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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

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

Holy God, in You do we trust. We are safe under Your protection, like a city surrounded by mountains. Under Your watchful eye do we find rest. Now and forever, You are our guard and shield.

When the storms of change threaten our perspective, when perils unknown rumble in the thunder of unrest, when we are deluged by the rising tides of terror, let not these dangers overwhelm our faith founded in Your abiding presence.

Instead, may we always find strength in uncertainty, purpose in Your compassion, and direction in Your divine guidance.

In a world in which so much that we see and hear and experience appears hopeless, may we be ever reminded of the hope we have in You.

In Your sovereign name we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER 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.

ADJOURNMENT FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

The SPEAKER. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at noon on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2197. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule; guidance — Modernization of Beneficial Ownership Reporting [Release Nos.: 33-11253; 34-98704; File No.: S7-06-22] (RIN: 3235-AM93) received October 13, 2023, 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-2198. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to transactions to facilitate exports to various countries, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2199. A letter from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's Major final rule —

Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status (RIN: 3142-AA21) received October 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-2200. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 [EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0643; FRL-8831-02-OAR] received October 12, 2023, 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-2201. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Water Heating Equipment [EERE-2021-BT-STD-0027] (RIN: 1904-AD34) received October 20, 2023, 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-2202. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2203. A letter from the President, transmitting a letter informing Congress of action taken consistent with the War Powers Resolution, Public Law 93-148, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(c); (87 Stat. 555) (H. Doc. No. 118-72); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2204. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Major interim rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation: Implementation of Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) Orders [FAC 2023-06; FAR Case 2020-011; Item I; Docket No.: FAR-2020-0011,

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Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-AO13) received October 19, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2205. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes T-469 and T-472; Southwest United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0456; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASW-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 12, 2023, 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-2206. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-10 and V-210 in the Vicinity of Revloc, PA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0880; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AEA-33] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 12, 2023, 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-2207. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-469 and V-501, and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-474 in the Vicinity of St. Thomas, PA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0881; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AEA-34] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 12, 2023, 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-2208. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1405; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00381-T; Amendment 39-22550; AD 2023-18-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2209. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1403; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00479-T; Amendment 39-22548; AD 2023-18-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2210. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1217; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00477-T; Amendment 39-22551; AD 2023-19-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2211. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. & Co. KG Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0932; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01491-E; Amendment 39-22542; AD 2023-18-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2212. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1210; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01530-E; Amendment 39-22546; AD 2023-18-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2213. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Aircraft Industries, a.s. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1884; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00482-A; Amendment 39-22554; AD 2023-19-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2214. 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-2022-1250; Project Identifier AD-2022-00763-T; Amendment 39-22490; AD 2023-13-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 18, 2023, 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-2215. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-445; Eastern United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1295; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AEA-04] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 12, 2023, 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-2216. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Palm Coast, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1479; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASO-26] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 12, 2023, 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.

## 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 Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. WALTZ, and Mrs. HOUCHIN):

H.R. 6113. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. HERN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BACON, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BARR, Mr. BUCK, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. COL-

LINS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. HILL, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. LUTTRELL, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MANN, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MILLS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. ROSE, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SELF, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. STEIL, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. STRONG, Mr. TIF-FANY, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BOST, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 6114. A bill to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran and modify other existing sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Oversight and Accountability, Financial Services, Rules, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DUNN of Florida (for himself, Mr. MILLS, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H.R. 6115. A bill to authorize the waiver of costs of activities relating to evacuation of United States citizens when their lives are endangered by war or acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida (for herself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. CAMMACK, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. MAST, Mr. MILLS, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. POSEY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SOTO, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 6116. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, as the "Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. HILL (for himself and Mr. DONALDS):

H.R. 6117. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to remove the mandate on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee to focus on maximum employment; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. LUNA (for herself, Mr. OGLES, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mr. SANTOS, Mr. BRECHEEN,

Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CURTIS, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. GOODEN of Texas):

H.R. 6118. A bill to prohibit funding for the United Nations Human Rights Council until it condemns Hamas; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 6119. A bill to require the Secretary of State to notify Congress when the security clearances of certain senior members of the Department of State are suspended or revoked, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 6120. A bill to restore and require the imposition of certain sanctions previously waived with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mr. CASE, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BERA, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MENG, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 6121. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals who served in the forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 6122. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study and issue a report on grant programs to support the nursing workforce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. DONALDS, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 6123. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of State from requiring United States citizens who is evacuated by the Department of State or for which the Department of State provides government assisted departure from a crisis situation abroad to pay for the costs associated with such evacuation or departure; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6124. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish a pilot program to award competitive grants for the integration of cybersecurity education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 6125. A bill to require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications to online dating service members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BALINT:

H. Res. 822. A resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. TONKO, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H. Res. 823. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Weatherization Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. EVANS):

H. Res. 824. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Veterans Small Business Week"; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. KILEY:

H. Res. 825. A resolution condemning anti-semitism on college campuses; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H. Res. 826. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to limit the privileged status of a motion causing a vacancy in the Office of Speaker to motions offered by direction of not fewer than 112 Members from the majority party or 112 Members from the minority party; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H. Res. 827. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the relationships between firearm violence, misogyny, and violence against women, and reaffirming the importance of preventing individuals with a history of violence against women from accessing a firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. BOWMAN):

H. Res. 828. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 2023 as "National Co-Op Month" and commending the cooperative business model and the member-owners, businesses, employees, farmers, ranchers, and practitioners who use the cooperative business model to positively impact the economy and society; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 6113.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

The single subject of this legislation is: Israel

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 6114.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

The single subject of this legislation is: Iran

By Mr. DUNN of Florida:

H.R. 6115.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: To waive costs for fleeing terrorism.

By Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida:

H.R. 6116.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is: Post office renaming

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 6117.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is: To amend the Federal Reserve Act to remove the mandate on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee to focus on maximum employment.

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 6118.

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

Article 1, Section 8, clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is: This bill would cease funding to the United Nations Human Rights Council until it passes a resolution condemning Hamas for its recent terror attack in Israel.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 6119.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is: Would require the Secretary of State to notify Congress when the security clearances of certain senior members of the Department of State are suspended or revoked.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 6120.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: Oil Sanctions

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 6121.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution; Clause 12 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution; Clause 14 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: Armed Forces and National Security

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 6122.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution; Clause 12 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution; Clause 14 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: 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.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study and issue a report on grant programs to support the nursing workforce.

By Mr. PALMER:

H.R. 6123.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the State Department from charging Americans for the cost associated with evacuation or government assisted departure from a crisis situation.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 6124.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution in that the legislation exercises legislative powers granted to Congress by that clause "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or any Department or Office thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

to establish a pilot program at the Department of Education to integrate cybersecurity education into career and technical education programs.

By Mr. VALADAO:

H.R. 6125.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 16: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 40: Mr. BEYER, Mr. MCGARVEY, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 329: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 340: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GARBARINO, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN.

H.R. 472: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 795: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 798: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 838: Mr. BEAN of Florida.

H.R. 974: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 984: Ms. TENNEY and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1083: Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. GALLEGO.

H.R. 1092: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1139: Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio.

H.R. 1259: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 1385: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1440: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 1468: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 1572: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1584: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 1737: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 1777: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 2400: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 2743: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2760: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 2880: Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 2915: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 2918: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 3086: Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. KEATING, Ms. CARAVEO, and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 3127: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 3183: Ms. WEXTON, Ms. SHERRILL, and Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 3409: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. TORRES of New York.

H.R. 3413: Mr. MFUME, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 3473: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H.R. 3481: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3662: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 3713: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3774: Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. EMMER, and Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 4221: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4227: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 4276: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 4326: Mr. GARCIA of Illinois and Mr. DELUZZIO.

H.R. 4362: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 4432: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. FROST, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Mr. GARCIA of Illinois.

H.R. 4541: Mr. LAWLER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 4714: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 4731: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 4933: Mr. KEATING, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 4945: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 5030: Mr. MORAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. DUARTE.

H.R. 5041: Mr. SABLON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. WILD, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CROW, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CARSON, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. ROSS, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FROST, Mr. AGUILAR, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr.

KIM of New Jersey, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. BERA, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. HIMES, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LALOTA, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 5097: Mr. GARCIA of Illinois.

H.R. 5113: Ms. STANSBURY.

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H.R. 5198: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 5413: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 5415: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 5484: Mr. MULLIN and Ms. BUSH.

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H.R. 5757: Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. CARAVEO, and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

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H.R. 5834: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

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H.R. 5996: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 6000: Mr. BACON, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. LAWLER.

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H. Con. Res. 44: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

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H. Res. 280: Mr. MEEKS.

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H. Res. 798: Mr. FEENSTRA.

H. Res. 807: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Powerful God, we live in times that test our resolve, but You remain in control of our world. We depend upon Your might to empower our lawmakers to carve tunnels of hope through mountains of despair. Mighty God, enable our Senators to experience the blessings of Your unfolding providence as You empower them to find solutions for the problems of our Nation and world.

May Your goodness and unfailing love pursue them all the days of their lives. And, Lord, let there be peace on Earth.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, October 30, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. DUCKWORTH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING 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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Matthew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The senior Senator from Illinois.

#### PEPFAR REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, as you and I both know, we are in the process of talking about the spending bills, long overdue. We are in our fiscal year as of October 1. Well, here comes the end of October, and we are still laboring over how we are going to spend money for the next fiscal year from October 1 to September 30 of the year 2024.

And there is debate back and forth between the House and Senate, debate on the Senate floor, and some issues are becoming priorities. I would like to

address one of them that doesn't get a lot of attention, and it should.

I don't agree with former President George W. Bush on many things, but I have given him credit repeatedly for making the United States a leader in stemming the HIV/AIDS epidemic in some of the poorest parts of the world.

Twenty years ago, the program was called the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, what Bono once said was "the most eloquent expression of American values anyone can think of in recent times."

You see, PEPFAR, and its companion effort, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, dramatically curtailed the AIDS epidemic that was ravaging the world. It has saved more than 25 million lives so far.

Both of these programs provided retroviral drugs for those with AIDS, allowing them to live productive lives and prevent the spread of disease through childbirth.

They have been so effective that some might have forgotten just how devastating AIDS was in certain parts of the world. At one point, it was killing more than 2 million people a year globally and leaving 14 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa. In some of the most highly affected countries, life expectancy had dropped 20 years.

PEPFAR and the Global Fund dramatically improved outcomes for millions of people across the world. These programs are not only the right thing to do, they are also one of the most effective examples of America's soft power and the international development effort and a stark contrast of what China and others are displaying in many parts of the world.

So imagine my concern and surprise that there is currently an effort by extreme Republicans in the House of Representatives to block the reauthorization of this hugely successful, bipartisan George W. Bush program over a false and manufactured abortion concern. Taking the extreme position of

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blocking this lifesaving program is as shortsighted and nihilistic as siding with Vladimir Putin and failing to help Ukraine.

Just last week, the Bush Institute and a group of more than 30 retired Ambassadors and foreign policy leaders urged Congress to swiftly reauthorize PEPFAR.

They wrote:

Abandoning it abruptly now would send a bleak message, suggesting we are no longer able to set aside our politics for the betterment of democracies and the world.

With this, I agree completely. Right now, America's reputation on the global stage is being threatened by House Republicans' internal politics, but reauthorizing PEPFAR is common sense to reassure the world that Americans can push past partisanship and use our influence, resources, and power to save lives. Some things are simply beyond politics.

