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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

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.

Majestic Father, Your glory fills the Earth. In this first month of a new year, manifest Your glory and might in our Nation and world.

Arise, O Lord. Stand up against the evil that seeks to destroy freedom, to steal, kill, and desecrate. Rule over our world with Your marvelous might, using our lawmakers to do Your will on Earth even as it is done in Heaven.

Eternal God, we praise You with all our hearts.

We pray in Your wonderful 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, January 8, 2024.

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 proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### CONGRATULATING THE BUFFALO BILLS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, first, let me start out today by saying it is a great day to be a Buffalo Bills fan. For the fourth year in a row, the Buffalo Bills have won the AFC East championship, squishing the fish last night by defeating the Miami Dolphins 21 to 14. What an incredible night. What an incredible win. What an incredible team. Buffalo is truly the Beast of the East.

It hasn't been the easiest season for the Bills, but this team can be summed up in one word: perseverance. They never gave up. They never threw in the towel. And last night, it began to pay off because they are on their way to the playoffs.

In true Buffalo fashion, Bills Mafia showed up in the early hours of the morning at the Buffalo Airport to welcome their team home. And, of course, it seemed like half of the people at the Miami stadium were Bills fans as well.

Congratulations to Buffalo. Congratulations to Coach Sean McDermott and the whole team as well. Let's keep going. And, as always, go Bills.

### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Madam President, now on the new year, I would like to begin the 2nd session of the 118th Congress by wishing you and all of my colleagues a happy new year. I hope everyone was able to spend time with family, with friends, and meet constituents.

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This past Christmas-New Year's recess, however, was a busy, consequential, and most of all a productive time for the U.S. Senate. Senators and staff worked straight through Christmas and straight through the new year on avoiding a government shutdown, on protecting America's security, even protecting the future of Western democracy, and we made some real progress.

First, I have excellent news on government funding. Yesterday, I announced with Speaker JOHNSON that congressional leaders have reached a top-line agreement for government funding for the 2024 fiscal year. When we began our negotiations, our goal was to preserve a nondefense funding level of \$772 billion—the same level agreed to in our debt ceiling deal last June. That \$772 billion was precisely the number we reached. Not a nickel was cut. Again, our goal was \$772 billion, and that is precisely the number we reached in this bipartisan agreement.

The agreement now clears the way for Congress to act in the coming weeks to avoid a government shutdown, while also preserving key domestic programs that benefit millions of Americans. The framework agreement will enable the appropriators to address many of the major challenges Americans face at home and abroad. It also allows us to keep the investments for hard-working American families that congressional Democrats and President Biden secured through our legislative agenda.

Both parties reached this agreement without resorting to the painful and draconian cuts that the hard right—particularly those in the Freedom Caucus—clamored for. The hard right wanted to put a chopping block on programs that help millions of Americans. So I am happy to say that Democrats protected vital priorities like housing programs, veterans' benefits, healthcare, nutrition programs, small business support, the National Health Service—the NHS—and funding for Federal law enforcement.

I am particularly pleased that we will protect the historic climate investment Democrats passed in the Inflation Reduction Act. The hard right wanted to use the appropriations process to undo our climate investments. Democrats said no, and we held the line.

The hard right also wanted to make cuts to the IRS so that the ultrarich tax cheats could weasel their way out of paying their fair share. By keeping the cuts at \$20 billion, I am happy to say this agreement will not affect the IRS's ability to keep holding the richest tax cheats accountable. Remember, when Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act, we gave the IRS new tools to audit the richest of the rich who don't pay their fair share. All these tools will remain in place.

So this top-line agreement is an excellent start to the year because it is a

huge step towards avoiding a government shutdown. Of course, our work must continue. Producing 12 appropriations bills will not be easy. It is going to require agreement from the four corners and a lot more compromise between the parties.

And make no mistake—Democrats have made clear to Speaker JOHNSON that we will not support the inclusion of any poison pills in any of the 12 appropriations bills before the Congress. In a statement that Leader JEFFRIES and I put out yesterday, we made it clear that we will not accept poison pills. If the hard right chooses to spoil this agreement with poison pills, they will be to blame if we start careening towards a shutdown. I know Speaker JOHNSON has said that nobody wants to see a shutdown happen.

Finally, thank you to my colleagues on both sides in both Chambers who made this agreement possible. I want to particularly thank my staff, who worked morning, noon, and night over the past few weeks. I must have spoken to them 10, 12 times a day every day and even several times on Christmas Day because getting this done was so important.

The next few weeks are not going to be easy, but the Democrats—we Democrats—are committed to working as hard as we can to avoid a government shutdown.

I hope our Republican colleagues, particularly in the House—we have good cooperation here in the Senate—are ready to do the same.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY

Madam President, on the supplemental, in addition to fully funding the Federal Government, Senators have also been hard at work over the winter break on finalizing an emergency national security supplemental. The supplemental package is a national necessity, with critical aid to help Ukraine defeat Putin, help Israel combat Hamas, provide needed assistance to innocent civilians in Gaza, and fix our broken immigration system.

At the end of last year, I said Democrats would remain committed to finding a bipartisan agreement on the supplemental. The only way to get something done on an issue as hard as the border is through bipartisan cooperation, and we have kept our promise to work in good faith.

Now, on the supplemental, it has been a very promising few days. We have made more progress in the past couple of days on the border than we have in the past few weeks. The work is not yet finished, but I am more hopeful right now—even more than I was a few days ago—that we can get something meaningful done on the border and pass the supplemental.

Getting over the finish line is still not going to be easy. It will take continued compromise, good faith, and recognition from both sides that nobody is going to get everything they want.

Immigration reform has always been one of the hardest issues facing the

Senate. But our broken border and our national security are at stake in this supplemental, and we must do everything we can to reach an agreement.

I urge my colleagues to continue their negotiations, and I want to thank them all for their good work to bring us to this point. Their example is an affirmation that the only way to get things done is through bipartisanship. So I urge them to stay the course until the work is done.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF JANUARY 6, 2021

Madam President, now, on the January 6 anniversary, 3 years ago—on January 6, 2021—America experienced one of the darkest, most infamous days in our Nation's history. The Capitol we stand in right now became the target of mob violence. Our democracy fell under attack, orchestrated and encouraged by Donald Trump and fueled by the Big Lie.

Three years can pass, 5 years can pass, a decade can pass, but January 6 will always seem like yesterday to me. At one point, I was within 30 feet of the rioters, who I was told were shouting, "Let's get him," pointing at me, before my detail pulled me away to safety.

Our Capitol was desecrated. Walls were scaled, windows smashed, and offices vandalized.

The mob's goal on January 6 was clear: to overturn the will of the American people and block the peaceful transition of power. But, on that day, in an act of patriotism that history will forever remember, the four leaders decided we would not let Donald Trump and his mob stop us from counting the ballots. We came back later that night, finished the count, certified the election, and preserved our democracy. And, of course, we couldn't have finished our work without the heroics and quick thinking of the Capitol Police and MPD officers who defended the Capitol on January 6.

Though vastly outnumbered and underequipped, these public servants held the line, saving countless lives and preventing a violent riot from becoming something worse. These brave men and women, many of whom still bear the scars from the attack on January 6, still come to work every day. We say to them now and always: Thank you. Thank God for you. We are here for you.

Three years after the attack, much has changed, but one thing remains true: Our democracy, despite those who seek to derail it, marches on. Let this anniversary be a reminder that the work to protect democracy is never over, that it is a precious gift, and we all must do our part to make sure our democracy endures today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

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. McCONNELL. 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 MINORITY LEADER  
The Republican leader is recognized.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I would like to begin by wishing our colleagues a very happy new year and welcoming everyone back to begin a new session.

There is a tremendous amount on the Senate's plate, beginning with the unfinished business of the year that just ended.

Yesterday, negotiators announced they had agreed on a path to completing full year appropriations for the fiscal year that began 3 months ago. Delivering on this basic governing responsibility in a timely manner has proven a tough row to hoe, and building broad recognition of the most urgent priorities facing our Nation remains difficult.

Here is the truth. Threats to U.S. national security are growing, and the Biden administration's habit of proposing real-dollar cuts to defense funding is a streak that must end at three. With its forthcoming budget request for fiscal year 2025, the administration needs to finally start taking the long-term needs of America's national security seriously.

But Congress's most immediate opportunity to address urgent national security priorities will be supplemental legislation in the coming weeks. I was encouraged to see that Senator LANKFORD and our Democratic colleagues made progress toward an agreement to put meaningful border security policy at the heart of this supplemental.

As negotiations continued over the holiday break, Customs and Border Protection reported that December set a new, alltime monthly tally for southern border apprehensions. The Biden administration's border crisis is not going to fix itself, and the status quo is unacceptable. The answer, as Republicans have been saying, literally for years, is to restore meaningful border enforcement and fix the broken policies that the cartels are exploiting to devastating effect. And I am grateful to Senator LANKFORD for continuing to insist on such commonsense steps at the negotiating table.

The stakes here are quite high. We have an opportunity to make the most comprehensive headway on border security in a generation.

But our national security challenges don't end at our own borders. The threats we face are intertwined, and the coming days will show the world whether America is willing to treat them accordingly. Allies and adversaries alike will be curious what we do with news that Russia is now attacking targets in Ukraine with ballistic missiles supplied by the rogue Kim regime in North Korea, following the suicide drones provided by Iran. Yet again, it is abundantly clear that authoritarians

support authoritarians—as if our clear-eyed Pacific partners like Japan, South Korea, and Australia needed more evidence that what happens in Ukraine matters in their own neighborhood; as if we needed yet another reminder that facing down an expanded industrial base in Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea will require America and our allies and partners to invest more seriously in our own defense production capacity.

Meanwhile, terrorists in Yemen are spelling out in painful detail just how wide the ripples of Iran's war machine extend. The world's most active state sponsor of terror isn't just a destabilizing force in the Middle East. Tehran isn't just sowing chaos for American-minded partners in the region. Tehran's bloody influence isn't even limited to helping to train the Hamas and PIJ terrorists who conducted the horrific massacre of Israeli Jews on October 7, or to building Hezbollah into a top-tier international terrorist organization, or to the repeated attacks its proxies have carried out against U.S. personnel in Iraq and Syria.

