he returned to Stonington High to begin his career in coaching in the fall of 1973, first as the boy's tennis coach before transitioning to the coach for the girl's team in 1987. George was also a longtime teacher at Stonington High—having racked up 37 years in the social studies department. In addition to his teaching and coaching careers, George has always sought to increase his role in supporting the Stonington community, even serving a stint as the town's first selectman. Through his numerous and renowned careers in the area, George has been an enduring force of moral fortitude for Stonington, impressing upon the town's youngest generation the value of community spirit.

George's experiences as a high school teacher and as First Selectman have helped reinforce the qualities that have made him a prodigious coach. George is kind but firm, wise but humble. He takes his students seriously and coaches them in ways that will help each succeed. His tenure and track record of well more than 800 career victories for boys' and girls' tennis are evidence enough of his natural leadership and passion for inspiring the best in others. However, his 2019 reception of the National High School Coach of the Year makes the record clear. This year's Gold Key Award is yet another well-deserved notch in his belt.

Clearly, George's legacy as a coach for the Stonington Bears is one to-be emulated. His team is currently 5–0 overall and has three state championships and eight class tournament championships under its belt. For his distinguished career, the tennis courts at Stonington High have already been dedicated in his name. Even so, he remains as humble as ever; thanking his players for getting him to where he is, including his own four children—Maggie, Liz, Ann, and George.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent a district that is comprised of such hard-working and community-oriented individuals like George. As the Congressman for Stonington, I have had a chance to see up close his passion for the town and I can attest he is true public servant. A wise teacher, a confident leader, and a passionate coach, George has exemplified to his own town, our state and our Nation the boundless limits of what can be accomplished when a community sticks together. I am confident that there are very few that are more deserving of the Gold Key Award as much as George, and that he will continue to raise the bar for Stonington High School. George is joined by his wife Ann and their four children in celebrating this major milestone for the family and the school. As he continues to make history as coach at Stonington High School, I, along with countless others, excitedly await the new milestones that he is bound to achieve. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring George Crouse for his unsurpassable coaching career, further extending the legacy of his actions.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT ROY DeLAUTER

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the service of Sergeant Roy ''Buddy'' Charles DeLauter, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during the Korean War.

A resident of Smithsburg, Maryland, Sgt. DeLauter bravely answered the call to defend the values of democracy and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948.

On December 1, 1950, Sgt. DeLauter was tragically killed in action. Like many fallen service members of foreign wars, his remains could not be easily recovered and returned. For over 70 years, his family was deprived of the closure America's Gold Star families so rightly deserve.

Credit to the tireless efforts of his loved ones, Sgt. DeLauter was finally brought home this week to Hagerstown. Friday, he was given a proper burial with full military honors.

By all accounts, Sgt. DeLauter was an exemplar of the Army's core values: loyalty, duty, respect, personal courage, honor, integrity, and selfless service. To his family, the same.

We are forever indebted to Sgt. DeLauter and his family for their service to this Nation.

HONORING THE LIVES OF AMERICAN WORKERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Workers Memorial Day to pay tribute to the workers across Ohio and America whose lives were taken from us far too soon.

Every day, hardworking truck drivers, steelworkers, teachers, postal workers, nurses, police officers, firefighters, electricians, construction workers, bus drivers, and so many more go to work to make, build, and grow America. It is through their efforts that America moves forward.

Tragically, many workers never return to their families at the end of the day. The immense void their absence leaves behind in the hearts of their loved ones and communities can never be filled.

As a society, we have a sacred obligation and a moral responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those who labor to build up America. In acting on this mission, we must support the labor unions who day in and day

out uplift the Middle Class and assure dignity for workers. We must also hold to account those whose reckless disregard endangers the lives and wellbeing of workers.

While progress has been made, there is still much more to be done. The loss of even one worker is one loss too many. Congress and the Administration must recommit itself to delivering the reforms that vigorously protect workers from harm, in every workplace across America, each and every day.