Former President Bush acknowledged this when he wrote in the Washington Post recently:

We are on the verge of ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic. To abandon our commitment now would forfeit two decades of unimaginable progress and raise further questions about the worth of America's word.

I couldn't agree more, and I call on my Republican friends to help reauthorize this historic, bipartisan, lifesaving effort without further delay.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Madam President, you see, bipartisan efforts are necessary to get meaningful things done in Washington. We accept that in the Senate. And right now, the most pressing item requiring a bipartisan effort is passing appropriations bills that finally fund the government for the next fiscal year. Government shutdowns should not be commonplace in Washington, and yet, under the other party's leadership, they have been.

Almost exactly a month ago, Congress narrowly avoided a government shutdown by passing a stopgap bill that funded the government at current levels for 45 days, until the middle of November. Forty-five days could have been enough for the two parties in the two Chambers to negotiate a plan, a compromise, but a few extreme Republicans got in the way.

Without a Speaker in the House of Representatives for more than 3 weeks, the House was unable to take action. The House was rendered useless in helping to create a plan to fund the government. And now, with only 18 days until the government's lights are turned off, time is running out. While the House was paralyzed and unable to govern, here in the Senate, we were diligently working across party lines to negotiate a funding package. For the past week, the Senate has been considering amendments on a package of three funding bills known as the minibus. The minibus provides funding for military construction as well as for the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development.

And I worked with the Presiding Officer to ensure that the package includes important funding for the people, families, and communities of our State of Illinois. For example, it includes more than \$5 million for agriculture-related spending in our State, funding that will continue cutting-edge agricultural research in our State and send rural development dollars to small towns to make healthcare and emergency services more comprehensive in underserved areas. The package also earmarks more than \$16 million for military construction projects in Illinois, funding that will facilitate training and readiness for our men and women in uniform. It includes more than \$35 million in earmarks for community development and infrastructure projects to improve roads, transit, airports, and community centers.

This minibus will strengthen communities in Illinois and is being worked on, on a bipartisan basis. I am glad to support its passage, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I just got back from an important event at the White House where President Biden announced a first-ever Executive order regulating AI, artificial intelligence. I applaud the President for breaking new ground with this Executive order, and I told him that the Senate will work very closely with the White House to do more on AI through legislation.

Tomorrow, the Senate's bipartisan AI gang—Senators HEINRICH, ROUNDS, YOUNG, and myself—will meet with President Biden at the White House to talk about the next steps we can take to work together. While today's AI Executive order is a massive step forward, everyone agrees there is no substitute for congressional action. Congress must act, must take the next step to build upon, augment, and expand today's Executive order by the President, and we must do it through bipartisan legislation.

We must act with urgency but also with humility, balancing both innovation and commonsense safeguards because you can't do one without the other. We must act with urgency because other countries may take a lead on AI—and countries particularly with values we don't share. But we must act with humility because this is one of the hardest tasks Congress can undertake because AI is so complicated, so

far-reaching, and changing all the time.

On Wednesday morning, the Senate will bring some of the Nation's leading minds in labor, business, and tech to talk about AI's impact on America's workforce, as part of our third AI Insight Forum. And on Wednesday afternoon, we will hold our fourth AI Insight Forum to discuss areas where AI will have an especially high impact, including healthcare, financial services, and our justice system.

If the Senate's AI Insight Forums have made anything clear so far, it is that the government must be involved in AI, must be ready to invest significantly toward AI innovation, and that we don't have a lot of time. AI development is moving quickly. Adversaries like the Chinese Government are moving quickly. So Congress has to act quickly too. That is why I am encouraged that the Senate's efforts on AI so far have been both balanced and bipartisan.

We need a lot of voices at the table, not just AI developers, although they must be there, but critics worried about AI's potential harms and advocates from labor and civil rights and other areas. Everyone must have a hand in shaping the legislation.

But our AI efforts must also remain bipartisan. They have to be because the goal is to pass legislation, and that will only happen if both sides work together. So far, thankfully, bipartisanship is precisely what we have seen at the committee level, and through our bipartisan AI gang—which I am proud to be part of alongside Senators ROUNDS, YOUNG, and HEINRICH—we are making very good progress.

So, again, I applaud the President for today's first-ever AI Executive order and note that the Senate will build on today's announcement by working to get closer to passing bipartisan legislation. We cannot afford to wait.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Madam President, on the supplemental, tomorrow morning, the Senate Appropriations Committee will hear testimony from Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken about why Congress must pass President Biden's supplemental request—with aid for Israel, Ukraine, the South Pacific, and humanitarian help for Gaza—and do so quickly.

Right now, America faces an unavoidable moment of truth. Democracy and freedom are under attack around the globe in ways we have not seen since the end of the Cold War. We must pass the President's supplemental as soon as we can, with bipartisan support, for a simple and important reason: It will make the world safer for the United States, our allies, and our democratic values.

In the Middle East, Hamas and its allies, like Iran and Hezbollah, seek nothing less than the total annihilation of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East and the only Jewish



State on Earth. In Europe, Putin continues his onslaught against the Ukrainian people with the goal of not just subjugating Ukraine but reasserting Russia as a world power along the lines of the old Soviet Union. In the South Pacific, China's aggression continues to magnify, increasing military activities off the coast of Taiwan, ramming into Philippine Coast Guard ships, and having near misses with an American B-52 bomber over international airspace. That is what the Chinese Government is doing, and this is all in just the past few weeks.

And in Gaza we must ensure that humanitarian aid gets to civilians who need it urgently. This is one of the things that I pushed strongly for President Biden to include in his supplemental request.

All of these challenges share one thing in common: They directly impact—directly impact—America's national security, America's democratic values, and the international world order that has allowed democracy to take root. The way forward is exceptionally clear: We must pass the President's supplemental request, which has funding for Israel, Ukraine, and the South Pacific, while also providing critical humanitarian aid for Gaza.

America does not have the luxury of burying our head in the sand or leaving our friends to fend for themselves. If we want the world to remain a safe place for freedom, for democratic principles, and for America's prosperity, we must defend against those who are working hard to undermine us. So we need to pass this supplemental as soon as we can.

We need to work with our colleagues in the House to ensure all these forms of aid make it to the President's desk. We must not succumb to the false allures of isolationism that the hard right now professes, because the only thing that will achieve is to make America less safe.

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Madam President, about what happened at Cornell, I am sickened and frightened by the news that has come out of Cornell University where, over the weekend, messages appeared on a noncampus online forum calling for violence—violence—against the school's Jewish community. The posts made specific references to a building on campus housing the Center for Jewish Living and called for violence toward Jewish students.

Cornell has decried this appalling act and has alerted the FBI. The incident targeting Cornell's Jewish community is utterly revolting, but, unfortunately, it was not an isolated occurrence. Across the country, on campuses and in public spaces, the ancient poison of anti-Semitism has found new life. The ADL reports that the incidents of anti-Semitism are up over 300 percent since Hamas's attack in Israel on October 7.

In cities ranging from L.A. to Indianapolis to New York—and, in fact, all

around the world—Jews are receiving death threats, vandalism, and public assaults for no other reason than because of who they are. In one instance reported by the ADL, a woman was punched in the face in Grand Central Terminal in New York. When she asked her assailant why he did that, he said: "You are Jewish."

Anti-Semitism is absolutely on the rise here in America, and we have an obligation—a strong obligation—to condemn this behavior whenever we see it, wherever we see it, and no matter who spreads it. Every single American—no matter his or her background, no matter their beliefs, no matter how they feel about the awful violence in the Middle East and its history—ought to condemn with full-throated clarity anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of racial and religious prejudice. We must condemn all forms of hate.

Nobody denies that people of good will can have disagreements about the conflict in the Middle East, but the redline is crossed when these disagreements lead to violence or threats of violence like what is happening, unfortunately, in too many communities around the country.

And no matter what our beliefs are, all of us must remain vigilant—absolutely vigilant—against critiques that quickly turn into threats of violence and outright anti-Semitism. Here in America, we must condemn anti-Semitism, always. We must condemn all forms of Islamophobia, always. We must fight all discrimination and preserve the values that make us American to begin with: that all people have dignity and a right to live securely always.

#### UNITED AUTO WORKERS

Madam President, finally, on the UAW, last Wednesday night, the United Auto Workers reached agreement with Ford Motor Company for better wages, better benefits, and stronger workplace protections. Last Saturday, the UAW reached a tentative deal with Stellantis, mirroring the agreement with Ford. And, today, it has been reported that the UAW has finally reached an agreement with GM, the last of the three automakers that the UAW was negotiating with.

Madam President, it is simple: When unions win, workers win, the middle class wins, America wins. These announcements are very good news not just for autoworkers but for all Americans who want better paying jobs and better working conditions.

Automakers have made staggering profits in recent years after workers made enormous sacrifices in the aftermath of the great recession. So now workers deserve those profits, and these agreements rebalance things in a fairer way, which had been unbalanced after 2008.

I am glad these tentative agreements have now been reached.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### BORDER SECURITY

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, last Thursday, I traveled back to my home State of Texas but this time to the U.S.-Mexico border, along with Senator CRUZ—my colleague from Texas—as well as three of our non-Texas Senate colleagues. Senators BARRASSO, LEE, and RICKETTS joined us for a series of tours and meetings in the Rio Grande Valley, which is unlike any other place in America.

This has been one of many times that Senator CRUZ and I have welcomed our colleagues to the border because every time I hear people in Washington, DC, talk about the border, it is most likely something they have gleaned from movies or a novel that they have read somewhere. It is not based on reality.

And the truth is, the reality at the border has changed substantially from years ago when illegal immigration was primarily people coming to the United States to work and send money home. It has changed entirely to a global human smuggling enterprise that enriches the criminal organization to organize it, charging tens of thousands of dollars a head to people they smuggle into the United States. And if you come from special interest countries, like Iran, Syria, for example, you may have to pay tens of thousands of dollars, but you can still make your way in because of the broken border policies of the Biden administration, which I will talk about here in a moment.

It really is a shame that such a beautiful, vibrant region of our country that has benefited tremendously from the opportunities that come from living along an international border has been damaged and hurt in such an unfortunate way by the flood of humanity and drugs coming across.

Legitimate trade and travel have shaped the unique culture of our border and serve as a boon not just to local economies but to the entire American economy. But like so many other areas along the U.S.-Mexico border, this region has become overwhelmed by the weight of the current border crisis.

Last month alone, Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector—just one of many sectors of the Border Patrol—logged more than 45,000 border crossings. In the last year, nearly 340,000 migrants have crossed the Rio Grande Valley Sector, and, overwhelmingly, the Biden administration has simply just released them into the interior of the United States, which has, in turn, proved to be a magnet for more people to come.

If, in fact, the Biden administration wanted to deter illegal immigration, they would stop people from coming to

the border and entering the country illegally, and it would send people back who somehow made it over. That would act as a deterrent.

But right now, notwithstanding the messages of people like Mayor Adams, from New York City, when he recently went to Mexico City, he said: Don't come. Don't come—well, the people who make the dangerous journey from their home to the border and into the interior of the United States, they frequently have access to this thing called television and to this instrument we call a telephone. So they can see people making their way across the border successfully, and they can talk to relatives who have made the trip on the telephone who say: I made it. You can too. Thus, we have seen this huge flood of migrants across the border swell into a virtual tsunami.