The Houthis' campaign against civilian ships in the Red Sea is an assault on the global economy that the world has no choice but to address. Once more, an adversary's initiative has forced a reluctant administration to act.

With fawning conciliation and half measures, the Biden administration has squandered deterrence against Iran. Russia is openly mocking the fickleness of Western support for Ukraine. And China, our single greatest strategic adversary, is watching closely to see if America can still manage to lead or sustain credible resistance to authoritarian violence.

So these are the stakes after 3 years of the administration's foreign policy. The world is asking not when or how but whether the world's greatest superpower will start acting like one, which makes our work on the supplemental national security legislation even more urgent. Beginning at the southern border, we must demonstrate that America is up for the challenges we face. The Senate cannot afford to get this wrong.

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. DURBIN. 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.

#### IMMIGRATION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, you know as well as I do what is happening in our home State of Illinois when it comes to the migrants that are being bussed from Texas, primarily, into our State—the impact it has had in the State and in the city of Chicago, in

particular. These migrants are arriving in the city without any consultation or warning and are being dumped in places near the city, totally unprepared to face the cruelty of the winter that we are facing in Chicago.

I am amazed at the number of people who have shown extraordinary caring and have stepped forward to try to help. I thank Catholic Charities, Salvation Army—there are so many groups. There is a New Life Center, Matthew DeMateo—extraordinary, just a miracle worker. He manages to find a way to put a roof over the heads of those migrants that come to our city and give them a fighting chance to have a decent life. So many more just like him prepare to step up and provide shelter, provide basic clothing, food, accessibility to schools, and more.

I really want to commend the mayor as well. Brandon Johnson has taken an approach toward this which I think is humane and consistent with the traditions of America. He shows a caring heart time and again, and I respect him so much for it.

Recently, the city of Chicago tried to put some order into this disorderly process, identifying times and places where the buses could stop so that people could be received properly, cared for, and go about their lives as best they could.

But, unfortunately, there has only been one example of cooperation by the State of Texas. There are plenty of examples the other way—people who are sent to airports in Rockford where they are dumped out of airplanes on the tarmac with no place to turn; people who are put in suburban towns and rural areas, which even if they wanted to help, would be so limited to what they could do.

We understand the politics of the situation better than most. We do politics for a living. But there are a lot of people who are helpless and victims of this situation who need to be taken into consideration.

The city of Chicago gave the Texas Governor a safe, convenient, accessible option to drop the migrants off at a warm shelter for orderly processing, but only one bus from Texas has attempted to register with the city. The Texas Governor has chosen cruelty and chaos over orderly and humane processing.

I don't understand the politics of that moment. These people are as vulnerable as any people on earth. They are doing the best they can for themselves, and they are in a situation where they need a helping hand in many instances.

Last week, my colleagues in the Senate were working on a negotiated border compromise to deal with the policy and law on the border. I support that completely. I don't know what the final product will be, and I am hoping to support the bill. This process is long, long overdue.

I made immigration one of the issues of concern for my services. I am the

original author of the DREAM Act that was part of the Gang of 8 10 years ago that passed legislation—bipartisan legislation—on the floor of the U.S. Senate. I believe that it is important—it is inevitable—that we deal with this in a humane and thoughtful way.

And let me say a word about what is going on at the border. I believe in the asylum process. If you are a student of history, you know that during World War II, the United States had a policy of turning away refugees.

There is the well-publicized and notorious example of the SS *St. Louis*, a ship which came from Europe and tried to find a port to disembark in Havana and in Florida and failed. The passengers were returned to Europe—some 700 of them—many of whom died in the Holocaust. They were Jewish people looking for a safe place in the world where they could live, and we turned them away in World War II. That is a fact.

But at the end of the war, we decided there would be a different approach in the future. We would have an orderly international process led by the United States when it came to refugees. And we established that and lived with it under Presidents of both political parties for decades.

The situation we face at the border today defies what I just described to you: the desperate people, in numbers we can handle, coming into the United States through an asylum process. What we are facing now is just not comparable at all. The thousands and thousands of people who are turning up at our borders each day are unsustainable.

There was a story in the New York Times this morning about the number of immigrants who are coming to our southern Mexican border from Africa—Africa. And they told a story about a group of people in Guinea, Africa, who found a way to travel from Guinea to Turkey, then to fly from Turkey to Colombia, then from Colombia to Honduras, and then to Nicaragua, where they were transported to the border.

This defies a stereotype in our mind about where the refugees are coming from in Central America. In this last year, more than 10,000 people from Uzbekistan showed up at our southern border in Mexico. How do you explain this?

Well, one explanation is pretty obvious. We have a refugee crisis in this world, the likes of which we have never seen and in numbers from all over the world—hundreds of thousands of people who are desperately looking. Today, there are over 100 million displaced people worldwide, including over 30 million refugees. It is the largest refugee crisis in history. That is the starting point of this conversation.

The second point is equally important. Many of these people have found their way to the United States through international groups, some of them for very sinister purposes, who are trying to make a lot of money on helpless peo-

ple by promising them they could get into the United States and have a much better life. These people are being exploited in Africa, in Asia, and around the world, and we have to deal with this seriously. They are not the ordinary course of refugees coming to the United States. They are overwhelming numbers that have completely bankrupted our system in its response.

I hope this bipartisan group finds a way to deal with it and to resolve it in a humane fashion; and I am open to any suggestion. In the meantime, I want to commend the people in my State—the mayor and others, who are stepping up to do their very best to be humane and American in their response. Many of us can trace our own immigrant roots back one generation or two. I am certainly one of those. My mother was an immigrant to this country. I have met with these immigrants from all over the world and all over the United States, and I have talked to them. And, although I say to them the situation at our border is not sustainable, it has to change, and we can't deal with the massive numbers that come our way, I look at each one of them and I see in their eyes the eyes of my own family making that decision to come here, desperately trying to get to the United States. It is a natural human instinct.

But we need an orderly process. The bill that we passed, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act, established such a process. We took the 11 million people undocumented in the Nation, and we said to them: Step forward, identify yourself, register yourself, pay your taxes, and go on working. Realize at a future time, many, many years from now, you may be eligible for legal status and even citizenship. That was part of the promise. And we need to establish such an approach today to find a way to deal with those who are here and those who want to stay here and are of no danger to the United States.

The fact is, we cannot absorb all the people in the world who want to come to the United States at this moment. It is just not practical. It is not humane even to think in those terms. But those who are here should be brought in and assimilated into this country. If they are here and are no danger to our country, they can be an important part of our future. We need them in so many different ways.

The Presiding Officer and I know about the agricultural community in our own State who have come to us desperate. These are conservative individuals politically who see the reality that our workforce is not adequate for our economy and the birthrate is not sufficient for us to sustain a new population of workers.

Let's find a thoughtful way to deal with this, stop overwhelming the border, and have an orderly process. That can be done, but it has to be done on a bipartisan basis.

Some of the people involved in this process have said publicly they don't

want to find a solution, that they have too good a political issue. I hope that they are wrong. I hope that we can find a solution on a bipartisan basis that serves our Nation and that serves the world.

We need an orderly process. It took 3 to 5 years over in Europe for them to come up with their own process. We need to find our own way of doing so. I am willing to work with them as chairman of the Judiciary Committee and with my background on immigration issues, if there is anything I can add to the process.

I hope that this week, we will receive a report from this bipartisan committee that moves us in a direction of an orderly process at our border while not being overwhelmed with numbers that are unsustainable.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wisconsin.

#### REMEMBERING HERB KOHL

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl.

Herb was a successful businessman, a generous philanthropist, a dedicated public servant, and my role model. He was a model boss, public servant, and Senator—always putting people first. But, if you knew Herb, you knew how humble he was. In fact, after he was first sworn in, one of his colleagues whom he respected in this body said to him: You are going to be a model Senator. I have heard him tell this story a number of times. He decided to look up the definition of “model,” and he quipped back by saying: “Model, my friends, is a small replica of the real thing,” making light of his rather modest stature and deflecting credit for his leadership. That scenario embodies a lot of who Herb was. He was modest, funny, and at his core, an unrelenting advocate for the people of the State of Wisconsin.

Senator Kohl served in this body for 24 years, but he served the people of Wisconsin and our country throughout his entire life. In the Senate, he didn't care how long a fight would take, how long the odds were, or who he was up against; if it would help the people of Wisconsin, it was worthy of him to engage in that fight. His mantra throughout his service was “Nobody's Senator But Yours,” and his record in Washington reflected that commitment to a cause.

In Congress, he worked quietly, diligently, and with focus. Herb fought to get Wisconsin's dairy farmers fair prices for their products, and he worked to invest in and save Wisconsin's family farms. He championed vital food assistance programs that children and working families rely on and worked to expand access to affordable childcare, elder care, and healthcare for millions of Americans. Herb knew that taking care of our great outdoors and our environment was key not only to our Wisconsin way of life but also to our economy. Working with both environmentalists and

business interests, Herb secured resources to clean up drinking water sources and combat invasive species and pollution in our Great Lakes. He championed initiatives to help workers get the skills they needed to be competitive in today's economy and keep Wisconsin's manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin.

Senator Kohl was never afraid to stand up to special interests on behalf of his constituents. He diligently led the oversight of mergers and acquisitions to protect competition and consumers in everything from agriculture to rail, to telecommunications, to healthcare, working with Democrats and Republicans to lower the everyday cost of essentials like prescription drugs and gasoline.

At the end of the day, it was always about the people of Wisconsin. That is why it should come as no surprise that his office was rightly regarded as the best constituent services shop in Congress. As he said in his farewell to the Senate in 2012, every Wisconsinite had an ally and an advocate in his Senate office. Whether it be getting veterans their healthcare benefits, helping a senior navigate Medicare, or getting a family their passports in time for a vacation, the Kohl office was always there. It is not the stuff that makes headlines, but it makes a difference for people, so Herb was invested in it.