On this solemn day, may the memories of those lost be lifted up in remembrance, and may their legacies of service be cherished forevermore.

HONORING MS. KAYING YANG ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Ms. KaYing Yang for being appointed to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders by President Joseph R. Biden. On February 14, 2022, Ms. Yang was sworn in as one of 25 commissioners, bringing a variety of personal and professional experience and expertise to the President's commission.

The daughter of May Yia Yang, a farm girl, and Chia Chu Yang, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the CIA's Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) during the Secret War in Laos, Ms. Yang was among the first Hmong women to graduate from college in the United States in the mid-1980s. She earned her B.A. in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. For more than two decades, Ms. Yang has been a passionate advocate for social justice who has built and led campaigns to address community issues locally, nationally and globally including her very important work to support gender equity, education opportunity, and advocacy for refugee families.

When she was just 25 years old, Ms. Yang became the executive director of the Women's Association of Hmong and Lao (WAHL), one of the first two women's organizations founded by Hmong-American women in Minnesota. Later she served as executive director of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), the oldest national advocacy organization for refugees who resettled in the United States from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam after 1975. During this time Ms. Yang worked with various international development groups in Laos including the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to resettle 15,000 Hmong refugees to the United States and other countries, and later aided Karen refugees with resettlement on the Thai-Burma border.

In 2008, she began working for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to advance policies to improve the investment climate for private sector investment in Laos. While in Laos, she founded the first Hmong women's organization to ensure development resources reached minority women and people who moved from remote areas to urban areas.

After her return to Minnesota, Ms. Yang worked for the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL), and led a broad cross-racial coalition to pass the All Kids Count Act in Minnesota in 2016, a bill which requires that students' ethnicity be included in data collected to enable policy makers to direct resources to the most impacted communities. She was also instrumental to passing legislation in 2017 that created a nonprofit grant program for small nonprofits led by leaders of color that serve historically underserved communities.

Ms. Yang and her fellow commissioners advise the President on ways the public, private, and non-profit sectors can work together to advance equity and opportunity for every AANHPI community. The Commission also advises on policies to address anti-Asian hate, xenophobia and violence—timely work given the recent rise in violence against our Asian-American neighbors. Further, they will find ways to build capacity in AANHPI communities through federal grantmaking and policies to address barriers facing AANHPI women, LGBTQ+ people, and people with limited English proficiency and disabilities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the phenomenal work Ms. KaYing Yang and congratulating her on this appointment to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Since finding refuge with her family in America at the age of 7, Ms. Yang has exhibited outstanding devotion to improving the lives of members of the Hmong and Asian-American communities.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL A. FINNEY, PRESIDENT, AND CEO OF THE MIAMI-DADE BEACON COUNCIL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Michael A. Finney. Michael was a pillar in the business community in Miami-Dade County and known around the country for his ability to conduct business and spur economic growth. On a personal level, Michael was a dear friend and I will always cherish the time we spent together and the projects that we worked on for the people of Miami-Dade County during my tenure as Mayor. Lourdes and I send our prayers to his wife and children, Gina, Michael Jr., Marcus, and Austin.

Known by many as an ''intellectual,'' Michael was brilliant, and more importantly, a deeply caring person. He dedicated his life to serving communities from his time in Michigan to his time in Miami-Dade County. One of his many initiatives, Miami Community Ventures, sought to help individuals from low-income neighborhoods and pair them with employers to help them earn a living wage. This is just one example of how Michael wanted to bring economic prosperity to everyone he could reach.

Michael was an incredible businessman and embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit. He helped navigate the largest municipal restructuring of debt in the United States during his time in Michigan and played a key role in Miami-Dade's response to the COVID–19 pandemic. Although he was not an elected official, he was truly a public servant.

The Miami-Dade County community will mourn the loss of Michael A. Finney; husband, father, grandfather, friend, and businessman.

GOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nia Napuli, Kyra Jordan, Berlin Sandberg, and Vanessa Haggard for earning the Rookie of the Year Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from Golden High School built an app entitled ''Peridos'' to assist and provide a safe space for female students to track their menstrual cycles as well as include other helpful resources and information for its users.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nia Napuli, Kyra Jordan, Berlin Sandberg, and Vanessa Haggard for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would apply the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 (DCHRA) to employees of the local D.C. courts and of the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS). In February, the D.C. Court of Appeals held in Robertson v. District of Columbia that the DCHRA, which protects employees of the D.C. government and of private employers from discrimination, does not apply to employees of the local D.C. courts. The court has not ruled on the applicability of the DCHRA to PDS employees.

The local D.C. courts and PDS are unique entities, and they sometimes fall through the regulatory cracks. They are neither federal nor D.C. government entities, though both were created and are funded by Congress, and their employees are treated as federal employees for some employee benefits. This bill

would ensure that their employees have comprehensive protections from and remedies for employment discrimination.

While employees of the local D.C. courts and of PDS are protected by federal anti-discrimination laws, the DCHRA provides much broader protections and remedies for employees than federal anti-discrimination laws.

While the D.C. Council may have the authority to pass such a bill itself, only Congress has the clear authority to do so, given the express limitations in the D.C. Home Rule Act on the Council's authority to legislate on matters affecting the local D.C. courts, and given that Congress has generally served as the legislative body for PDS.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce.

SR–253

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Julianna Michelle Childs, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Ana Isabel de Alba, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Natasha C. Merle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

SD–226

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State.

SD–192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges.

SR–232A

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on recent developments in China's nuclear capabilities.

SVC–217

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration.

SR–428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine investments today for a more competitive tomorrow, focusing on building on a strong foundation.

WEBEX

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR–222

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SR–418

4:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD–G50

APRIL 28

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 977, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nomination of S. Lane Tucker, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, Department of Justice.

SH–216

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD–124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Linda L. Fagan, to be Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

SR–253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathryn Huff, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy); to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of David Applegate, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior, and Evelyn Wang, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

SD–366

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Transportation.

SD–192

MAY 4

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Alan M. Leventhal, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, and Bruce I. Turner, of Colorado, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD–419/VTC

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2115–S2134

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4076–4080, and S. Res. 594. **Pages S2130–31**

Appointments:

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 68–541, as amended by the appropriate provisions of Public Law 102–246, and in consultation with the Republican Leader, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five year term: J. Richard Fredericks of California and Kevin Young of New York. **Page S2133**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, re-appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Reverend Frederick A. Davie of New York. **Page S2133**

Brainard Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S2121**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 135), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2121–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 26, 2022; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m. **Page S2133**

Garnett Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S2120**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner. **Page S2120**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2120**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2120**

Gordon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S2120**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S2120**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2120**

Gomez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S2120**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S2120**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2120**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2120**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carol Spahn, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Richard Lee Buangan, of California, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Michael C. Gonzales, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Energy Resources).

John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Stephen Henley Locher, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Gregory Brian Williams, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Rachelle L. Crowe, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Joshua D. Hurwit, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Gerard M. Karam, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Jacqueline C. Romero, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Phillip A. Talbert, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Jaime Areizaga-Soto, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S2133–34**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Susan Harthill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2027, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022.

Amanda Howe, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on June 15, 2021.

James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022. **Page S2134**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2131–32**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2132–33**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2128–30**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—135) **Page S2121**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2133.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 7566–7571, were introduced. **Page H4458**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4459**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1146, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–293);

H.R. 972, to establish the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–294);

H.R. 441, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–295, Part 1);

H.R. 2793, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–296);

H.R. 3525, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–297, Part 1);

H.R. 5973, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–298);

H.R. 6201, to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free Black persons who served in the American Revolution, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–299);

H.R. 6651, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force (H. Rept. 117–300); and

H.R. 6023, to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–301, Part 1). **Page H4458**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kim (NJ) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4455**

Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Representatives McCollum and Bucshon. **Page H4455**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D389)*

H.R. 6968, to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation. Signed on April 8, 2022. (Public Law 117–109)

H.R. 7108, to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus. Signed on April 8, 2022. (Public Law 117–110)

S. 3294, to obtain and direct the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor and a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Signed on April 13, 2022. (Public Law 117–111)

H.R. 3197, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in Louisiana. Signed on April 19, 2022. (Public Law 117–112)

H.R. 5681, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the "Shadow Wolves") in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation as special agents. Signed on April 19, 2022. (Public Law 117–113)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine S. 4030, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and S. 3870, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the health of the defense industrial base, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps investment programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ventris C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Director of the Mint, and Paul M. Rosen, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, both of the Department of the Treasury; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine child care and other policy tools to combat bottlenecks and inflation, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State, focusing on American diplomacy and global leadership, 10 a.m., SD–106/VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine FDA user fee agreements, focusing on advancing medical product regulation and innovation for the benefit of patients and FDA Center Directors, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine mistreatment of military families in privatized housing, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled ''Next Steps: Examining Plans for the Continuation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization Program'', 2 p.m., HVC–210 and Zoom.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through April 29, 2022

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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April 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD–124.

April 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Transportation, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

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House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''An Examination of Price Discrepancies, Transparency, and Alleged Unfair Practices in Cattle Markets'', 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

April 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program'', 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, April 27, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command, 10:30 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

April 27, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.

April 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., Zoom.

April 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office, 11 a.m., Zoom.

April 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service, 2 p.m., Zoom.

April 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol, 2 p.m., Zoom.

April 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled ''Meeting Veterans' Full Needs: Update on Women's Health, Mental Health, Homelessness, and Other Programs'', 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn and Zoom.

April 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn and Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of the Interior, 9 a.m., Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn and Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the Department of State, 10 a.m., Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled ''Air Force Installations and Quality of Life Update'', 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn and Zoom.

April 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn and Zoom.

April 29, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

April 27, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Landforce, hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs'', 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

April 27, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled ''Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces'', 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Member Day'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled ''F–35 Sustainment'', 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command'', 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

April 29, Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems, hearing entitled ''Department of Defense Information Technology, Cybersecurity, and Information Assurance for Fiscal Year 2023'', 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Budget, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Department of Defense FY 2023 Budget'', 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 27, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled ''Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs'', 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''The Fiscal Year 2023 HHS Budget'', 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled ''The Fiscal Year 2023 DOE Budget'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Consumers First: Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled ''What's in Your Digital Wallet? A Review of Recent Trends in Mobile Banking and Payments'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 27, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights, hearing entitled ''Understanding the African Continental Free Trade Area and How the U.S. Can Promote its Success'', 11 a.m., Webex.

April 28, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber, hearing entitled ''The Role of Young People in Fostering Peace in Northern Ireland'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

April 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The State Department's Foreign Policy Priorities and the FY23 Budget Request'', 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''A Review of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security'', 2 p.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on House Administration, April 28, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled ''A Growing Threat: The Impact of Disinformation Targeted at Communities of Color'', 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee On The Judiciary, April 27, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled ''Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

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Committee on Natural Resources, April 27, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 437, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 6063, to provide for the equitable

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April 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled ''The Opportunities and Risks of Offshore Carbon Storage in the Gulf of Mexico'', 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

April 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Preventing Pandemics through US Wildlife-borne Disease Surveillance'', 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth and Webex.

April 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Land, hearing on H.R. 4878, the ''National Discovery Trails Act''; H.R. 6589, the ''Historic Preservation Enhancement Act''; H.R. 6805, the ''African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Act''; H.R. 7002, the ''Gateway Solidarity Act''; H.R. 7075, the ''Ukrainian Independence Park Act''; and H.R. 7218, the ''Colorado National Heritage Areas Reauthorization Act'', 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex

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Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

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