It used to be that the overwhelming number of migrants came from Mexico and the Northern Triangle countries. And that is when I hear Vice President HARRIS and others talk—Secretary Blinken—about root causes, like they want to go in and nation-build in order to discourage people from those countries to come to the United States, which tells me they really don't understand the nature of the current phenomenon because it is not just people coming from Mexico and Central America; President Biden's border policies have made it so that people from virtually anywhere in the world can come to the southern border, say the magic words, and be released into the United States.

In fact, we learned on our most recent trip that many migrants don't even claim asylum before they are released because there simply isn't enough capacity to hold them once they cross the border and then return them where they came from. And there aren't anywhere near enough removal flights to deport migrants without valid legal claims to stay here.

So it is no surprise that people are traveling from all over the world, literally, to take advantage of this open border policy. Agents in the Rio Grande Valley Sector told us that they have apprehended, recently, migrants from China, from Russia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and other countries around the globe. America's southern border is the world's worst kept secret.

When we arrived on Thursday night, we witnessed the sheer volume and diversity of migrants arriving at the border. Some of my colleagues spoke with a family from Moldova. You will have to look that up on your map. But it is not Mexico. It is not Central America. But they just crossed over the border moments earlier. You might ask yourself what would a man and his wife and their 2- or 3-year-old daughter—how did they make it from Eastern Europe to Texas's Rio Grande Valley. And the answer is simple: with human smugglers.

Cartels and other criminal organizations have hit the jackpot with the

Biden border crisis. Indeed, you could say that President Biden has outsourced U.S. immigration policy to these criminal organizations because they are running the show, not President Biden.

In 2021 alone, they made an estimated \$13 billion from human smuggling operations. That is just the human smuggling alone. Since then, the number of border crossings, of course, has skyrocketed. They get paid by the head, so that is good business for the cartels. And I imagine their profits have skyrocketed even further. Cartel smuggling operations aren't limited to Mexico and Central America. For the right price, these criminal organizations will help anyone from anywhere reach the United States and make their way into the interior.

As those who have made the journey can attest, it is an extremely dangerous one, particularly for vulnerable women and children. Human smugglers don't view these migrants as fellow human beings; they view them as a commodity. Migrants are abused, neglected, extorted for more money. Women are often raped or sold for sex. Some migrants have been simply abandoned and left for dead if they become injured or unable to continue their travel.

At one checkpoint, which is about 100 miles into the interior of Falfurrias, TX—it is called Brooks County—they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in this little, relatively poor, Texas county burying the bones of dead migrants who have died from exposure in their county because what happens is, once people come across the border, the smugglers—sometimes called coyotes—they put them in stash houses. Actually, we saw one stash house. And then when the time is right, they are loaded in the vans and then transported up the highway. That is the reason for the checkpoint about 100 miles inland. But what the coyotes do is they tell the migrants: Get out of the vehicle before we reach the checkpoint; walk around the checkpoint; and we will meet you on the north side.

Well, for migrants who have come hundreds of miles, or further, already suffering from exposure to make it in the hot Texas summers, where it frequently exceeds 100 degrees, it should be no surprise that some of them—many of them, unfortunately—do not make it. So that is another consequence of the Biden border crisis and open border policies.

And even after they cross the border, many migrants still owe massive debts to the cartels who will not hesitate to use them for forced labor or sex trafficking. In fact, if you go to parts of Houston, TX, you will see women who basically are sex slaves because they are working off their debt to the people who smuggled to get them into the interior of the United States in the first place.

As I mentioned, we also visited a stash house where we saw the migrants

awaiting the next step of their journey, and I hate to imagine what the cartels have in store for these individuals. But we know these migrants are not the only victims of the border crisis. While agents are busy processing and transporting migrants, it creates an open highway for cartels and criminal organizations smuggling drugs into the United States. They, of course, have spotters. They use drones for technology to see where the Border Patrol is and where they are not. And they use that knowledge to smuggle fentanyl, heroin—and God knows what else—across the border and into our communities.

Here is a shocking statistic, at least it was to me. I don't know whether the President of the United States even knows this. But the No. 1 killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 45 is a synthetic opioid called fentanyl—leading cause of death for Americans 18 to 45.

We know where it comes from. The precursors come from China. They make their way to Mexico where the cartels mix them up, run them through industrial-capacity pill presses, and make them look like relatively innocuous pharmaceuticals. And then when a young man or a young woman, let's say, in high school, like Sienna—whose father gave me this rubber wristband at the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District last April—they take this, thinking, Well, it is a relatively innocuous pharmaceutical like Percocet or Xanax, but then they don't wake up the next day, of course, leaving grieving families wondering what in the world happened and how could this happen to them and their child.

Drug overdoses alone have taken the lives of about 110,000 Americans a year, currently. And as I said, fentanyl is responsible for about two-thirds of it. Of course, we aren't just worried about substances coming across the border but dangerous people too: criminals, people on the Terrorist Watchlist, people coming from special interest countries like the ones I mentioned.

It used to be that the number of people on the Terrorist Watchlist who were apprehended along the southern border by the Border Patrol was in the single digits. In the past year, at least 169 were apprehended. And that doesn't account for the "got-aways." The "got-aways" are the 1½ million people who have been seen on cameras or detected on sensors but who have evaded capture by the Border Patrol. And you can bet that they are up to no good because they simply—if they actually wanted to make their way into the interior of the United States and didn't have a criminal record or were transporting drugs or on a Terrorist Watchlist, they can just—like almost everybody else under the Biden administration—come to the border, say the magic words, and the Biden administration would release them into the interior of the United States. But we have had 1½ million



“got-aways” evade law enforcement since President Biden took office, including 169 people on the Terrorist Watchlist.

It seems like a long time ago to many people, particularly if you are relatively young, but it was September 11, 2001, where 19 people killed 3,000 Americans by flying airplanes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and taking down a plane over Pennsylvania.

So 19 terrorists killed 3,000 Americans back in 2001. We know that at least 169 people on the Terrorist Watchlist have been apprehended so far. We don't know how many actually have made their way into the United States, but it is a safe bet it is people from countries all around the world where the prevailing ideology is to kill Americans in the United States.

So the truth is really, depressingly, stranger than even fiction here because the potential for us to wake up someday and have a terrorist attack in our country as a result of uncontrolled migration across the southern border is very real, and it is growing by the day.

Yes, there is a humanitarian and security crisis at the border, and it is impacting all of our country. That is the reason you have Senators from Nebraska and Utah and Wyoming coming to the border, because, as several of them said, every State is now a border State. Recently, one of our colleagues from Montana was there, and he said: You know, the fentanyl that comes across the border has made its way into the communities in my State, in Montana, in the northern border of our country.

So every State has become a border State as a result of the Biden open border policy.

We know migrants are being exploited and abused. American families are being terrorized by the opioid epidemic. Cities in Texas and across the country are struggling to keep up with the mass humanitarian needs of migrants. Yes, we heard from Mayor Adams from New York; we heard from Mayor Bowser here in Washington, DC; the mayor of Chicago; the Governors of Massachusetts and Illinois. This is a national crisis.

The situation is extremely complex, but the solution doesn't have to be. We need deterrence through consequences. That is what the Border Patrol tells me and tells anybody who will listen. If there are no consequences to entering the country illegally, people are going to just keep coming. I think we all understand why. But if we are going to deliver consequences, which means to deter more people from coming, that means ending catch-and-release, which is the policy of the Biden administration. We need to actually remove people who have no legal reason to remain in the United States. That means expedited removal. We need to send a message to people who have no legal reasons to remain in the United States that if they come, they will not be able

to stay. It is really not any more complicated than that. Congress doesn't need to do a rewrite of our immigration laws in order to give President Biden the authority to do these things. He already has that authority under existing law, but he won't use it.

Deterrence is a key component of a safe and secure border. Until the administration starts deterring would-be migrants with frivolous asylum claims from even approaching our border, we will remain in a constant state of crisis. And I predict it will get worse. We have just seen a record number of people coming across the border. That number is going to continue to grow as more and more people know that if they show up at the border and say the magic words, President Biden will say: Come on in.

The only way to truly understand what is happening at the border is to see it firsthand and to speak with the individuals who live and work in our border communities. I have had the pleasure, as I said earlier, of taking dozens of Senators, both Republicans and Democrats, down to the border to hear from these men and women firsthand. I appreciate all of our colleagues who made the trip and continue to advocate for smart border policies, especially, most recently, Senators BARRASSO, LEE, and RICKETTS.

I want to thank the many men and women in the Rio Grande Valley who took the time out of their schedule to speak with us. Their input is absolutely invaluable to the work of the Senate. I am extremely grateful to each of them.

I want to especially thank the law enforcement officers who are on the frontlines of this crisis. Every day, Federal, State, and local law enforcement put their lives on the line to safeguard our border and stop potentially dangerous individuals and drugs from reaching our communities, but they need our help, and they are not getting it today. They deserve more than our gratitude; they deserve our commitment to fix this crisis in any way we can.

President Biden has not only proven himself incapable but also unwilling to address this border crisis, so Congress needs to step in and fill the void. In the coming weeks, the Senate will advance legislation to address some of our greatest national security threats, including action to address the border crisis.

As my colleagues and I saw last week, this crisis cannot be fixed with more no-strings-attached funding. We will not fund current border policies under the Biden administration. As long as a flood of humanity is coming across the border at this pace, it doesn't matter how many Border Patrol agents or immigration judges we have; it won't be enough.

The only way to address this crisis is by deterring more illegal immigration, and the simplest way of doing that is by delivering consequences for entering

the country illegally. It is a tried-and-true strategy that has worked countless times before.

In the coming weeks, I hope Congress will step in where President Biden has refused and establish deterrence once again.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, only in the United States of America can the son of a Shreveport firefighter, the first college graduate in his family—only in our country can a person like this win a seat in Congress and just a few years later be elected the 56th Speaker of the House.

Speaker MIKE JOHNSON made history for our country and my home State by becoming the first Speaker of the House of Representatives ever from Louisiana. If you are from Louisiana—more particularly from Shreveport, Bossier, or Northwest Louisiana—or, by the way, if you graduated from Captain Shreve, you know MIKE JOHNSON. He is the pride of them all. He is a straight shooter, a family man, a diligent man.

Jim McCrery was the Congressman who held that same seat at a time in the past. When I was first elected, he gave me this advice: Keep your word, show up, and do your homework.

I am sure he gave that same advice to MIKE JOHNSON or, if not, MIKE just was naturally that way, because it describes him to a tee. It is the reason why he is able to unify House Republicans, winning every Republican vote for Speaker for the first time since 2011.

He has the ability to bridge divides that a lot of very capable people were not able to do. MIKE brought together people who disagreed and kept them talking until they found a way forward. That is what leaders do. He is strong in his convictions, but he is not someone looking to steamroll others. He is a unifier and has a talent for working with folks to find common ground.

We have all seen the push and pull between those who wish to govern and, frankly, those who are not very interested in governing. MIKE wishes to govern. He wants to govern with conservative principles to get things done for the country and, hopefully, for my State as well. He has the temperament, intelligence, and integrity to do that as Speaker.

I look forward to working with him to address issues like investing in American energy, securing our southern border, addressing the insurance crisis in Louisiana and nationwide, and finally doing something about the long-term debt being driven, among other things, by a Social Security Program going insolvent. With a conservative Speaker working to secure conservative wins, the country will do well.

We both share a strong sense of duty, a deep faith, and a love for God. You

could see his faith shine through in his speech when he won the vote. Of course, we share a deep love for our home State, Louisiana. Having a Speaker from Louisiana will help bring some good Louisiana values, perspective, priorities, and maybe even a little boiled crawfish to Washington, DC.