While Senator Kohl actively avoided taking credit for his work, his colleagues knew that behind his measured and unassuming demeanor was an industrious work ethic, a ready sense of humor, and a fierce commitment to doing what was right for Wisconsin. As my predecessor in the Senate, I could not have asked for a better role model. Coming into this Chamber can be daunting, especially when trying to fill the shoes of someone with such a distinguished record and reputation, but luckily for me, Senator Kohl's steadfast support and mentorship began well before he escorted me into this very Chamber.

Throughout the years, Senator Kohl had been a constant source of wisdom and encouragement. He was generous with his resources, his knowledge, his time, and his heart. Any Wisconsinite who had the pleasure of meeting Herb knew this overwhelming spirit of generosity permeated everything that he did.

A product of Milwaukee public schools himself, Herb truly believed that investing in the next generation of engaged citizens was the bedrock of our democracy. Since 1990, his foundation has invested millions of dollars in scholarships and fellowships to help Wisconsin's students pursue higher education and allow teachers to better meet the needs of their classrooms. I know Wisconsin's teachers and students will remember Herb as a friend to education.

Whether you ran into him at a basketball game, at Ma Fischer's in Milwaukee, or visited his Washington, DC,

office, Herb always had the time to say hello and take a picture. No matter his fame or fortune, Herb was truly a man of the people.

Of course, it is hard to talk about Herb Kohl without mentioning his beloved Milwaukee Bucks. In fact, it was hard to talk to Senator Kohl without talking about the Milwaukee Bucks. As the long-time owner of the team, Senator Kohl fought on more than one occasion to keep the Bucks in Milwaukee, recognizing the immense value of the franchise to the State of Wisconsin and to the city he loved. In large part, because of his determination and generosity, Herb was able to watch Milwaukee bring home a national championship in 2021 for the first time in 50 years.

While Herb is no longer with us, I know his legacy will live on for years to come in every young fan who attends a Bucks game and every student who jumps around at the Kohl Center while cheering on Badgers basketball in Madison. His impact will be felt by the thousands of students who will continue to benefit from his philanthropic efforts and the Wisconsin families who have food on the table and access to affordable healthcare, thanks to his tireless advocacy. I hope his legacy of service lives on in me and in all those called to serve the communities they love.

Though Herb Kohl may have had a reputation as a "common man," his legacy is anything but ordinary. From humble roots as the son of immigrants in Milwaukee, Herb's immense success in business, in public life, and philanthropy personified the American dream made reality through a Wisconsin work ethic and unwavering commitment to doing right by his neighbors.

There is truly no one like Senator Herb Kohl, and Wisconsin is so lucky to have had him fighting in our corner. Herb's record of achievement and commitment to Wisconsin is undeniable. While he may not like to be called it, it is the truth: Herb was a model Senator, and my role model.

Thank you, Herb, for your service to Wisconsin. You will be dearly, dearly missed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I would like to thank our colleague from Wisconsin for her beautiful words, her heartfelt memories.

And, mostly, I know personally how proud Senator Kohl was that you, Senator BALDWIN, got elected and serve your State so well. You are truly a tribute to your State but also to Herb's memory.

I am here as the neighbor, the Senator next door, the one who got to know Herb Kohl, because Minnesota and Wisconsin, despite our rivalries—as the Presiding Officer knows, when it comes to the Vikings and the Packers and the Badgers and the Gophers—we actually have a lot more in common than what divides us.

In fact, my mom grew up in Milwaukee. I talked to her many times. She also was the daughter of immigrant parents. In her case, her dad worked at the Porth Pie Company, which Herb was aware of, and came from humble roots.

Senator Kohl's life was really as American as they come. He was born, as we noted, in Milwaukee to immigrant parents. He learned the value of hard work, as Senator BALDWIN discussed, as a bag boy at his dad's market. He attended public high school and the University of Wisconsin before earning his MBA. From there, he and his brother worked to build their family's business into an iconic department store chain, Kohl's, of course. I can't tell you how many times, visiting my grandma in Milwaukee, we would be like: We can get that at Kohl's. We can go to Kohl's.

They were so proud of the work that he did.

Later, when his beloved Milwaukee Bucks almost left Wisconsin, it was Herb who bought the team just so he could keep them there. I know that Senator BALDWIN is proud of the Bucks' 2021 final win, and we all know it would never have been the Milwaukee Bucks without Herb Kohl.

After working his way up from a bag boy to a basketball team owner, Herb didn't have to seek public office, but he loved his State and its people too much to rest on his laurels. To him, running for office was not in any way a path to personal gain. It was a moral obligation.

After winning election to the Senate in 1988, he got to work right away for the people of Wisconsin, and, as Senator BALDWIN noted, he worked to expand the supply of affordable housing for elderly Americans, crack down on corporate espionage, expand safe and affordable childcare, and secure critical medical training investments in the Affordable Care Act. How proud I know he was of Senator BALDWIN's—then-Representative BALDWIN's—important role in making sure that older kids were able to be covered under their parents' policies under the Affordable Care Act.

But he took as much pride in making sure of the big things, as how a single dairy farmer could stay afloat in a low-producing season.

On a personal note, I was lucky to call Herb a mentor and a friend. We worked together during my early years in the Senate, including on ending 30 years of delay so that the construction of the St. Croix River bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin could move forward. Senator BALDWIN and I were there for the completion of that historic bridge, what we consider one of the most beautiful bridges in our State—maybe the most beautiful bridge, but I can never say that. Herb was there from the beginning on that project.

When Herb cared about something, he would work to get it done, and he

would work, as Senator BALDWIN has said, in a humble way. He was never one to seek the spotlight, and, in a Chamber full of egos and big speeches, that certainly made him stand out.

I remember that even though he was a multimillionaire, he always used to eat his lunch in the cafeteria, often buying lunch for staffers that he encountered in line.

One time, he brought me to eat there because I was taking over from him as the head of the antitrust subcommittee. He gave me advice from a business perspective. People don't always think of antitrust in that way, but Herb Kohl was a true entrepreneur. He was a competitor. He believed that competition was a big part of capitalism, and that is why he cherished his work on that subcommittee and gave me all kinds of advice about how to talk about it in a way that, from the very beginning of America's roots and our economy, from the Founding Fathers on, competition was what made us successful. And he certainly believed that when he built that department store chain up and didn't just kowtow to whoever was there from the beginning. That really dictated a lot about how I thought about antitrust.

He also told me to hire his staff, like Caroline, and gave me such good advice on doing that. I think it was also a great example of Herb Kohl because he was looking out for his staff, not just while he was in the Senate but long after he left.

He didn't have to do any of that. There is no rule in the Senate that subcommittee chairs have to impart their wisdom at a formal lunch in the Senate cafeteria—maybe not that formal—to the next generation, and there is no rule that Senators have to keep looking out for their staff years and years after they retire. But that is just who Herb was. He embodied midwestern compassion—generous with his spirit, generous with his time, and generous with his resources.

He spent his early career working hard to build wealth, and he spent the rest of his life using it to make a difference in the world.

As a product of the public schools, he knew firsthand that a quality education was a pathway to success, and that is why he made it his mission, later in life, to give back and to invest in public education, advocating for breakfast and lunch for low-income students, championing Wisconsin's Teacher of the Year Program, and on multiple occasions paid for entire slates of teachers' back-to-school supply wish lists, something that deeply resonated with me, as my mom would always complain about having to buy her own supplies for her classroom as a second grade teacher because she wanted them to have the best.

Today, thanks to his charitable giving, scholarships, and educational foundation—and even though from Wisconsin, I must acknowledge—the Badgers' hockey and basketball arena bear

his name. Herb's philanthropy was motivated not by glory but by an unwavering devotion to his State.

So I will end with this. I think what best captures Herb may have been that slogan when he first ran for Senate, and it was this: "Nobody's Senator but yours." In a field where what is noble is often sacrificed for what is expedient, that might seem naive or unrealistic—not for Herb. Throughout his 24 years in the Senate, he never broke that promise.

Anyone who has driven from Stillwater, MN, over to the Wisconsin side of the St. Croix River, they can thank Herb Kohl. And anyone who went to school on a Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship can thank him. And anyone who roots for the Milwaukee Bucks, which, once upon a time, almost became the Minnesota Bucks—but we are not going to go into that story because we have our own team now that is doing pretty well. No, this is not the time to do that. We can thank Herb Kohl.

The Senate is better off, the State of Wisconsin is better off because of Herb, and, certainly, our country is better off.

My thoughts are with his friends, his family, his former staff, and, of course, the intrepid and wonderful Senator BALDWIN.

Again, he couldn't be prouder that you got elected, Senator BALDWIN.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, Wisconsin has lost a great man. When I came to the Senate in 2009, I made an effort to sit down with each Member, and, of the 100 Members, the quietest individual, the most soft-spoken, was Herb Kohl. He sat behind his desk. We talked about the family farms, particularly the dairies of Wisconsin. We talked a little bit about basketball—the Oregon Trail Blazers, the Milwaukee Bucks, and, of course, the pride that we had when the Blazers won a championship back in the 1970s. But, really, it was just a comfortable get-to-know-you. Yet I knew the man across the desk from me had been so powerfully successful in business and in politics.

But unlike in virtually any other conversation here in the Senate, he didn't lay claim to a single accomplishment or talk about the great glories of his career. It was just a "Welcome to the Senate. Here, you can help families out." That spirit really fits with what we have heard from Senator BALDWIN about his legacy—a man who was humble, who was generous, who was disciplined, who was hard-working; a man who worked not just on agriculture but on housing, but on public education, but on cleaning up the Great Lakes, and on many other things that my colleagues have mentioned.

When he was pondering retiring, he talked about the individual that he hoped would follow in his footsteps, in

his spirit here in the Senate—our own Senator TAMMY BALDWIN. It was almost a family connection—a powerful, heart-to-heart connection. So one of the most important legacies that he has left is continuing his vision of fighting for ordinary families, ordinary people, here in the Senate, with the woman who took his place.