Congratulations, Speaker JOHNSON, and to his wife Kelly and their four wonderful children.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Tennessee.

NATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC MONTH

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, well, it is Country Music Month, and in Nashville, you will hear people say "it all begins with a song."

And, indeed, when we think about the playlists on our phones, when we think about the songs that frame our life, that is very true. And we love the fact that we get to celebrate the creative community every single year during Country Music Month. And this week, the Senate should pass a resolution that Senator KAINE and I have filed. It is designating October as National Country Music Month.

Now, Bristol, TN, Bristol, VA, right there on the State line, that is the birthplace of country music. So you have got a little bit of Tennessee and a little bit of Virginia, and we share that richness and that history. And what our resolution does is to highlight our States'—Tennessee's and Virginia's—rich, shared history of fostering creativity, of dreaming those big dreams, and then setting those dreams and thoughts to words and music.

The music that these artists, songwriters, and musicians create has had a profound impact not only on country music as a genre but on the evolution of American music.

Tennessee artists have the unique power to unite us as Americans. With that in mind, I want to thank my colleagues in advance for celebrating our creative community with us and helping designate October as National Country Music Month. But our work is not done. These musicians need our help getting paid for their art, controlling the business side of their careers, and protecting their intellectual property.

I want to highlight a few bills this body must pass to maintain our position as a cultural and artistic leader and a creative hub. The United States is the only democratic nation in the world where artists are not compensated for the use of their songs on AM/FM radio. Now, as I said, we are the only democratic nation that does not compensate these artists. Now, Iran and North Korea are two of the only other countries with this distinction.

Senator PADILLA and I have introduced a bipartisan piece of legislation—the American Music Fairness Act—which would right this wrong and ensure performers are compensated when their songs are played on the radio.

Now, Senator PADILLA and I could probably have a great discussion about, Does California have more artists and singers and songwriters or does Tennessee? But I think Tennessee probably has more of those artists and songwriters.

Now, not being paid for the use of their music on radio has been a decades-long injustice that hurts Americans at home and abroad. As I said, the United States is the only democratic nation that does not pay for that radio play. So the majority of foreign nations—those who already pay their own artists for radio airplay—currently withhold royalties from American music creators simply because the United States does not reciprocate by paying their performers. This amounts to a massive financial hit for our American artists.

Now, when you talk with them, what you will learn from different royalty rights organizations is our entertainers here are missing out on about \$200 million each year in income to those musicians—\$200 million a year. That is money that would come from other countries to our American artists if we were to pass the American Music Fairness Act.

(Ms. BUTLER assumed the Chair.)

Senator PADILLA and I have worked hard on this. It is bipartisan. We think to not pay these artists is something that needs to be fixed, and that is why we should agree to get the American Music Fairness Act to the President's desk without delay.

Now, I also worked with the late Senator Dianne Feinstein—and, Madam President, we welcome you. We know you have big shoes to fill in Senator Feinstein's seat. Senator Feinstein and I often talked about the importance of keeping this American creative community here and keeping that community vibrant, and she and I worked together to introduce a piece of bill that is called the HITS Act. This is the Help Independent Tracks Succeed, HITS.

Now, this bill would allow independent music creators—including musicians, technicians, songwriters, and producers—to deduct 100 percent of recording production expenses in the year that those expenses are incurred. The Federal Tax Code already allows film, television, theater productions to do this, and there is no reason not to give our music creators this same benefit. Think about that. Somebody goes in; they book that studio time; they lay down those tracks; they lay down those vocals; you get a producer that produces it; the musicians play on it; the technicians come in and tweak this—and they cannot deduct all of that expense. This is not fair, especially when you consider that TV, film, theater—they can all deduct 100 percent.

So Senator Feinstein and I worked on this, got it ready to go. This is another one that needs to pass. These two pieces of legislation really have something very important in common. They

recognize that entertainment as a career is both a creative pursuit and it is a very fragile business model. It requires that those individuals be able to exercise their intellectual property rights to benefit from their creations.

And one of the top concerns I hear from entertainers and their teams is the extent to which AI will—and already has—damaged their businesses. So we have another issue that has come on. In addition to not being fully compensated, then these entertainers are looking at the impact that artificial intelligence is going to have on their business.

Now, Congress is already late to the AI issue. We all know that, and I am delighted that we are beginning to see bipartisan interest in moving forward some legislation on guidelines and guardrails for artificial intelligence.

Creators have already begun to see that their voices, their likenesses, and their styles of music are used without their consent. And the danger to their livelihoods is real because they are not being compensated for their music that is used to train AI models that are actually going to take away the ability for them to make money on what they have created.

So in addition to not being paid for radio play, in addition to not being able to deduct production expense, now—here it comes—AI is going to mimic them and use name, image, likeness, voice cloning and take away more of their ability.

So Senator COONS and I have released a discussion draft on a piece of legislation to help protect these artists. It is called the NO FAKES Act. The NO FAKES Act would hold individuals, companies, and platforms accountable for digital replicas created or used without the consent of the individual that is being cloned or depicted in that replica. So it allows an entertainer to protect themselves, the replication of their voice, of their mannerisms, of their musical style.

Well, Hank Williams, Jr., has been quoted as saying, "Country music singers have always been a real close family." He is pretty right about that. And just like any family, I love it when you see all of these entertainers who are, in essence, competitors competing for radio time and studio time and tours and dates on their tours. They are competing for it all, but they come together, and they let you know when they need something and when something needs to be done. And addressing this AI issue is something that needs to be done.

So I would encourage my colleagues to talk to entertainers in their States and talk with them about the American Music Fairness Act, the HITS Act, and the NO FAKES Act, and what it would do to give them that control over their art, their name, their image, their likeness.

You know, here in the United States, whether we want to argue about: Is Tennessee the biggest or does California have the most or is Virginia the

real home and who produces the most records and lays down the most recording? What we can all agree on is that the United States of America is the hub for entertainment. It is where everyone wants to come, and, of course, we like that ingenuity and that creativity, and we love it that artists come to Nashville and say: We want to record that Nashville sound. Let us keep this industry viable.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

NOMINATION OF MATTHEW JAMES MADDOX

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Matthew Maddox to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Maryland, and I urge my Senate colleagues to confirm his nomination.

I joined with Senator VAN HOLLEN to recommend Judge Maddox to President Biden. President Biden nominated Judge Maddox to this position in March of this year in order to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Paul Grimm in December of 2022.

Senator VAN HOLLEN and I have worked to establish a judicial selection committee in Maryland, including an open application process. In particular, we sought out a highly qualified and diverse applicant pool. Our committee interviewed several dozen applicants. Senator VAN HOLLEN and I then personally interviewed several finalists before recommending names to the White House.

I strongly agree with President Biden's goal to nominate judges with excellent legal credentials from diverse backgrounds from both professional and demographic perspectives, and today we have such an example of an excellent nominee from Maryland.

Judge Maddox was born and raised in Maryland and lives and works in Baltimore. He graduated summa cum laude from Morgan State University, an HBCU in Baltimore, in 1999, where he majored in philosophy and religious studies and minored in psychology. After receiving his B.A. degree, Judge Maddox was a Fulbright scholar and taught high school through the Teach for America Program. Judge Maddox received his J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 2011.

After working in private practice and serving in two judicial clerkships, in 2015, Judge Maddox was appointed as an assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Maryland. In this capacity, Judge Maddox prosecuted a range of criminal cases and conducted trainings for law enforcement on the topics of human trafficking and identity theft.

In 2020, Judge Maddox was selected to serve as Deputy Chief of the Major

Crimes Section in the Northern Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

In February 2022, Judge Maddox was sworn in as a U.S. magistrate judge and sits in Baltimore. Judge Maddox now presides over both preliminary criminal proceedings and civil lawsuits by consent of the parties.

Judge Maddox therefore also brings remarkable experience to this position, having served as a Federal prosecutor for nearly a decade and now having served as a magistrate judge for over a year and a half. If confirmed and elevated from a magistrate judge to a district judge, he would continue to serve in the same court where he now serves and has practiced for many years.

The Judiciary Committee favorably reported Judge Maddox in a bipartisan vote in September of this year, and the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary awarded Judge Maddox a unanimously "well qualified" rating—its highest possible rating.

I was delighted to recommend the nomination of Judge Maddox to President Biden along with Senator VAN HOLLEN. Judicial nominees must meet the highest standards of integrity, competence, and temperament. I am confident that Judge Maddox will safeguard the rights of all Marylanders, uphold the Constitution and rule of law, and faithfully follow the judicial oath to "do equal right to the poor and to the rich." Judge Maddox will serve the people of Maryland well if confirmed for this lifetime appointment. Judge Maddox has strong legal and judicial qualifications and has demonstrated a track record of public service.

Let me conclude by saying I know that public service is a family affair and sacrifice, so I particularly want to thank Judge Maddox's family for sharing him with the people of Maryland in the interest of public service.

Again, I urge my colleagues to support his confirmation.

With that, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CARDIN. 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. CARDIN. Madam President, I would ask consent that the vote scheduled for 5:30 p.m. start immediately.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The 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. 306, Mat-

thew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Tammy Duckworth, Mazie Hirono, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher A. Coons, Alex Padilla, Patty Murray, Sheldon Whitehouse, Debbie Stabenow, Tina Smith, Benjamin L. Cardin, Chris Van Hollen, Tim Kaine, Brian Schatz, Christopher Murphy, Peter Welch.

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 Matthew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "nay."

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 273 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Baldwin	Heinrich	Peters
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Reed
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rosen
Booker	Kaine	Sanders
Brown	Kelly	Schatz
Butler	Kennedy	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Collins	Markey	Tester
Coons	Menendez	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murkowski	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Gillibrand	Murray	Welch
Graham	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden

NAYS—40

Blackburn	Fischer	Ricketts
Boozman	Grassley	Romney
Braun	Hagerty	Rounds
Britt	Hawley	Rubio
Budd	Hoehn	Schmitt
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Johnson	Sullivan
Cornyn	Lankford	Thune
Cotton	Lummis	Tuberville
Cramer	Marshall	Vance
Crapo	McConnell	Wicker
Cruz	Moran	Young
Daines	Mullin	
Ernst	Paul	

NOT VOTING—6

Barrasso	Lee	Scott (SC)
Fetterman	Risch	Tillis

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

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Minnesota.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. SMITH. 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.

## S. RES. 437

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I commend the Senate for its passage of our bipartisan resolution, S. Res. 437, condemning anti-Semitism, including any anti-Semitic acts committed on university or college campuses. No one deserves to feel unsafe in their community or school or threatened because of their religion or ethnicity. On October 16, the FBI released their annual statistics on hate crimes, which stated that anti-Semitic hate crimes rose 25 percent from 2021 to 2022 and accounted for over half of all reported religiously based hate crimes. The onset of war between Israel and Hamas has further exacerbated these anti-Semitic threats and incidents targeting Jewish Americans and Jewish organizations here in the United States. As a member of the Senate Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism, I have an enduring and ongoing commitment to confront anti-Semitism wherever it rears its ugly head and to ensure we take all steps necessary to protect the Jewish community.

As we consider the best ways to counter anti-Semitism, it is important that we consult a range of definitions and tools to understand this problem. The White House's National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism notes several of these tools, including the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance—IHRA—definition of anti-Semitism, as well as the Nexus Document and other efforts. Moreover, as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt made crystal clear during her confirmation hearing, "Criticism of Israeli policy is not antisemitism." Unfortunately, there are some who are attempting to politically weaponize anti-Semitism by equating criticism of Israeli Government actions with anti-Semitism. These politically motivated charges only weaken good faith efforts to confront the very real danger of anti-Semitism. That is why our bipartisan resolution is so important during these troubling times; it sends a clear, united message that anti-Semitism cannot be tolerated and the fight against it should not become politicized.

## TRIBUTE TO EDDIE HUGHES

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Eddie Hughes on 60 years of service at UPS.

Eddie Hughes was born in Mt. Pleasant, MS, and moved to Indianapolis to take a job with UPS in 1963. His only hiatus came from 1965–1966, when Eddie served his country in the U.S. Army. Originally a package handler, Eddie became a UPS driver in 1968, a position he still holds to this day. During his 55 years in his current role, Eddie has driven an estimated 4.62 million miles making deliveries to Hoosiers. He has joined the company's "Circle of Honor," a distinction given to drivers who have amassed more than 25 years of safe driving.

Eddie and Mary, his wife of 42 years, live in Indianapolis. They have two adult children, William and Mary Elizabeth.

It is my honor to congratulate Mr. Hughes and his family on this remarkable milestone.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO PAM CUMMINGS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to outstanding educator Pam Cummings, the 2023 Arkansas History Teacher of the Year.

Cummings has dedicated her life to education and teaching the next generation of Arkansans. She started her career at a public charter school in Little Rock before becoming a history teacher in the Benton School District. For the last 12 years, she has shared her passion for history with Panther students in a number of classes, including U.S. history, advanced placement government, and world history. Her interest in history shapes her lessons and that enthusiasm is passed along to her students. When students see the real-world effect of what she is teaching, it brings her joy to see the connection. In addition to earning bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science, she has master's degrees in American history and government and education theory and practice. This leaves no doubt about her expertise and excellence in the classroom. In 2018, Cummings was named a recipient of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship for Arkansas. She has also served on the Arkansas Coalition for Social Studies.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the History Teacher of the Year award is presented by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the Nation's leading organization dedicated to K–12 American history education. The award honors one K–12 history teacher from each State, Washington DC, Department of Defense schools, and U.S. Territories.

Teachers shape the future. Arkansans can be proud knowing our youth have such a talented and knowledgeable educator who is committed to her craft. I congratulate Pam Cummings for this achievement and the positive impact she is making on the community. I am confident her efforts are inspiring a lifelong interest in history.●

## RECOGNIZING CRAYONS 2 PENCILS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Crayons 2 Pencils of Norwalk, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week during National Women's Small Business Month and National Veterans Small Business Week.

Owned and operated by husband and wife duo Matt and Jill Larsen in Norwalk, IA, Crayons 2 Pencils is an early learning center and recreation center providing childcare services to the Norwalk community. Following her career in corporate America, Jill's start in early childhood learning and development was in 2008, when she taught 13 kids in her home. In 2015, Jill partnered with her friend Cindy Gavin to use the same childcare curriculum in each of their homes. In 2016, Jill and Cindy were able to move their childcare operation into one location when they opened the Crayons 2 Pencils Early Childhood Center. Over the years, they have grown to 63 employees, with additional positions available over the summer months. Crayons 2 Pencils currently provides care to 281 children.

In 2020, Matt joined Crayons 2 Pencils full-time as a jack-of-all-trades driving the school bus, organizing construction projects, and handling the technology and security systems. In 2022, Crayons 2 Pencils opened the Crayons 2 Pencils Recreation Center, which serves preschool through third grade and is equipped with a gym, sand volleyball court, stage, and additional classrooms. In 2023, Crayons 2 Pencils celebrated their seventh business anniversary.

Service to our country is integral to the Larsen family. Matt has served in the Iowa Air National Guard for 18 years and was deployed to Iraq. Following in Matt's footsteps, their son Jayden also serves in the Iowa Air National Guard, in addition to being a member of Iowa State University's Spirit Squad with his sister Joslyn.

Crayons 2 Pencils is also actively involved in the Norwalk community. They are active members of the Norwalk Area Chamber of Commerce, being one of the sponsors of the second annual Celebrate Norwalk Party in City Park in 2023 and hosting the Norwalk Career Fair in 2021. They have also served as a valuable resource to other childcare centers in the area by mentoring and teaching courses on childcare to directors and employees.

Crayons 2 Pencil's commitment to providing outstanding childcare services in Norwalk, IA, is clear. I want to congratulate Matt and Jill Larsen and the entire team at Crayons 2 Pencils for their continued dedication. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3168. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2624. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13851 with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2625. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations in the People's Republic of China: Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd. and SK hynix Semiconductor (China) Ltd." (RIN0694-AJ39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2626. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Entities to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AJ40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2627. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Transfer of access information and release of software (source code and object code)" (RIN0694-AJ37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2628. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Consumer Credit Card Market—Oct. 2023"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2629. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting of Securities Loans" (RIN3235-AN01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2630. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Short Position and Short Activity Reporting by Institutional Investment Managers" (RIN3235-AM34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2631. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental

Shelf Air Regulations; Consistency Update for Virginia" (FRL No. 9366-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2632. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Disapproval; Delaware; Removal of Excess Emissions Provisions" (FRL No. 11037-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2633. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Approval Plan; Arkansas; Excess Emissions" (FRL No. 11128-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2634. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revisions for Reclassified Moderate Non-attainment Areas for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 11287-01-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2635. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Hazardous Secondary Material Standards; Response to Petition" (FRL No. 7815-01-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2636. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding that Lead Emissions from Aircraft Engines that Operate on Leaded Fuel Cause or Contribute to Air Pollution that May Reasonably Be Anticipated to Endanger Public Health and Welfare" (FRL No. 5934-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Ozone in the Atmosphere (Chemiluminescence Method)" ((RIN2060-AV63) (FRL No. 9344-02-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2638. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Virginia; 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Second Maintenance Plan for the Hampton Roads Area" (FRL No. 10213-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Reformulated Gasoline Covered Areas" ((RIN2060-AV87) (FRL No. 10290-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2640. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020" (FRL No. 8831-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2641. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to United States forces conducting targeted strikes against facilities in eastern Syria, received during adjournment of the Senate on October 27, 2023; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 3161. A bill to require third-party delivery platforms to follow certain pricing practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 3162. A bill to improve the requirement for the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish testbeds to support the development and testing of trustworthy artificial intelligence systems and to improve interagency coordination in development of such testbeds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 3163. A bill to strengthen protections against child labor violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3164. A bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to religious freedom in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3165. A bill to help persons in the United States experiencing homelessness and significant behavioral health issues, including substance use disorder, by authorizing a grant program within the Department of Health and Human Services to assist State and local governments, continuums of care, community-based organizations that administer both health and homelessness services, and providers of services to people experiencing homelessness, better coordinate health care and homelessness services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 3166. A bill to prohibit official United States Government business from being conducted in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank, to suspend foreign assistance to the Gaza Strip until Hamas no longer exercises authority over the Gaza Strip, and to require reports and impose sanctions with respect to the provision of services to Hamas, financial transactions that benefit the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the use of human shields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 3167. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. VANCE, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3168. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. ERNST, Mr. DAINES, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S.J. Res. 47. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice relating to "Office of the Attorney General; Home Confinement Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. Res. 440. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 2023 as "National Youth Justice Action Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BUDD):

S. Res. 441. A resolution designating October 2023 as "National Learning Disabilities Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 140

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplace.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend title

28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the loan repayment program for the substance use disorder treatment workforce to relieve workforce shortages.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1375, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to apply additional payments, discounts, and other financial assistance towards the cost-sharing requirements of health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 1884

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 2286

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2286, a bill to improve the effectiveness and performance of certain Federal financial assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2407, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 2415

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2415, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the

health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 2569

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2569, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify that the possession, sale, purchase, importation, exportation, or transportation of drug testing equipment that tests for the presence of fentanyl or xylazine is not unlawful.

S. 2755

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2755, a bill to extend the requirement to staff Department of Defense Education Activity schools to maintain maximum student-to-teacher ratios.

S. 2778

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2778, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on competition among suppliers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2866

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2866, a bill to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, and for other purposes.

S. 2986

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2986, a bill to prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule, and to prohibit the inclusion in certain oil and gas leases, exploration or development plans, or well permits requirements or recommendations, that establish a vessel speed or operational restriction in the Central or Western Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico of the outer Continental Shelf until the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce complete a study demonstrating that proposed mitigation efforts would have no negative impact on supply chains, United States offshore energy production and generation, military activities, including readiness, and United States commercial and recreational fishing maritime commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 3006

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3006, a bill to ensure comprehensive wraparound services for families



impacted by substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 3041

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3041, a bill to reinstate certain sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

S. 3094

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3094, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 3132

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3132, a bill to require regular reporting to Congress on individuals encountered along a border of the United States or a port of entry, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 38

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 38, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers".

S.J. RES. 39

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 39, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the article of amendment commonly known as the "Equal Rights Amendment" has been validly ratified and is enforceable as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and the Archivist of the United States must certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment without delay.

S. RES. 333

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 333, a resolution designating 2024 as the Year of Democracy as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of Government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

S. RES. 413

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 413, a resolution condemning foreign nationals in the United States who have endorsed and espoused the actions of foreign terrorist organiza-

tions (FTO) in Gaza who, on October 7, 2023, launched attacks against the State of Israel, and killed innocent Israeli and United States citizens.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3165. A bill to help persons in the United States experiencing homelessness and significant behavioral health issues, including substance use disorder, by authorizing a grant program within the Department of Health and Human Services to assist State and local governments, continuums of care, community-based organizations that administer both health and homelessness services, and providers of services to people experiencing homelessness, better coordinate health care and homelessness services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to speak in support of the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Care Coordination Act of 2023, Which I introduced today.

On any given night in the United States, more than 582,000 people are experiencing homelessness. An estimated 20 percent of those experiencing homelessness also have a behavioral health condition, including substance use disorders. While we know that the primary driver of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing units, we know that these behavioral and substance use disorders and conditions can further exacerbate homelessness.

In order to ensure that those experiencing these conditions can obtain and retain housing, we need to ensure that both housing and social service providers have the resources to work together to increase access to supportive services. That is why I am proud to introduce this bill that would establish a grant program through the Department of Health and Human Services that would award 5-year grants of up to \$500,000 to eligible entities to improve their capacity to coordinate culturally competent, trauma-informed behavioral health and homelessness services.

The bill would also create a Federal interagency working group, with representatives from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to advise on how to carry out the program. The working group would also develop materials to facilitate understanding between Agencies offering health services and homelessness services.