Herb Kohl was modest in style but powerfully effective in practice. We miss him here in the Senate, and we know that the people of Wisconsin benefited enormously from his life and also miss him greatly in his passing.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I rise today with my colleagues to pay tribute to a special friend and our former colleague, Senator Kohl of Wisconsin.

I was fortunate enough to be able to serve with Herb Kohl during his service in the Senate and have been equally fortunate to know his wonderful family.

I have been listening to my colleagues describe Senator Kohl, and I thought that I would describe him in a way that Herb Kohl would never describe himself as being. That is because he was too modest.

The fact is, Herb Kohl was really the embodiment of what we Jews know as *tikkun olam*, which is a belief that all of us have a responsibility to leave our world and our communities better off than we found them. Herb did that day in and day out, living his life always trying to boost the well-being of those less fortunate.

As my colleagues have been saying, Herb Kohl didn't need to go into public service, but what we are all saying today is that public service desperately needs people like Herb Kohl: a successful businessperson, passionate about improving his home State of Wisconsin and his country through public service.

When most people think of a U.S. Senator, my guess is they have an image of somebody who loves to hear themselves talk, puts out a blizzard of news releases, tweets every day, and aims to take credit for lots of stuff. Herb Kohl was just the opposite of all that.

For example, at home in Oregon, I always make a point of going to Boys & Girls Clubs to shoot baskets with the kids in the summer. Again and again, I would encounter young people around lunchtime who came to camp ravenous and got two lunches right away. They weren't just hungry; they had had nothing to eat but a candy bar since the day before.

Local Boys & Girls Clubs helped kids get substantial, nourishing meals, and they are always trying to find ways to get extra food to kids in need, particularly as the week comes to a close and many kids are facing a weekend in the summer not knowing where their next meal would come from.

I assume my colleagues know this. It wasn't until years after I had been going to shoot hoops in the summer

with the Boys & Girls Clubs—it wasn't until years later that I found out that Herb Kohl, our Herb Kohl, was giving generous support to those Boys & Girls Clubs for years. But did he say a word about it to my colleagues, to me? We talked basketball all the time, but he never talked about how he stepped in to help all those future hoopsters. And that was Herb Kohl in a nutshell. He would see a need for his community, and without any fanfare, without any notice, without any press releases, Herb Kohl didn't act like a Senator; he just acted in the spirit of *tikkun olam*. He stepped up. He wanted to help. He never asked for an award, never saw himself with a picture of himself in a blue suit and a red tie getting some kind of award.

A number of Senators over the years—and I think this echoes what my colleagues have said—they said that Herb was very nice to them and very polite. I heard Senator KLOBUCHAR talk about work on antitrust stuff. But a lot of colleagues would come up to you and they would say our first name and they would say: But I haven't really had a lot of extended conversations with Senator Kohl. Now, we know it was not because he was unpleasant or wished somebody ill but because he was very private, putting in the work each day to make good on his pledges to Wisconsin families and so many others.

All of us read the really wonderful, gracious obituary for Senator Kohl in the New York Times. One of the reasons I wanted to come to the floor today was to mention a couple of things that they didn't even manage to get into that wonderful obituary. It was terrific. But let me give some examples.

My background is working with the Gray Panthers, working with the elderly. I was thrilled to be able to work under him when he was chair of the Aging Committee. When it came to seniors, no issue for Senator Kohl was too small or too insignificant for him to tackle. He tackled end-of-life issues and long-term care, addressing unemployment among older workers, protecting seniors from financial abuse, tried to help them save for retirement. All of us could go through this laundry list of accomplishments. Not all of those ideas might have been on the front page of the paper, but they represented the quiet and thoughtful workhorse that Herb Kohl was.

Older Americans had no better ally than they did in Senator Kohl. Through all the partisan infighting, he always worked on those senior issues because he saw that as ground that was exempt from all the pettiness that drives so much of politics.

I will close with this: I was especially appreciative that Senator Kohl, in his quiet way, had the vision to look down the road at big challenges. For example, he talked to me often—and I am sure my colleagues as well—about how the guarantee of Medicare had evolved over the years. In other words, Senator

Kohl knew that Medicare was not a voucher, that it wasn't some piece of paper, some snippet of paper; it was a guarantee of Medicare. He also knew that it had evolved over the years. It is still continuing with the prescription drug benefit. He knew the program inside out, and Senator Kohl would always say to me: Let's just keep figuring out how to update the Medicare guarantee, protect the elderly, and promote choice and alternatives without compromising the protections that older people deserve.

Let me just say to my colleagues, as chair of the Finance Committee, if you walk into the Senate Finance Committee room today and you talk about the issues relating to Medicare and Medicare Advantage and them spending \$6 billion on garbage advertising, Herb Kohl was telling us years ago there were supposed to be guardrails for that, there were supposed to be protections for that. That was Herb Kohl—thinking down the road as well as helping people today.

So I am really pleased to be here with my good friends, and I will just close with one last point. I think one of my colleagues talked about it. Senator KLOBUCHAR knew that the Senate was kind of a community, and I suspect that there are a few people in the House today who understand that as well. But when staff was working late at night—they might have a bill or an amendment or something or maybe they would be working on a project where staff was helping the bigger campus community—and it would get to be 8 or 9 o'clock at night and people were kind of hoping that somehow, out of the sky, a pizza would arrive—not with Herb Kohl. When it got to be 9 o'clock, we got ourselves a real dinner, and nobody knew where it came from, but a handful of us did.

Until his last days, Herb Kohl practiced *tikkun olam*. That is why you have some of my most thoughtful colleagues—the Senate is made up of a lot of people, but I have just been here a few minutes, and I heard Senator BALDWIN, Senator KLOBUCHAR, and my partner from Oregon, Senator MERKLEY. These are the kind of people who also represent the best of public service. That is why all of us are here—because our hearts are heavy today because we so admired him, we so appreciated him.

I send my love tonight to Sid and Dorothy and Lisa and the whole family because they continue to represent the ideals Herb Kohl stood for.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to someone I was honored to work alongside, and I know that many other Members on both sides of the aisle feel the same way.

Herb Kohl wasn't the most outgoing Senator. Some people might have called him quiet or even shy. But he

was never quiet about fighting for the people of Wisconsin. And he was never shy about standing up for the things he believed in. He was absolutely passionate about protecting our Great Lakes, our land, and the people in Wisconsin and across the country who depend on them for their livelihoods. Wisconsin's dairy farmers and rural communities had no greater champion, and they are so fortunate that Senator BALDWIN has carried on Senator Kohl's good work.

He was also a champion for American families and for ensuring that they have access to fresh, healthy food. As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations panel, he fought to expand nutrition programs for children and to fund the WIC Program, which helps make sure American moms and babies have the food they need to thrive. And as chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, he was laser-focused on the needs of older Americans, including through improving the quality and safety of nursing homes.

Of course, we all know what a huge sports fan he was as the longtime owner of the Milwaukee Bucks and a member of the team that brought the Brewers to Wisconsin. It was wonderful that he was able to watch his beloved Bucks win the NBA title in 2021, and he even rode in the championship parade.

Perhaps he will be most remembered for his generosity. His Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has provided more than \$34 million to support Wisconsin schools, teachers, and students since 1990. And he made a lasting impact at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where the Kohl Center Arena and the Herb Kohl Public Service Research Competition still carry his name.

But beyond the sports teams and beyond his legislative legacy, Senator Kohl was kind. He was humble. He believed in treating everyone with respect. He knew how fortunate he was, and he spent his life ensuring that as many other people as possible could share in his good fortune. I firmly believe that the Senate—and our country—would be a kinder, better place if more of us would follow his lead. Senator Kohl was a statesman, and he was my friend. I am grateful for the time we worked together in the Senate.

I want to offer his family, friends, and the entire State of Wisconsin my deepest condolences.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, we are back in the Senate and kicking off a new year, which will undoubtedly be busy and certainly challenging. There is a lot of work for us to do, and one of our most crucial tasks is to address the national security supplemental appropriations bill that President Biden has requested.

As you know, that bill includes relief for not only Israel but also additional

assistance to Ukraine and provides additional money for the Indo-Pacific—hopefully to deter potential Chinese aggression in that region—and, of course, the border, which is another story for another day.

But today, I would like to talk about the challenges we face in the Middle East. Today, the global threat environment is unlike any we have seen in recent memory, perhaps in our lifetime.

I just returned from a trip to the Middle East with a bipartisan group of colleagues from the Senate Intelligence Committee. We had an extremely busy schedule, but it was very productive. We had 22 separate meetings with leaders across the region, from Jordan to Saudi Arabia, to Israel.

We also had the opportunity, as I indicated, to travel to Israel to meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Minister of Defense, Galant, and also members of the intelligence community there in Tel Aviv—the Shin Bet, which is responsible for domestic security, and, of course, Mossad, the legendary intelligence agency of the Israeli Government.

We all know that on October 7, the world shifted and changed in a dramatic way in Israel when Hamas entered Israel by air, land, and sea. They committed horrific acts of murder of babies and children and innocent civilians. They raped and tortured and beheaded innocent people—beheaded innocent people. They dismembered the bodies of their victims and captured hostages to use as human shields and bargaining chips. It was a day of infamy that will live in the minds of Israelis for the rest of their lives, and it should be a warning again—if we need another warning—to the rest of the region and the rest of the world.

For the people of Israel, this was not unlike our experience on September 11, 2001, when nearly 3,000 Americans were killed by a terrorist attack here in Washington, DC, and, of course, the plane lost in Pennsylvania when brave passengers on that plane prevented an attack, perhaps on the very Capitol Building here in Washington. Of course, on September 11, thousands of families lost husbands, wives, parents, and children because of evil terrorists in pursuit of a fanatical ideology. That is what Israel experienced 3 months ago.

Compared to the United States, of course, Israel is a very small country. It is home to roughly 9.3 million people. I represent a State of 30 million people. So Israel has roughly about a third of the population of the State of Texas. But in Israel on that day, October 7, the lives of 1,200 people were lost. Based on the population, this would be equivalent to roughly 36,000 Americans dying on 9/11—an absolutely mind-boggling thought.

Just as most Americans can remember where they were and what they were doing on that terrible day of 9/11/2001, nearly every single Israeli who is old enough to remember the attack

will forever recall the events of that terrible day. They will never—they will never—forget the pain that their country and their people have endured and the threat to their very existence that terrorist attack represents.

As might be expected, I am proud to say that over the last 3 months, the United States has stood strongly in support of Israel—one of our closest allies; the only democracy, really, in the Middle East. We provided military assistance and repeatedly affirmed that Israel has a nonnegotiable right to defend itself.

In recent months, as has occurred throughout America's history, some Americans have voiced skepticism: Why should we care? Why should America be involved in these conflicts so far away from our shores? They ask, and it is a fair question: Why should we care about the outcome of a war that is happening thousands of miles away? Given the challenges we face here at home, they ask, why should the United States invest in Israel's victory and the defense of Ukraine against the invasion by Russia? The threats that are occurring in the Indo-Pacific—why should we care about those threats?

Well, the answer when it comes to Israel is simple: Terrorism will not be confined to Israel or the Middle East as a region. What happens there will not stay there.

Now, I know that sometimes we have to relearn the lessons we learned the hard way many years ago, but the lesson of 9/11 is that our oceans, the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, do not protect the United States against terrorist attacks on our own soil. That is the hard lesson we learned on 9/11, and we should not forget it.

The evil that the world witnessed on October 7 is not limited to Hamas. Hamas, of course, is a terrorist organization committed to the destruction of Israel and the elimination of the Israeli people from the map. This is a sickness, a perversion of a great religion that is shared by terrorist organizations throughout the Middle East.

But we should not be distracted by looking at just Hamas because it is Iran that is the head of the octopus. Its tentacles of terror—its proxies—extend throughout the region and threaten to destabilize the Middle East and potentially start a much larger war.

Iran's terrorist proxies include not only Hamas but also Hezbollah in Lebanon, to the north of Israel; the Houthis in Yemen, on the Arabian Peninsula; the Palestinian Islamic Jihad in Gaza and the West Bank; and, of course the Shiite militias in Syria and Iraq, who have attempted as many as 100 different attacks on American troops and America's interests in the region. Iran provides these groups with funding and with weapons and training to enable these attacks like the one that was committed by Hamas on Israel.

But that is only one example. Iranian-led proxies in Iraq and Syria are

attacking U.S. forces, as I said. Hezbollah is launching consistent assaults on northern Israel. The Houthis are disrupting global commerce and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, as well as launching unmanned aerial vehicles in an attempt to essentially assault and bomb Israel.

Iran is a country driven by an ideology that calls for the destruction of Israel, but Iran would not stop there.

The Supreme Leader of Iran once labeled the United States as Iran's "No. 1 enemy." We see that view borne into action today as Iran supports Russia in its ongoing war on the people of Ukraine and through its strategic co-operation with China.

Yes, this war is about the future of Israel, but it is also about the future of Iran. Tehran stands to gain a lot from Hamas's war against the Israelis, and the United States must continue to stand for the unequivocal defeat of Hamas. Anything less would embolden Iran and its terrorist proxies and aid them in their ambitions for regional hegemony.

Our colleagues are working hard to reach an agreement on a national security supplemental appropriations bill that will include aid for four security national priorities, as I mentioned: Israel, Ukraine, the Indo-Pacific, and the southern border.

When it comes to Israel, some want to set conditions on U.S. aid and thus attempt to micromanage Israel's fight for its very survival. This, I would suggest, is nothing but hubris, plain and simple.

Imagine if other countries tried to tell the United States how we should have conducted our fight against al-Qaida after 9/11, right after the smoke had cleared and after the bodies of 3,000 Americans had been buried; if other countries had told us "No, you can't go after the terrorists' threat this way; you have to do it that way." Our Nation had just lost 3,000 innocent lives through a series of terrorist attacks. Imagine if others tried to dictate the means by which we defeated that threat and protected our country. Would we have allowed them to tie our hands when it comes to our own defense? Absolutely not. We would have chided them for their naivety and dismissed any attempt to treat terrorist organizations with kid gloves or to treat them as a rational power.

A number of Americans are concerned—we are all concerned, I would suggest—by the number of civilian casualties in Gaza.

But the primary cause of civilian casualties in Gaza and in Israel is Hamas, the terrorist organization. There is no question that when war is declared as Hamas declared war against Israel on October 7, that innocent people will be hurt, perhaps even killed. But there is no question that Hamas's own tactics are the reason the loss of life in Gaza is so high.

These terrorists have a long history of using Palestinian civilians as human

shields to protect themselves. Hamas operates a vast network of tunnels beneath Gaza—some 500 kilometers by one estimate—and they shield their terrorist overlords in those tunnels from the dangerous fighting above ground. This is where they store critical supplies like water, food, and fuel, which are being kept from the Palestinian civilians who need that humanitarian assistance. It seems likely that these tunnels are the hiding place for more than 130 remaining hostages.

I met with the grieving families here in Dallas, TX, who lost loved ones to this conflict on October 7, whose loved ones are hostages of Hamas today in Israel. And we also met with another group of Americans who have family members who are currently hostages of Hamas in Gaza.

Well, a video was shared online of a Hamas gunman who was captured and interrogated by Israeli officials. He said that Hamas shelters in tunnels and basements under clinics, schools, and hospitals because they know the Israelis will not target those locations because of their concern about collateral damage and the injury and, perhaps, death of innocent people. So Hamas deliberately places innocent Palestinians between its terrorist foot soldiers and incoming rockets.

We should remember that it was Hamas that initiated this war with their brutal massacre of Israeli civilians, including women and children—even infants—that were just going about their daily lives that represented no threat to them. It is Hamas that knowingly uses the Palestinian people as human shields. It is Hamas that rejoices at every Palestinian killed because it broadens their support and strengthens their narrative and helps them recruit more support.

The world should not condemn Israel for defending itself against terrorist attacks, just like the world did not condemn the United States when we defended ourselves against al-Qaeda following the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The world should condemn Hamas for its indiscriminate use of civilian infrastructure to protect its own foot soldiers.

As the fighting continues, we can't lose sight of the jarring difference between two sides of this conflict. There is no moral equivalence between Israel and the terrorist organization known as Hamas or, as I mentioned earlier, the head of the octopus, which is the regime in Iran.

This is not a battle between two nations. This is a battle between good and evil. Additional assistance for Israel is crucial to not only the future of the Jewish State but to the stability of the region and the future ambitions of Iran. If Hamas emerges from this war with nothing more than a black eye, it will send a message to Iran and its terrorist proxies that their war against Israel and the Western world is worthwhile. And it will continue and it will intensify and it will expand.

Given the chaos that is unfolding in the Middle East today, the very last thing the world needs is an emboldened Iran. I hope in the coming weeks, the Senate can finally make progress on the need for assistance for Israel. The House passed an Israel aid bill on November 2—November 2, more than 2 months ago—and the Senate has done nothing except preach to Israel on the means by which some believe it should defend itself from those determined to wipe it from the face of the Earth.

This is not a time for preaching to Israel, our most steadfast ally in the Middle East, about how to defend themselves. It is a grave disservice, I believe, to do so.

So there is a lot at stake, and the eyes of the world are on the United States. Again, as I said earlier, no American wants to see us involved in conflicts around the world. But, unfortunately, it is our responsibility, not just because we come to the aid of others who have been innocent civilians and people who have been viciously attacked by terrorists but because this virus, this contagion, will spread beyond Israel, beyond the Middle East, and to other parts of the world, including the United States.

If there is a lesson we learned from 9/11, it is that our oceans—the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans—will not protect us. So what happens in Gaza, what happens in Israel will not stay there.

Taking action to ensure our top ally in the Middle East has its back would be a great place for us to start this new year. The clock is ticking, and the Senate needs to act soon to ensure that Israel has what it needs to defeat Hamas and confront the growing threat from Iran.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Ms. DUCKWORTH. I also ask unanimous consent for the scheduled vote to begin immediately.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The 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. 376, John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Tina Smith, Alex Padilla, Jack Reed, Patty Murray, Christopher A. Coons,

Sheldon Whitehouse, Mazie K. Hirono, Peter Welch, Richard Blumenthal, Jeanne Shaheen, Margaret Wood Hassan, Chris Van Hollen, Brian Schatz, John W. Hickenlooper, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, 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 Washington (Mrs. CANTWELL), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 73, nays 15, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Ex.]

YEAS—73

Baldwin	Grassley	Reed
Bennet	Hagerty	Ricketts
Blackburn	Hassan	Romney
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Rosen
Booker	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Brown	Hirono	Sanders
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Butler	Johnson	Schumer
Capito	Kaine	Shaheen
Cardin	Kelly	Sinema
Carper	Kennedy	Smith
Casey	King	Stabenow
Collins	Klobuchar	Tester
Coons	Lankford	Tillis
Cornyn	Manchin	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warner
Cramer	McConnell	Warnock
Crapo	Menendez	Warren
Cruz	Merkley	Welch
Daines	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Murphy	Wicker
Durbin	Murray	Wyden
Ernst	Ossoff	Young
Fischer	Padilla	
Gillibrand	Peters	

NAYS—15

Braun	Lummis	Scott (FL)
Britt	Marshall	Sullivan
Hawley	Mullin	Thune
Hoover	Paul	Tuberville
Lee	Schmitt	Vance

NOT VOTING—12

Barrasso	Cotton	Moran
Boozman	Fetterman	Risch
Cantwell	Graham	Rubio
Cassidy	Lujan	Scott (SC)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 73, the nays are 15.

The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## RECOGNIZING THE GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce on their 125th anniversary.

While it has been operated under various names over the years, the Greater Fayetteville Chamber has roots that date back to 1899. Fayetteville is known nationally as a community that is not only home to the largest Active-Duty military base in the United States, but also thriving businesses.

Chambers of commerce play a pivotal role in areas around workforce development, tourism promotion, connecting business owners, and advocating for issues that are important to their members. As North Carolina's sixth largest city, many have taken notice of the success stories happening in Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

Since being named CEO of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber back in March 2023, Nat Robertson has been a passionate force driving the area's economic competitiveness. He came into office with a bold agenda focused on membership growth, business advocacy, and a true passion for improving his community. That energy has helped the chamber grow at a rapid pace in its membership, community involvement, and events that bring together a diverse group of citizens within the community.