I want to thank Representative MADELEINE DEAN for introducing this bill with me, and I hope our colleagues will join us in taking this key step to addressing the homelessness and behavioral health crises.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 440—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 2023 AS "NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE ACTION MONTH"

Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 440

Whereas the historical role of the juvenile court system is to rehabilitate and treat young people while holding them accountable and maintaining public safety, and the juvenile court system is therefore better equipped to work with youth than the adult criminal justice system, which is punitive in nature;

Whereas youth are developmentally different from adults, and those differences have been—

(1) documented by research on the adolescent brain; and

(2) acknowledged by the Supreme Court of the United States, State supreme courts, and many State and Federal laws that prohibit youth under the age of 18 from taking on major adult responsibilities such as voting, jury duty, and military service;

Whereas youth who are placed under the commitment of the juvenile court system often do not receive access to age-appropriate services and education and remain far from their families, which increases the likelihood that those youth will commit offenses in the future;

Whereas every year in the United States, an estimated 76,000 youths are tried, sentenced, or incarcerated as adults, and most of those youth are prosecuted for nonviolent offenses;

Whereas most laws allowing the prosecution of youth as adults were enacted before the publication of research-based evidence by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the Department of Justice demonstrating that prosecuting youth in adult court actually decreases public safety as, on average, youth prosecuted in adult court are 34 percent more likely to commit future crimes than youth retained in the juvenile court system;

Whereas youth of color, youth with disabilities, and youth with mental health issues are disproportionately represented at all stages of the criminal justice system;

Whereas it is harmful to public safety and to young people in the legal system to confine youth in adult jails or prisons where they are significantly more likely to be physically and sexually assaulted and often placed in solitary confinement;

Whereas youth sentenced as adults receive an adult criminal record that hinders future education and employment opportunities;

Whereas youth who receive extremely long sentences deserve an opportunity to demonstrate their potential to grow and change; and

Whereas in October, people around the United States participate in Youth Justice Action Month to increase public awareness of the issues facing youth transferred to the adult criminal justice system and to provide people across the United States with an opportunity to develop action-oriented events in their communities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges that the collateral consequences normally applied in the adult criminal justice system should not automatically apply to youth arrested for crimes before the age of 18;

(2) expresses support for the designation of "National Youth Justice Action Month";

(3) recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of National Youth Justice Action Month; and

(4) recognizes the importance of the continued implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018, in a manner in keeping with the spirit and intent of the law.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 441—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2023 AS "NATIONAL LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"**

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

S. RES. 441

Whereas, in section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401), a specific learning disability—

(1) is defined as a disorder in 1 or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations;

(2) includes conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia; and

(3) does not include a learning problem that is primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of intellectual disabilities, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage;

Whereas a specific learning disability is the most prevalent disability of students who are served by parts A through D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), impacting 34 percent of all students who received special education services;

Whereas, for academic year 2022, the National Assessment of Educational Progress reports that—

(1) more than 95 percent of 4th and 8th grade students with a specific learning disability were not proficient in reading; and

(2) more than 93 percent of 4th and 8th grade students with a specific learning disability were not proficient in math;

Whereas the math and reading scores reported by the National Assessment of Educational Progress for academic year 2022 indicate that Black and Hispanic students with a specific learning disability experience greater opportunity gaps than White and Asian students;

Whereas research shows that students with specific learning disabilities can achieve success commensurate with their peers, if given appropriate instruction and support;

Whereas developmentally appropriate universal screening should begin as early as possible to assess which students demonstrate the most pervasive risk factors for specific learning disabilities; and

Whereas research rooted in the science of reading establishes an evidence base of effective instructional methods for developing reading skills for students with or at risk for specific learning disabilities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 2023 as "National Learning Disabilities Awareness Month"; and

(2) calls on State and local education agencies to continue to meet the needs of stu-

dents with specific learning disabilities through a free and appropriate public education.

**MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3168**

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3168) making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

Ms. SMITH. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

**FIND AND PROTECT FOSTER YOUTH ACT**

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 1146 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1146) to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth, to provide technical assistance relating to the removal of such obstacles, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. SMITH. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 1146) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1146

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Find and Protect Foster Youth Act".

**SEC. 2. ELIMINATING OBSTACLES TO IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF CHILDREN MISSING FROM FOSTER CARE AND OTHER VULNERABLE FOSTER YOUTH.**

Section 476 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 676) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) EVALUATION OF PROTOCOLS RELATING TO CHILDREN MISSING FROM FOSTER CARE AND

OTHER VULNERABLE YOUTH; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the protocols established by States in accordance with the requirements of section 471(a)(35) and, to the extent applicable, by Indian tribes or tribal organizations (as defined in section 479B(a)) or tribal consortia with a plan approved under section 471 in accordance with section 479B.

"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The evaluation shall include the following:

"(A) A review of relevant aspects of reports submitted by States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia under this part and part B, and data and other information reported pursuant to the system established under section 479.

"(B) Analysis of the extent to which States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia comply with, and enforce, the protocols required by section 471(a)(35).

"(C) Analysis of the effectiveness of such protocols.

"(D) Identification of obstacles for States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth.

"(E) Identification of best practices for identifying such children and youth and intervening with effective services.

"(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia with information, advice, educational materials, and technical assistance relating to eliminating identified obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth and providing such children and youth with effective services. Such assistance may include dissemination of—

"(A) processes and tools to identify and examine risk factors and potential trends related to children who go missing from foster care and other vulnerable youth;

"(B) best practices for runaway tracking and recovery; and

"(C) guidelines for intervention, including with respect to services, types of providers, and placement settings.

"(4) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the results of the evaluation conducted under this subsection and the technical assistance provided in accordance with paragraph (3)."

**SEC. 3. IMPROVING SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN RETURNED TO FOSTER CARE AFTER GOING MISSING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE, OR ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING, VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING.**

Section 476 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 676), as amended by section 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(g) IMPROVING IDENTIFICATION OF, AND SERVICES FOR, CHILDREN WHO RETURN TO FOSTER CARE AFTER RUNNING AWAY OR OTHERWISE BEING ABSENT FROM FOSTER CARE AND WHO ARE, OR ARE AT RISK OF BEING, VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING.—

"(1) ASSISTANCE.—

"(A) SCREENING AFTER A RETURN TO FOSTER CARE.—The Secretary shall provide States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia, with information, advice, educational materials, and technical assistance to improve compliance with section 471(a)(35)(A)(iii).

"(B) IMPROVING OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The information, advice, educational materials,

and technical assistance provided may include information, advice, educational materials, and technical assistance to improve or modify policies and procedures (including relevant training for caseworkers) developed by States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia under section 471(a)(9)(C), including the following:

“(i) Identifying, through screening, whether the State has reasonable cause to believe the child or youth is, or is at risk of being, a victim of sex trafficking.

“(ii) Documenting the results of such screening in agency records.

“(iii) Determining appropriate services for a child or youth for whom the State determines there is reasonable cause to identify the child or youth as a victim of sex trafficking, or as at risk of being a victim of sex trafficking.

“(iv) Documenting in agency records the determination of appropriate services for a child or youth described in clause (iii).

“(2) FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.—The assistance provided under this subsection shall include the following:

“(A) Assisting States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia, with developing oversight mechanisms to assess their compliance with section 471(a)(35)(A)(iii).

“(B) Assisting States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia in developing—

“(i) assessments for screening children who return to foster care after running away or otherwise being absent from foster care for risk of becoming victims of sex trafficking; and

“(ii) effective and robust policies relating to the use of the assessments.

“(C) Working with States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia to improve or modify policies and procedures developed under section 471(a)(9)(C).

“(D) Providing technical assistance on how States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia may best use data collected pursuant to section 479 for oversight of, and to ensure compliance with, the requirements of paragraphs (9)(C) and (35)(A)(iii) of section 471(a).

“(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, consult with internal and external offices with expertise on sex trafficking, including the Office on Trafficking in Persons of the Administration for Children and Families, on the development and dissemination to States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia of the assistance required under this subsection.”.

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#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, 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 Maddox

nomination postcloture; further, that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m. and that following the cloture vote on the Lew nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Lew nomination, all time be considered expired at 2:30 p.m. and, upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate resume legislative session to consider Calendar No. 198, H.R. 4366; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, 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.

Ms. SMITH. For the information of the Senate, Members should expect additional rollcall votes during Tuesday's session.

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#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. SMITH. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:03 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 10 a.m.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAKE COUNTY LAND TRUST

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Land Trust, which is celebrating thirty years of protecting Lake County's natural resources including wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams, shorelines, and forests.

Thirty years ago, the Lake County Land Trust was formed by a group of concerned residents, including Susanne Scholz, Roberta Lyons, John Graham, Glenn Dishman, Mary Tullanian-Benson, Michael Friel, Judy Cox, Kim Clymire, and Sibyl Day who saw the need for expanded conservation efforts in Lake County. The original officers worked to set up guidelines for the types of property that the Trust would work to preserve and educate themselves about the various funding sources available for land conservation and preservation purposes.

Shortly after its founding, the Trust began work to acquire the Rodman Ranch and Preserve, which was well known for its valuable wildlife habitat, including the largest Great Blue Heron rookeries in Northern California. This important property also contained nesting sites for Osprey and Western Grebes. The Rodman Ranch and Preserve remained unprotected and was being touted as an excellent site for housing developments, golf courses, and a marina. In order to protect this critical habitat, the Trust negotiated an option to purchase the property and with a successful "Adopt-A-Nest" campaign, they brought in nearly \$40,000 toward the \$1.2 million purchase price of the land. The Trust was able to preserve the natural habitat of the Rodman Ranch and facilitate the continued health and existence of the many nesting, breeding, and feeding areas for wildlife.

In September 2004, the Lake County Trust worked with the Bureau of Land Management and the State Wildlife Conservation Board to secure funding for an acquisition of the Black Forest, a 255-acre forest on the slopes of Mt. Konocti. The Bureau of Land Management now holds title to the land, which is dedicated to open space and wildlife habitat.

The Lake County Land Trust has also worked to conserve land and water resources of important environmental, cultural, and historic integrity on behalf of present and future generations. This includes protecting the Rabbit Hill and Chaparral Preserve, Melo Wetland Preserve in 2016, and most recently the Wright Wetland Preserve in 2020. They have successfully done this by working cooperatively with landowners, private groups, and government agencies.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Land Trust is deeply appreciated for their work preserving Lake County's natural resources through edu-

cation, cooperation, and conservation. I am proud to have represented this outstanding organization since its inception 30 years ago. Because of the Trust's outstanding work in our Lake County community, it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PINK PONY

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate The Pink Pony of Mackinac Island on their 75th anniversary. A bright sight at the end of the ferry dock, The Pink Pony is widely celebrated for their extraordinary live music, refreshing drinks, and mouthwatering whitefish dip.

In 1948, as a part of the Seahorse Cottages, the pub first opened its doors. Though it wasn't until a renewal project by the original owners in 1956 when The Pink Pony was given its iconic name and design. Today, the restaurant maintains its classic warm feel while continuing to provide outstanding service and a welcoming atmosphere.

The Pink Pony has become a focal point for the residents and tourists alike. Sitting at the end of the Port Huron to Mackinac Sailboat Race, the bar is a favorite of sailboat racers and features the "Pink Pony Yacht Club", complete with pennants from competitors from all over the world.

Critically acclaimed as one of the best outdoor bars in the United States, The Pink Pony consistently receives rave reviews and national awards. Recognitions include 'The Most Iconic Bar in Michigan' by Thrillist, and 'One of America's Best Restaurants for Outdoor Dining' by the Daily Meal, as well as many more accolades.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize The Pink Pony, for its 75th anniversary. I wish The Pink Pony many more years of success and wish the crew the best in all of their future endeavors.

### HONORING TENNESSEE'S SECOND DISTRICT VETERAN OF THE MONTH

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Seaman Lois Hensley, an American hero who served faithfully in the Navy from 1942 to 1945.

Seaman Hensley was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio. After high school she couldn't find a job in town and decided to join the Navy at the insistence of her father who was a Navy veteran.

She was sent to Yonkers, New York to become a teletype operator where she sent and received logistical messages. After her initial training, she was then stationed in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia.

In 1945 she returned home and enrolled at Kent State University to study nursing where she was reacquainted with her former high school classmate James Hensley. They got married in 1946 and had three children together.