I congratulate the Greater Fayetteville Chamber on their 125th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to advocate and advance the interests of small businesses, nonprofits, and other industry members for decades to come. •

## RECOGNIZING THE JACKSONVILLE-ONSLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce on their 80th anniversary.

Since being established in 1944, the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce has been a staunch advocate for area businesses and the Marine Corps community at Camp Lejeune. Jacksonville is well-known for being the home of Camp Lejeune. Its community is

also deeply entrenched in supporting small-business owners.

Chambers of Commerce play a pivotal role in areas around workforce development, tourism promotion, connecting business owners, and advocating for issues that are important to their members. The Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber routinely performs all of these duties and has consistently gone the extra mile to help build new partnerships in the area.

A strong chamber oftentimes requires a visionary and bold leader at the helm. Laurette Leagon has over 25 years as a chamber professional and is widely recognized in Southeastern North Carolina as an innovative thought leader. At her core, she has never forgotten what one of the most important functions of a chamber is: to do what is best for membership.

Mr. President, I congratulate the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce on their 80th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to advocate and advance the interests of small businesses, nonprofits, and other industry members for decades to come. •

## RECOGNIZING AERO RACE WHEELS

• 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 AERO Race Wheels of Estherville, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

AERO Race Wheels was founded by racing wheel manufacturing legend F.L. "Skip" Miller. Since 1995, AERO Race Wheels of Estherville, IA, has been a premier dirt and asphalt track wheel manufacturer. Skip took ownership of the company in 1998 with his wife Diane and moved their facilities to the current Estherville location in the same year. AERO Race Wheels offers a variety of racing wheels at an affordable price that are distributed throughout the United States and raced across the world. The steel wheels they manufacture are available in a variety of finishes and can be driven on asphalt, dirt, or both types of tracks.

AERO Race Wheels has played a key part in the history of NASCAR. From 1997 until 2021, AERO Race Wheels provided the steel racing wheels for the premier NASCAR Cup Series. Their 59 Series Wheel continues to be the wheel of choice for NASCAR's Grand National, Truck Series, and ARCA Series. NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty, Jimmie Johnson, and the late Dale Earnhardt, Sr., have all raced with AERO Race Wheels during their respective careers.

AERO Race Wheels is actively involved in the Estherville community. They are a member of the Estherville Chamber of Commerce and have been

involved in the Avera Holy Family Hospital for several years. They have also been recognized for their contributions to the Iowa economy. In 2003, they received the Iowa Area Development Group's—IADG—Venture Award and were named a member of the IADG hall of fame. In 2023, AERO Race Wheels celebrated its 28th business anniversary.

AERO Race Wheel's commitment to providing high-quality racing wheels for the love of the sport is clear. I want to congratulate Skip and Diane Miller and the entire team at AERO Race Wheels for their amazing dedication to the racing industry. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success. •

## RECOGNIZING FAMILY FOODS

• 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 Family Foods of Tipton, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Family Foods was founded by Don Goetz in 1964 under the name Don's Big Value after purchasing the building location from his then-employer, the Benner Tea Company grocery store. Don started working at Benner Tea Company at the age of 14 and became the store's manager at the age of 18. From 1952 until 1954, Don served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean war. In its early history, the store's name was changed from Don's Big Value to Giant Foods until 1976, when the business adopted the Family Foods name. In 1985, Family Foods moved from its original location to 610 Cedar Street in Tipton. The store has seen two major renovation projects over the years, one in 1990 and the other in 2015.

Family Foods is an exemplary family business. In 2010, Don's son Mike Goetz purchased the store. Three generations of the Goetz family have worked at the Family Foods in Tipton, with Mike's son Brad now serving as co-owner. Many associates at the store have been part of the team for decades. Don Goetz passed away in 2017, leaving behind a legacy of service, hard work, and dedication to his community.

The Family Foods team is actively involved in the Tipton community and have been recognized for their service. Brad previously served on the Tipton Community School District Board, and Mike served as the Tipton Chamber of Commerce president. Brad currently serves on the Tipton School Foundation Board.

In 2017, Brad was nationally recognized for his community service as the Eastern Iowa representative at the Jefferson Awards in Washington, DC. The Jefferson Awards are a national awards ceremony held annually celebrating community service and the people

helping their communities. While they were in Washington, Senator GRASSLEY and I had the opportunity to meet Brad and the Goetz family. Family Foods is also actively involved in the Tipton Rotary Club and has supported both the fine arts and athletics programs in Tipton. Family Foods celebrated its 59th business anniversary in 2023.

Family Foods' commitment to providing quality groceries is clear. I want to congratulate Mike Goetz, Brad Goetz, and the entire team at Family Foods for their dedication to providing groceries and serving the Tipton community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING TILLIES QUILTS

• 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 Tillies Quilts of Fort Dodge, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Driven by her dream of owning her own quilt shop, Jo Seltz founded Tillies Quilts in 2011 to serve both expert and novice quilters in Fort Dodge and the surrounding communities. Jo and her husband Rich are staples of the Fort Dodge community, with the couple also owning the Dariette ice cream shop since 2008 and Ardys Mae Coffee and Dessert since 2022.

Prior to opening Tillies Quilts, Jo spent over a decade as the youth director at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 1999 until 2010. Jo left her position at St. Paul Lutheran Church to focus on Tillies Quilts, aptly named after her Great Aunt Matilda "Tillie" Jacobs, who gifted Jo her first quilt. Tillies Quilts is a one-stop-shop for all of your quilting needs. They offer designer fabrics and patterns, quilt kits, quilt supplies, and quilting classes. Tillies Quilts also offers a block of the month club and hosts various social events. In February 2024, Tillies Quilts will host their Super Bowl Sunday quilting class where participants will make a 16-inch by 16-inch quilt block.

In addition to owning Tillies Quilts, Jo and Rich Seltz are actively involved in the Fort Dodge community. Jo currently serves as the president of the Blanden Charitable Foundation board of trustees, an organization promoting the Blanden Art Museum in Fort Dodge. Jo also serves as a trustee on the Ann Smeltzer Charitable Trust, which promotes community involvement in the arts and preserves Fort Dodge's historic Ringland-Smeltzer home. Despite no longer serving as youth director, Jo has remained involved in the St. Paul Lutheran Church over the years. Tillies Quilts is a proud member of the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance, and in 2023, the team celebrated their 12th business anniversary. Great Aunt Matilda "Tillie" Ja-

cobs passed away in 1994, but her legacy of hard work, kindness, and passion for quilting is honored at Tillies Quilts.

I want to congratulate Jo and Rich Seltz and the entire team at Tillies Quilts for their entrepreneurial spirit and diligent efforts to build a community for quilters in central Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 22, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1722. An act to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2839. An act to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6503. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bills were signed on December 26, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. SCHATZ).

#### 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-310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kasugamycin; Extension of Time-Limited Tolerance for Emergency Exem-

tion" (FRL No. 11517-02-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dodine; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11567-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3112. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Implementation of the Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022 and Related Provisions" (RIN0584-AE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3113. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Revision of Civil Rights Data Collection Methods" (RIN0584-AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3114. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Designating Alabama a Commercial Citrus-Producing Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2023-0007) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3115. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel Management; Administration of the Forest Transportation System; Postdecisional Administrative Review Process for Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources; Land Uses; Special Uses" (RIN0596-AD54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3116. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard; Updates to the List of Bioengineered Foods" ((RIN0581-AD95) (Docket No. AMS-FTPP-20-0057)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3117. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research Order; Reapportionment and Technical Amendment" (Docket No. AMS-LP-22-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3118. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Replacement of Fluorinated

Aqueous Film Forming Foam" (RIN0750-AK98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 8, 2023; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3119. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account" and a semiannual listing of personal property contributed by coalition partners; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3120. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Defense; Correction" (RIN0790-AL21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 26, 2023; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3121. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, a notification of a permanent change to the base funding allocation formula methodology for funds appropriated for the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment grants; to the Committees on Finance; and Appropriations.

EC-3122. A communication from the Director of Public Affairs and Congressional Relations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2023 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3123. A communication from the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2022 Annual Report on Preservation and Promotion of Minority-Owned National Banks and Federal Savings Associations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3124. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Covered Clearing Agencies for U.S. Treasury Securities and Application of the Broker-Dealer Customer Protection Rule With Respect to U.S. Treasury Securities" (RIN3235-AN09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3125. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13466 with respect to North Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3126. 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 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3127. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13219 with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3128. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold

old" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3129. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3130. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "College Banking and Credit Card Agreements Annual Report December 2023"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3131. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3132. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that takes additional steps to deal with the national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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 Ms. ERNST:

S. 3559. A bill to repeal programs relating to funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 95

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 95, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of new abortion drugs, to prohibit investigational use exemptions for abortion drugs, and to impose additional regulatory requirements with respect to previously approved abortion drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 597

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to review and prohibit certain transactions between persons in the United States and foreign adversaries, and for other purposes.

S. 1094

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1094, a bill to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for nurse preceptors.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1688, a bill to require certain grantees under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1975 to submit a plan to track discriminatory land use policies, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk, and for other purposes.

S. 2039

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2039, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan (or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan) to provide for cost-sharing for oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the cost-sharing provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider.

S. 2477

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2477, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to direct the Secretary

of Labor to promulgate an occupational safety and health standard to protect workers from heat-related injuries and illnesses.

S. 2555

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2555, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 2569

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) 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. 2608

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2608, a bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2722

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2722, a bill to address the needs of workers in industries likely to be impacted by rapidly evolving technologies.

S. 2769

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2769, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes.

S. 2825

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2825, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam.

S. 3187

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3187, a bill to require the Department of Homeland Security to publish various publications and reports regarding the number of aliens seeking entry along the southern border of the United States.

S. 3271

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 3271, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Hmong people, in recognition of their highly distinguished service in the Vietnam war and the fight against communism.

S. 3297

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3297, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the availability of medical nutrition therapy services under the Medicare program.

S. 3304

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3304, a bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as “black lung disease”), and for other purposes.

S. 3490

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 3490, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from providing health care to, or engaging in claims processing for health care for, any individual unlawfully present in the United States who is not eligible for health care under the laws administered by the Secretary.

S. 3519

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3519, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes.

S. 3529

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3529, a bill to provide procedures for appealing certain Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives rulings or determinations, and for other purposes.

S. 3531

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 3531, a bill to prohibit actions to carry out the Department of Commerce’s pause in the issuance of new export licenses for certain exports under the Commerce Control List.

S.J. RES. 45

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States re-

lating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 515

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 515, a resolution condemning attacks by Iranian military proxies on the armed forces of the United States in Iraq and Syria and emphasizing the urgency of responding to and deterring such attacks.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following members of my office be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 118th Congress: Tiffany Chenneville and Eoghan Stafford.

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

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, a very quick one tonight. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Kazen nomination, postcloture, and that all time be considered expired at 11:45 a.m.; further, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday’s session, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

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

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, 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 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DEREK H. CHOLLET, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY, VICE COLIN HACKETT KAHL, RESIGNED.

MELISSA GRIFFIN DALTON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE GINA MARIA ORTIZ JONES.

RONALD T. KEOHANE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE JAMES N. STEWART.

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JON M. HOLLADAY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE JON M. HOLLADAY.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

RON BORZEKOWSKI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE DINO FALASCHETTI.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

REBECCA LEE HAFFAJEE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE RICHARD G. FRANK.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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, VICE MICHAEL J. DESMOND.

## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 2029, VICE IQBAL PAROO, TERM EXPIRED.

## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

IRVING W. BAILEY II, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JENNIFER D. GAVITO, OF COLORADO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF LIBYA.

VIVEK HALLEGERE MURTHY, OF FLORIDA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, VICE BRETT P. GIROIR.

DOROTHY CAMILLE SHEA, OF NORTH CAROLINA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

DOROTHY CAMILLE SHEA, OF NORTH CAROLINA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY AND THE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

ELIZABETH SHORTINO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, VICE MARGRETHE LUNDAGER, RESIGNED.

## EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

RICHARD L.A. WEINER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, VICE J. STEVEN DOWD.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERIK JOHN WOODHOUSE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF SANCTIONS COORDINATION, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

## EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

JANET LOUISE YELLEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, VICE STEVEN T. MNUCHIN.

## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

JANET LOUISE YELLEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS; UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS; AND UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE STEVEN T. MNUCHIN.

## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

VANESA SOLEDAD SIMON, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, VICE RANEE RAMASWAMY, TERM EXPIRED.

VANESA SOLEDAD SIMON, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2030. (REAPPOINTMENT)

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JULIE A. SU, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE MARTIN JOSEPH WALSH.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JEFF REZMOVIC, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE TROY D. EDGAR.

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

HAMPTON Y. DELLINGER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE SPECIAL COUNSEL, OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE HENRY KERNER, TERM EXPIRED.

## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

CATHY ANN HARRIS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD, VICE SUSAN TSUI GRUNDMAN.

HENRY J. KERNER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2030, VICE TRISTAN LYNN LEAVITT, TERM EXPIRED.

## FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 29, 2027. (REAPPOINTMENT)

SUZANNE ELIZABETH SUMMERLIN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JULIA AKINS CLARK, TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

SETH ROBERT AFRAME, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT, VICE JEFFREY R. HOWARD, RETIRED.

AMY M. BAGGIO, OF OREGON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON, VICE MARCO A. HERNANDEZ, RETIRING.

JACQUELINE BECERRA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE MARCIA G. COOKE, RETIRED.

NICOLE G. BERNER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT, VICE DIANA GRIBBON MOTZ, RETIRED.

CRISTAL C. BRISCO, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE THERESE LAZAR SPRINGMANN, RETIRED.

MELISSA DAMIAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE URSULA NAMCUSI UNGARO, RETIRED.

MUSTAFA TAHER KASUBHAI, OF OREGON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON, VICE ANN L. AIKEN, RETIRED.

EDWARD SUNYOL KIEL, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, VICE KEVIN MCNULTY, RETIRED.

JOSHUA PAUL KOLAR, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE MICHAEL S. KANNE, DECEASED.

JOSEPH ALBERT LAROSKI, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, VICE TIMOTHY C. STANCEU, RETIRED.

EUMI K. LEE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE WILLIAM H. ORRICK III, RETIRED.

DAVID SEYMOUR LEIBOWITZ, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE FREDERICO A. MORENO, RETIRED.

GRETCHEN S. LUND, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE JON E. DEGUILIO, RETIRED.

ADEEL ABDULLAH MANGI, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, VICE JOSEPH A. GREENAWAY, JR., RETIRED.

RAMONA VILLAGOMEZ MANGLONA, OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

SARAH FRENCH RUSSELL, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT, VICE SARAH A.L. MERRIAM, ELEVATED.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DEBORAH ROBINSON, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE VISHAL J. AMIN.

## THE JUDICIARY

KIRK EDWARD SHERIFF, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE ANA ISABEL DE ALBA, ELEVATED.

JULIE SIMONE SNEED, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE ROY BALE DALTON, JR., RETIRED.

LISA W. WANG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, VICE LEO MAURY GORDON, RETIRED.

## IN THE AIR FORCE

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

## To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ALEXUS G. GRYNEWICH

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

## To be brigadier general

COL. GWENDOLYN A. FOSTER

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

## To be brigadier general

COL. JASON J. LENNEN

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

## To be brigadier general

COL. EVELINE F. YAO

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

## To be brigadier general

COL. MATTHEW A. LEARD

## IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 1220:

## To be major general

BRIG. GEN. TIMOTHY E. BRENNAN

BRIG. GEN. JEFFREY M. FARRIS

BRIG. GEN. MICHELLE A. LINK

BRIG. GEN. JUSTIN M. SWANSON

## To be brigadier general

COL. MELISSA K. ADAMSKI

COL. DANIEL CEDERMAN

COL. FREDERICK A. HOCKETT, JR.

COL. BRIAN R. HORTON

COL. EERO R. KERAVUORI

COL. REGINALD KORNEGAY

COL. JOHN P. STANLEY

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

## To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL L. SMITH

## IN THE NAVY

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

## To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. TUAN NGUYEN

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

## To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. TODD F. CIMICATA

CAPT. FRANKIE J. CLARK

CAPT. DAVID G. DUFF

CAPT. TODD A. FIGANBAUM

CAPT. BRETT M. GRABBE

CAPT. JEFFREY L. HAMES

CAPT. JOHN W. HEWITT

CAPT. LIAM M. HULIN

CAPT. MARCOS A. JASSO

CAPT. MATTHEW J. KAWAS

CAPT. JUSTIN A. KUBU

CAPT. ROBERT E. LOUGHREN, JR.

CAPT. PHILIP S. MILLER

CAPT. BRIAN T. MUTTY

CAPT. CASSIDY C. NORMAN

CAPT. ERIN P. OSBORNE

CAPT. BARTLEY A. RANDALL

CAPT. CRAIG C. SICOLA

CAPT. MELVIN R. SMITH, JR.

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

## To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. DOUGLAS J. ADAMS

CAPT. DANIEL W. ETTLICH

CAPT. TODD M. EVANS

CAPT. PETER D. SMALL

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

## To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. BRIAN A. HARDING

CAPT. VINCENT S. TIONQUIAO

## IN THE SPACE FORCE

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

## To be brigadier general

COL. CHANDLER P. ATWOOD

COL. MATTHEW S. CANTORE

COL. BRIAN A. DENARO

COL. ROBERT J. SCHREINER

COL. ZACHARY S. WARAKOMSKI

## IN THE AIR FORCE

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

## To be major

PRESTON T. CORRIGAN

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

*To be major*

JULIA M. BELL  
 KHALIA N. BRANCH  
 KORY J. CARPENTER  
 STEPHEN S. CHILDERS  
 JORDAN S. CHU  
 DANIEL I. CITRON  
 SAMUEL N. COEN  
 LINDSEY A. CUNNINGHAM  
 GRACE A. DANELLO  
 ANDREA ROSE DEESE  
 BABECK EBADPOUR  
 NATHAN A. ECK  
 KATHY EGIPIACO  
 JOSHUA C. FARR  
 ALEXANDRA R. GIETT  
 ALEXA N. GOETZ  
 CASEY D. GOSS  
 ROBERT E. GRASSO  
 DANIELLE E. GROSIDIER  
 ROB R. HENRY  
 JUSTIN L. JENNINGS  
 MADISON L. KERNICK  
 DANIEL M. KIM  
 SANGWOON KIM  
 LOGAN G. LEDESMA  
 MICHAEL J. F. LOIDA  
 KATELYN S. LOWERY  
 BRIAN D. LUNT  
 CONNOR M. LUTTRELL  
 LANCE S. MCGAVIN  
 SKYLER MODEROW MULLER  
 MARY R. NAMY  
 JOSHUA D. V. NGUYEN  
 SEAN W. ROBERTS  
 WILLIAM C. RYSENKA  
 SPENCER K. SMITH  
 JESSICA LAUREN STARNES  
 NATALIA V. STEPANOVA  
 IAN T. SUTHERLAND  
 JAMES C. TURVY  
 BENJAMIN Y. WANG  
 RYAN J. WILKES  
 RYAN K. ZARNOWSKI