The couple moved around with James's job for many years before settling down in Friendsville, TN. After James passed away in 2003, Lois started doing volunteer work at Blount Memorial Hospital and Morning View Village Assisted living center. She started crocheting Prayer Shawls for friends and strangers. She made well over 600 shawls. She made it her life mission to wrap people in love with the shawls.

Our country's heroes are the men and women of our armed forces, like Seaman Lois Hensley, who continue to serve and sacrifice for our country and community. It's my honor to recognize Seaman Lois Hensley as the Tennessee Second District's November 2023 Veteran of the Month.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was attending a bipartisan briefing at the White House to review and discuss the funding needs for our national security. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 547 and NAY on Roll Call No. 548.

### HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOUIS M. MARTINI WINERY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Napa Valley landmark, the Louis M. Martini winery. In 1906, Louis M. Martini, an Italian immigrant who first made wine with his father in San Francisco, began his winemaking journey with the simple goal of making the best Cabernet Sauvignon possible. He built a legacy of top-notch hospitality, excellence, and innovation, championing fine dry wines, premium viticulture, and was a pioneer of temperature-controlled fermentation.

In 1933, Louis M. Martini established the world-class Louis M. Martini Winery in St. Helena, California. This was the first winery to open after the Repeal of Prohibition in Napa County. Louis M. and his son, Louis P. Martini, were early adopters of cold fermentation,

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a process that helps preserve a wine's fruit characteristics. They were also among the first to bottle a varietal Merlot in California. In 1938, the family further invested in winemaking by purchasing the Goldstein Ranch in Sonoma, renaming it Monte Rosso Vineyard.

Louis M. helped establish the Napa Valley Vintners Association with the aim of developing and promoting the quality of Napa Valley wines worldwide, while Louis P. pioneered the use of wind machines to prevent frost damage in vineyards. In 1954, Louis P. Martini inherited the role of winemaker from his father and would later be inducted into the Vintner's Hall of Fame as a "Pioneer" in the wine community.

The impact of the winery's legacy extends far beyond wine. In 1994, the Louis P. Martini Endowment was established as a viticulture and enological research fund. This fund has supported students in their research and helped send them to the American Society of Enology and Viticulture National Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

In 2019, the original winery was restored, introducing an array of world-class tasting experiences. Among the most significant additions to the winery during the redesign was the creation of a new culinary program, headed by Chef Jeffery Russell, and an extensive food and wine tasting known as the Martini Park and Cabana Experiences. Today, Louis M. Martini Winery has become a go-to destination for comprehensive tastings, educational experiences, and elevated food programs.

Mr. Speaker, the Louis M. Martini Winery has established a legacy that encapsulates the enduring commitment and passion of the winemakers, growers, and enthusiasts behind the winery's longevity and success. It has played a crucial role in cultivating Napa Valley's reputation for world-class wines throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor their 90 years of winemaking here today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 546, NAY on Roll Call No. 545, and NAY on Roll Call No. 544.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HORN'S GASLIGHT BAR AND RESTAURANT

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Horn's Gaslight Bar and Restaurant for 90 years of exemplary service. I would like to congratulate the Horn Family and their staff on their success and wish them many more years of success.

The Horn family has a long and celebrated history in Mackinac. In 1915, Ed Horn first

came to Mackinac Island to work for the Michigan Life Saving Service, the predecessor to the United States Coast Guard. During Prohibition, Ed Horn leased the building that would become Horn's and opened a pool hall and snack shop. In December of 1933, following the passage of the 21st Amendment, Ed finally opened Horn's Gaslight Bar and Restaurant as we know it today.

Since its start, Horn's has been a staple of Mackinac Island. During the day you can hear lively piano music drifting out the door and see eager customers dining on the renowned southwest cuisine. When the sun sets, the chairs are pulled aside, and the dance floor comes alive. Horn's is a favorite late-night spot among locals, workers, and visitors alike.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Horn's Gaslight Bar and Restaurant for 90 years of outstanding service. I'd like to wish the Horn family and their staff all the best in their future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING PHILLIP JACKSON

### HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize delivery driver Phillip Jackson of Thurston County for his remarkable perceptiveness that helped to reunite a five-year-old boy with his mother. While making a delivery to a West Olympia Texaco, Phillip noticed an unaccompanied boy without shoes or a shirt walking around the convenience store. Sensing that something was amiss, Phillip immediately sprang into action and called 911. It was Phillip's initiative in alerting authorities of the situation that allowed local law enforcement, who had already been working with the boy's mother after she had reported him missing, to locate the child. Even after the police had arrived, Phillip remained with the boy until the mother and her child were reunited. Phillip credits his intervention to a workplace training he took that teaches delivery drivers to recognize signs of human trafficking and children at risk on the road. I applaud Phillip's awareness and quick action to help keep our most vulnerable members of our community safe and I am proud to recognize him today as our community's Constituent of the Month.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD CLARENCE CLARK

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a great American and former United States Senator, Richard Clarence Clark. Dick Clark was born on September 14, 1928, in Paris, Iowa, and died peacefully on September 20, 2023, at his home in Washington, D.C., at the age of 95.

Dick Clark enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and served his country in England during the Korean War. He earned a Bachelor's degree at Upper Iowa University and his

Master's at the University of Iowa. He then taught at Upper Iowa University, worked as a volunteer for the Democratic Party, and in 1972 he ran for the U.S. Senate. Partly in response to his unorthodox campaign tactic of actually walking 1,300 miles across Iowa to meet the voters, he won the seat. He served on the Senate Foreign Relations, Agriculture and Public Works Committees and after losing his race in 1978, he was soon appointed Ambassador-at-Large by President Jimmy Carter and spent most of 1979 serving as the administration's coordinator for refugee affairs, working to provide aid and housing for tens of thousands of people fleeing wars and famine in Southeast Asia. He then worked on the presidential campaign of Senator Ted Kennedy and became a Senior Fellow at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

Dick Clark has been described as hard-working, studious, well-liked, and a highly respected Senator. He was all these and more. I first met him in 1994 when I was invited to participate in my first Aspen Institute Congressional Program as a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives. This program, initiated and directed by Dick Clark, fostered relationships with members of both parties and provided high value information on a variety of policies presented by experts and discussed by Members. Dick Clark said that "good policy depends on informed policy makers" and many minds were shaped and policies refined as a result of this superb Aspen Congressional Institute. Dick was as fine a human being one could ever know . . . a kind man of enormous integrity, a beautiful friend and a true patriot.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to this remarkable man, his life and his work, and in extending our most sincere condolences to his wife Julie, his three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. We are a better and stronger nation because of him.

#### RETIREMENT SECURITY WORK ON-GOING: AN UPDATE FOR NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY MONTH

### HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a critical issue impacting millions of Americans who work hard every day so that, when the time comes, they can enjoy their golden years in retirement. October is National Retirement Security month, so it is a good time to both reflect on the retirement reforms we have recently enacted and look ahead to the remaining work to be done.

America's retirement savings system and the retirement outlook for millions has dramatically improved because of Congress's bipartisan work over the last few years. Our private sector retirement savings system works well for many employees and employers, but additional improvements could help more Americans achieve a successful retirement for all.

As a senior member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I was proud to play an active role in helping draft and advance the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 into law

last year. Building on the great work Congress achieved with the SECURE Act of 2019, SECURE 2.0 included almost 100 provisions that will help employers offer plans and assist employees in both beginning to save and saving more for retirement. I was especially pleased that my provision to reduce administrative costs for employers by increasing the cash-out limit for the first time in over two decades was included in the final law.

One significant issue we still need to make more progress on is providing greater access to savings and income options that will help make sure retirees do not outlive their retirement savings. Americans collectively face a substantial retirement income gap. This means that the amount of money retirees have saved compared to what they need is \$4 trillion short, with 40 percent of families likely to outlive their retirement savings, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

This gap is concerning, and why guaranteed, or lifetime income has long been a critical issue for me. A few years ago, as the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Subcommittee, I was proud to chair a hearing on a range of bipartisan retirement bills. One of the bills we discussed that day was the Increasing Access to a Secure Retirement Act, which I introduced with Representative LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER to remove a regulatory barrier for employers looking to offer lifetime income solutions to their employees. That important provision became law in the SECURE Act, but our efforts to ensure everyone has access to the best lifetime income options remain ongoing.

Earlier this year, I along with Representative DONALD NORCROSS reintroduced the bipartisan Lifetime Income for Employees Act. This legislation would improve plan sponsors' and investors' default lifetime income options and take a crucial step to help American retirees have adequate income in retirement. Increasing the range of savings and income options will help provide workers with the possibility to achieve higher returns on their retirement investments and greater peace of mind that their income will last throughout retirement.

Our bill, and other sensible steps to improve worker access to guaranteed lifetime income, must be a part of future bipartisan retirement saving packages. I am hopeful my colleagues will cosponsor the Lifetime Income for Employees Act and help us to enact it into law.

In addition to expanding access to lifetime income Congress must do more to help all Americans achieve a financially secure retirement. More than 55 million Americans do not have access to an employer sponsored retirement plan, including 78 percent of workers at arms with fewer than 10 employees. Congress should continue to work to help them get access to savings plans as this is the first step to helping them achieve financial security in retirement.

Let's not wait until next year's National Retirement Security Month to advance proposals that will strengthen our nation's private retirement system. Bipartisanship has been and will continue to be the key to advancing the next retirement security package. We can and should act now to help all our constituents get on a clearer path to a more secure retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed Roll Call vote 556 on October 26, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAVERSE CITY YOUNG MARINES

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Traverse City Young Marines. The incredible organization boasts of half a century of dedication to enhancing the lives of America's youth and of a strong commitment to Drug Demand Reduction efforts.

The Young Marines Program was established in 1959 and officially chartered on October 17, 1965. Open to children 8 years old through high school, the Young Marines promote the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring our Veterans, good citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The Traverse City chapter has consistently demonstrated excellence through their community centric initiatives. The Young Marines conduct a yearly cleanup of M-37, volunteer countless hours of community service, and contribute to honoring our Michigan Veterans by partnering with local organizations such as the Navy-Marine Relief Society. Throughout their 50 years of service, the Young Marines of Traverse City have earned numerous distinctions. Most recently, they were recognized by Encampment 2021 and achieved a division distinction from Encampment 2018. Nationally, the Young Marines have received 12 Fulcrum Shields, a national award highlighting diligence in drug reduction efforts

These exemplary young men and women owe a great deal of gratitude to the numerous volunteers who filled integral positions in the organization for the past 50 years. These volunteers have served as Unit Commanders, Regiment Commanders, Battalion Commanders, and Paymasters, among many other roles. Without the selfless commitment of these leaders, the Young Marines would not be the esteemed organization it is today.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Traverse City Young Marines for 50 years of service and dedication to the Traverse City youth. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I'd like to congratulate the Young Marines and Volunteers, wishing them the best in all of their future endeavors

CELEBRATING MAYOR JOYCE WHICHARD-BROWN

HON. DONALD G. DAVIS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I honor a remarkable leader, trailblazer, and advocate for the beloved Town of Williamston. It is my distinct privilege to stand before you and pay tribute to a woman whose dedication and unwavering commitment to our community have left an indelible mark on our hearts and history books. Today, I celebrate Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown, the first African American and first female mayor of Williamston.

Mayor Whichard-Brown's leadership journey began in Williamston, where she was born and graduated from EJ Hayes High School. She then moved to Virginia and worked in the U.S. Patent Office and various private law practices. In 2005, she returned to her hometown, Williamston, North Carolina, and has served as mayor since 2015.

Her accomplishments extend far beyond Williamston. She served on the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors. She has also taken on the role of vice chair of the Highway 17/64 Commission and initiated the quarterly mayor's meetings, fostering regional partnerships and cooperation. Under her guidance, the Town has seen significant improvements, such as the major upgrade to a fire department building and the transformation of the Stalls Building into a state-of-the-art police department facility. Mayor Whichard-Brown secured approval for the renovation of Gaylord Perry Park, making it more accessible and enjoyable for citizens.

Her tireless efforts also led to a substantial HUD grant of \$750,000, dedicated to housing revitalization and downtown renovation. Moreover, she was pivotal in securing over \$1 million in grants to complete the Roanoke River Boardwalk.

New businesses have thrived under her leadership, raising property tax-assessed values and breathing new life into the Town. Mayor Whichard-Brown has shown unshakable resolve, a willingness to stand her ground, and a remarkable ability to maintain her sense of humor. She led with grace, strength, and an unwavering commitment to her community.

Retiring from the Town, she can spend more time with her two children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Let's not forget Mayor Whichard-Brown's lesser-known talent, her incredible singing voice, which she generously shares at an annual stampede.

I thank her for her service and look forward to the continued positive impacts in the town.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I had to leave for a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553; YEA on rollcall



No. 554, 555, 556; NAY on rollcall No. 557; and YEA on rollcall No. 558.

RECOGNIZING DARLETTA BERRY-JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IVINS OUTREACH CENTER

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Darletta Berry-Johnson—the founding and only Executive Director of the Ivins Outreach Center, headquartered in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. In 2023, Ivins is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in operation. The mission of Ivins “strives to improve the quality of life for those within our neighboring communities, providing opportunities for them to be healthy, confident, connected, and secure, regardless of age, income, or background.” Their goal is “to create a community that is stronger, healthier, more involved, more generous, and more accepting of others.”

Darletta has been the driving force and inspiration of Ivins’ far-reaching success in making a significant difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, young and old alike, in, around, and beyond Bucks County—an area I proudly serve and represent. In supervising and leading a small group of dedicated part-time staff members and scores of community volunteers, a sampling of Darletta’s efforts has resulted in:

Services to senior citizens such as Ivins’ Staying Put and Home Share programs that enable folks to remain in their homes despite illness, disabilities, food insecurities, safety concerns, lack of transportation, and a host of other physical and social issues.

Services to an annual enrollment of upwards of 3,000 youth through oversight and administration of 21st Community Learning Center Grants that provide after-school social and academic support, and summer employment and enrichment camps for students in the school districts of Morrisville Borough, Bristol Borough, Bensalem Township, Bucks County Technical High School, and the non-public Holy Trinity, St. Marks, and St. Ephrem elementary schools, and Conwell-Egan High School.

Covid Relief through Darletta’s collaboration with the United Way, Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce, area grocery stores, houses of worship, and local law enforcement agencies in providing meals for families and individuals in addressing grocery shopping, transportation needs, providing holiday experiences for the less fortunate of all ages, and shelter for the young, the homeless, the abused, and senior citizens.

Coordinating efforts to support law enforcement agencies by securing a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant through the United States Department of Justice for the Borough of Morrisville; successful submission of COPS grant applications for Falls Township and Bensalem Township police departments; and a submitted application along with the Bristol Borough Police Department to fund a School Safety Officer.

Leadership roles have included, but not limited to: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Advisory Board, Bucks County Children & Youth Advisory Board, Established Morrisville Education Foundation, Morrisville Collaborative, Lower Bucks Family YMCA Board of Directors, G.A.G.E. Gang Awareness, Communities That Care Consortium, Academic Oversight Committee for Bristol Borough, Bensalem School District Diversity Committee, Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Finally, given Darletta Berry-Johnson’s record of achievements, she is the recipient of the Women Business Leaders in Bucks County award presented by the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce; and the Women for Women and Women Who Make a Difference awards presented by the Bucks County YWCA.

We are incredibly grateful for the impact Darletta Berry-Johnson has had through her long, distinguished career at the Ivins Outreach Center and wish for her continued success as she continues to serve our community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PUTNAM COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR, JOHN MULLINS

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. John Mullins of Ottawa, Ohio, who has been named Putnam County Veteran of the Year. Every year, the Putnam County Veterans Service Commission recognizes a veteran from their county who has been honorably discharged, embodies the spirit of professional excellence, and has significant off-duty community service. After reviewing all the nominees, Mr. Mullins was selected for the honor.

Mr. Mullins first entered the U.S. Armed Forces in 1980 and served in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the Air Force in 1992, Mr. Mullins continued serving his community by joining the Ottawa Police Department. He served the City of Ottawa for twenty-five years as part of the police department, while also spending time as a volunteer firefighter for the Ottawa Fire Department. After leaving the police department, Mr. Mullins went on to become a deputy sheriff for the Putnam County Sheriffs Office where he is currently serving.

Outside of his public service career, Mr. Mullins has been involved in the VFW, AmVets, and many other organizations that help raise awareness and fund veteran programs. He has helped with the POW/MIA programs for Putnam County while also organizing Ottawa Honor Guard for funerals and other events. Wherever it is possible to help a veteran in need, Mr. Mullins has dedicated his time to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mr. John Mullins of Ottawa, Ohio, on his selection as the Putnam County Veteran of the Year. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for service to Putnam County and our Nation.

HONORING MILTON JONES

**HON. TIM BURCHETT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Milton Jones, an East Tennessean who served our country in the U.S. Navy and worked on the Manhattan Project.

Milton grew up with an interest in technology and how it works, which would serve him well throughout his career. After he graduated from Farragut High School in 1941, Jones earned a first class radio license from Madison College in Nashville. He then went on to train the Army Signal Corps until he was called back to Tennessee to help on the Manhattan Project.

After the end of World War II, Milton started at WIVK radio as a chief engineer and proceeded to help set up new stations throughout the South. He retired in 1993, but continued to work as a consultant for different radio stations and helped tune their towers.

Milton raised four children with his wife Anna Ruth Atkins, and turned 101 years old in March of 2023. He has served his country and his family well, and the East Tennessee community is thankful for the impact he has had on those who have been fortunate enough to know him.

HONORING CRAIG MCNAMARA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Craig McNamara, of Winters, California, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Farming, Agriculture, and Resource Management for Sustainability (FARMS) Program.

Craig McNamara was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After traveling by motorcycle across Central and South America to learn more about the all of agriculture. Mr. McNamara enrolled at the University of California, Davis where he earned a bachelor’s degree in plant and soil sciences. He then apprenticed under Tom Lum of Dixon for three years and would later rent his first 100 acres of farmland and establish Sierra Orchards.

In 1993, Craig and his wife, Julie, founded the FARMS Program giving high school students access to applied scientific research and careers in agriculture, conservation, and sustainability. The FARMS Program grew to become a model practice for youth education throughout the nation and led to the establishment of the Center for Land-Based Learning in 2001.

Since its founding, the Center for Land-Based Learning has educated more than 25,000 students from 30 different California counties. The Center for Land-Based Learning is the only organization of its kind in the state to offer a closed loop of agriculture-based education, internships, and careers. Because of the program high school students and adults have had the opportunity to discover impactful careers in fields ranging from biological sciences and technology-aided farming to land-use management and robotics.

As an American farmer and activist, Mr. McNamara was revolutionary in the field of sustainable, climate-smart agricultural practices. He endured years of skepticism from those steeped in antiquated beliefs, but that did not slow down his work. Today, modern environmental science and economics embrace Mr. McNamara's teaching which emphasizes that "people, profit, and planet" all deserve equal attention and dedication.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. McNamara has served as a board member for the American Farmland Trust; the Roots of Change Stewardship Council; University of California, Davis Dean's Advisory Council and Agricultural Sustainability Institute Advisory Board; and the Public Policy Institute of California Advisory Board. He is currently a board member on the Edible Schoolyard Project and Project REGEN. He is also on the leadership council of the Public Policy Institute of California.

Mr. Speaker, Craig McNamara is a dedicated public servant and leader in our community. He has inspired and educated future generations of farmers and agricultural leaders. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him and the work of the FARMS Program here today.

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, October 31, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 1

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the science of extreme event attribution, focusing on how climate change is fueling severe weather events. SD-406
- Committee on Foreign Relations  
To receive a closed briefing on Ukraine. SH-216
- Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Edward Sunyol Kiel, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Sarah French Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christopher Charles Fonzzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine small businesses and America's outdoor recreation economy. SR-428A
- Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3 p.m.  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
To hold hearings to examine ongoing threats to election administration. SR-301
- 3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine research at the Department of Veterans Affairs. SR-418

NOVEMBER 2

- 9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Finance  
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, and Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and both

to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund. SD-215

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine ensuring financial protection for servicemembers, veterans, and their families. SD-538
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges in deploying carbon capture utilization and sequestration and direct air capture technologies on federal and non-Federal lands. SD-366
- Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security. SD-215
- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. SD-562
- Committee on the Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. SH-216

NOVEMBER 7

- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
To hold hearings to examine causes of roadway safety challenges and possible interventions. SD-406

NOVEMBER 8

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine accessing clean water infrastructure assistance, focusing on small, rural, disadvantaged and underserved communities. SD-406

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5221–S5233*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3161–3168, S.J. Res. 47, and S. Res. 440–441. **Pages S5229–30**

#### Measures Passed:

**Find and Protect Foster Youth Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1146, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth, to provide technical assistance relating to the removal of such obstacles, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5232–33**

**Maddox Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Matthew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Pages S5221–27**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 273), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5227**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 31, 2023; that all post-cloture time be con-

sidered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, all time be considered expired at 2:30 p.m.; and that following disposition of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. **Page S5233**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Page S5229**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S5229**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5230–31**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5231–32**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S5228**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—273) **Page S5227**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5233.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 6113–6125; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 822–828, were introduced. **Pages H5180–81**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5182**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Wednesday, November 1st for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H5179**

**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 p.m. and adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* to hold hearings to examine the national security supplemental request, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine AI and the future of work, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-562.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 31 through November 3, 2023

#### Senate Chamber

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Following disposition of the nomination of Matthew James Maddox, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Senators should expect additional roll call votes during Tuesday's session.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

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November 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 1, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Financial Services,* November 2, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "Examining the SEC's Agenda: Unintended Consequences for U.S. Capital Markets and Investors", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 2, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Factors Influencing the High Cost of Insurance for Consumers", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* November 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 11 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* November 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* November 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* November 1, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4820, the "Transportation, Housing and

Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024"; H.R. 4821, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024"; and legislation on the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* November 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Trust in Transparency: Holding VA Accountable and Protecting Whistleblowers", 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

November 2, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 522, the "Deliver for Veterans Act"; H.R. 2830, the "Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act of 2023"; H.R. 3601, the "Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act"; H.R. 3722, the "Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act"; H.R. 3738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; H.R. 3816, the "Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act"; H.R. 5190, the "Military Family Protection from Debt Act"; H.R. 5702, the "Expanding Access for Online Veteran Students Act"; H.R. 5785, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements of the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship; H.R. 5913, the "Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2023"; H.R. 5914, to amend title, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5956, the "G.I. Bill Improvement Act of 2023"; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the fee for a housing loan guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a veteran with a service-connected disability who applied for such loan before receiving a disability rating from the Secretary, 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 31

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Wednesday, November 1

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*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jacob J. Lew until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** To be announced.

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