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

*To be major*

RONALD J. GRIMLEY

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

*To be major*

CHERYLENE S. ABALOS  
 NICHOLAS CARL ADAMS  
 ZACHARY E. ADKINS  
 AYODEJI F. ALAKETU  
 AMBER LYNN HEYNA ALLEN  
 CHRISTOPHER ALLEN  
 AMANDA ROSE AMMENTORP  
 ERIKA J. ANDERSON  
 ALYSSA L. ARENA  
 MEGAN R. ATER  
 MICHAEL R. AZIR  
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 ALISON K. BAUER  
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 DEREK JOHN BAUGHMAN  
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 VICTOR A. BEALS  
 GEOVONNI P. BELL  
 MADUSHANI WIJETUNGE BELT  
 DANYELLE N. BELTZ  
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 CHRISTIAN ALLEN BERGMAN  
 BRADLEY A. BISHOP  
 TAYLOR L. BLACKBURN  
 CONNER O. BLACKWELL  
 PATRICK A. BLOECHER  
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 LUKE A. BOTTING  
 KYLER R. BRANDON  
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 JUSTIN D. CHARLANTINI  
 CALLIE E. CHEATHAM  
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 DAVID P. DEMASTERS  
 ZACHARY R. DENHAM  
 BILLY C. DENLEY  
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 WILLIAM H. DETAR  
 HARRISON P. DILWORTH  
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 KAITLIN MAY GRUENBERG  
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 ANDY C. HUR  
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 ADAM MICHAEL JAMES  
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 MICHELLE J. TOWERS  
 DIANA T. TRANG  
 MATTHEW A. TUNZI  
 CLINTON J. ULMER  
 MATTHEW SCOTT VAN UITERT  
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 AEJA N. WEISS  
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 JOHN ALAN WHITE  
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 COTY RICHARD WINN  
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 JOHN D. WOLFE  
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 TARAH R. M. WOODLE  
 AUSTIN T. YANG

JAMES A. YONG  
YEJIN YOO  
TYLER E. YORGASON  
GAVIN H. YSETH  
CRAIG M. YUGAWA  
ADRIANA ZAMORA  
ANNA W. ZAMPESI  
LIEZL ZEEMAN  
HOLLY L. ZEHFUS  
CHENG ZENG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

*To be colonel*

ANDREW RAY ADAMICH  
MICHAEL ROSS ADAMS  
PAUL JEFFREY AFFLECK  
WENDY ANN ALLISON  
MICHAEL DALE ATWELL  
BRIAN CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN  
DAVID J. AUSTON  
DANIEL JAMES BARTLEY  
KELLY ANN BARTON  
RYAN LEE BARTON  
SONNY DANIEL BAXTER  
JONATHAN REED BELL  
SEAN PATRICK BELL  
HOLLI A. BELLUSCI  
LORA LEIGH BENNETT  
ALYSSA ANN BENSON  
DENNIS EURIAH BIRD, JR.  
JEFFREY MITCHELL BISHOP  
ANGELA ALLARDICE BLACK  
RICHARD ARTHUR BLAKEWOOD  
MARIKO MEANA BOONE  
RICARDO SUCRE A. BRAVO  
CHRISTEN NICHOLE BREWER  
WESTLEY LEON BROXTERMAN  
ROSE CALARREDO  
MICHAEL COYNE CALLAGHAN  
DAVID GILBERT CARPENTER  
DONA ALANNA CHEWNING  
SARAH ADAMS CLARK  
ERIC JAMES CLEVERINGA  
RONALD EDWARD CLOUTIER  
CHARLES DAVID COMFORT III  
TYLER REED COX  
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DANIEL GARETH CURTIN  
THADDEUS VON DAY  
KEVIN WILLARD DELICKER  
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NOAH WESLEY DIEHL  
CHRISTOPHER BRIAN DILLER  
MICHAEL ANDREW DIRNBERGER  
VICTOR S. DUMRONGKETIMAN  
ROBERT EDWIN DUNHAM  
MATTHEW MCKAY EVERHART  
RYAN MICHAEL GAFFANEY  
CHRISTOPHER ALBERT GENTRY  
CHRISTOPHER NEIL GEORGE  
BENJAMIN MARTIN GERDS  
ANDREW BARRETT GILMER  
MICHAEL PATRICK GLASS  
JEFFREY ALLAN GOULD  
AARON MICHAEL GULCZYNSKI  
DAVID MEINRAD GUNTY  
LAURA LORRAINE HACKWORTH  
KRISTIAN B. HARJO  
GERALD EDWARD HARMON, JR.  
RYAN EVANS HARRAH  
TRAVIS DAVID HARTZELL  
JOSEPH RANDALL HOOD  
KEVIN G. HORTON  
PENNY LYNN JAMVOLD  
JOSHUA LEE JESSUP  
GREGORY DWAIN JOHNSON  
KEVIN CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON  
NICHOLAS ANDRE JOHNSON  
RICHARD HERBERT KING  
LUCAS J. KIPPERT  
JERRAD ALLEN KRAPP  
BRIAN ANDREW KRISSE  
MARVIN ANTHONY LAING  
CHRISTOPHER LAMKEY  
MATTHEW JOHN LEE  
MICHAEL EDWARD LISSELLA, JR.  
LUIS F. MALDONADO  
EDZEL DELACRUZ MANGAHAS  
DANIEL ANTHONY MATRE  
PAUL GERARD MATTHEWS  
BRIAN PAUL MCCAFFREY  
JASON EDWIN MCCARDELL  
EMMETT ANDREW MCCLINTOCK  
CHERYL LYNN MEAD  
JAMES DURWOOD MERRIMAN  
PUANAN PUANA MILLER  
BRANDON KAWIKA MOORE  
JOHN EDWARD MURPHY  
DANA ELAINE NOVINSKIE  
TOBY BRYAN PELLENZ  
MARIO ANTONIO PENA  
TIRSO FELIPE PENA  
EVERETT LELAND PERRY  
BRANDON KEITH RETHERFORD  
DEVIN T. ROBINSON  
STEVIN EVERIN RUSHING  
DEREK MICHAEL RUTLEDGE  
JAMES WILLIAM RYAN  
BRYAN CHRISTOPHER SCHNEIDER  
STEVEN ROBERT SCHULTZ  
BROOKE MAURA SCIUTO  
BRION NARIM SHOEMO  
BRIAN ALLAN SILVER

BENTE LANE SIMERMAN II  
JOSHUA ALAN SPRAGUE  
DANIEL RYAN SPRIESTERSBACH  
SEAN DALE STEPHENS  
SHAWN PATRICK STROUP  
ANDREW CLAY SUTTLES  
LAURA MICHELE SVINARICH  
CLAYTON EDWARD THOMPSON  
ANDREW J. TORZEWSKI  
PHILIP ANTHONY TRUPIANO  
BENJAMIN ALAN UHL  
MATTHEW FRAN VANDERSCHUERE  
NATHAN KARL VANHOOF  
JARRETT PATRARD VIRGIL  
CURTIS WILLIAM VOLTZ  
ANDREW MARK WEIDNER  
KRISTEN EILEEN WESTBY  
JAMES GREGORY WILLIAMS  
CHRISTOPHER GEORGE WILSON  
JOHN JEROME PAN WONNUM  
ANDREW RICHARD WONPAT  
MADISON TONG WOO III  
JOHN PETER ZIMMERMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

ZACHARY M. NUNN

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

DAVID Y. AHN  
MARKUS G. BATEMAN  
SCOTT A. BRYANT  
CODY J. CHRISTENSEN  
COLEMAN K. CHRISTENSEN  
KARA ELIZABETH DERN  
SARAH E. DEVEAUX  
KATYA B. DOLLAR LUONG  
ADAM J. EICHLER  
CALEB J. FRICK  
PEHRSON A. HAWKLEY  
HILLARY R. KEY  
HYUNGJOO T. KIM  
ERIN G. KNOUSE  
SEUNG Y. LEE  
ELIZABETH M. LITMAN  
JEFFREY D. LOBERG  
JOHN R. LOVELL  
KRISTI GOLABER MCELROY  
CHRISTIANNIA L. MOORE  
JENS D. NELSON  
HEATHER DAWN NORTON  
HEATHER ELISE PRATHER  
PAUL T. PRYOR  
SARAH M. RINGDAHL  
SAE EUN SCHLOTTKE  
ASHLEY IVEY SHIELDS  
ALISHA C. SIMMONS  
KIMBERLY N. TONG  
JOHN M. VANN

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

ADAM H. ALTMAN  
ANDREW J. AMACK  
LISA M. ANGOTTI  
MICHAEL R. ARGYLE  
BRACKEN A. ARMSTRONG  
DAVID J. BAILEY  
GREGORY A. BAKER  
NICOLE C. BAKER  
ELISSA R. BALLAS  
AUSTIN R. BALTENSPERGER  
JASON A. BEACHLER  
CHRISTYN M. BEAL RANDOLPH  
BRIAN C. BENTLE  
JACOB R. BERRY  
CLINTON J. BORCHARDT  
JASON A. BURCHETT  
ROBERT R. BYRNE  
STEPHEN D. CAGLE, JR.  
CONNOR M. CAPLES  
KATHERINE M. CARLIN  
GEOFFREY S. CARLSON  
MICHAEL J. CHIAPPONE  
ELLE SOWA CLEAVES  
JACOB COLLIE  
JOHN C. COPELAND  
MICHELLE ANNE CUNNINGHAM  
MICAELA J. DAGUCON  
BRADY S. DAVIS  
STEPHANIE A. DEGEN  
TRAVIS J. DEKKER  
CHRISTOPHER B. DELANGE  
WILLIAM SPENCER DENTEELLIS  
SARA M. DESPAIN  
SARAH MARIE DITCH  
NATHAN M. DROZ  
ROBERT J. EDMONDS  
STEPHANIE MICHELLE EIGHMY  
PAUL M. ELSBERND  
KATE M. ENGLERT  
DANIEL C. ENSLEY  
STEPHEN P. ERLACH  
OSCAR J. ESCANO  
JARRETT JAMES EYER  
JASON E. FISHER  
JARED S. FOLWELL  
JASON T. FORBUSH

ASHLEY J. FUKUOKA  
KARA WILSON GARCIA  
ANDREW J. GAUSEPOHL  
BREANNA L. GAWRYS  
JAMES H. GENTRY  
ELIZABETH M. GOLDEN  
KEVIN T. GOULD  
MATTHEW W. GREENE  
ANDREW J. GROBERG  
REBECCA M. GULLEDGE  
BRADLEY C. HARR  
REBECCA W. HAYES  
ERIC C. HEMPEL  
JONATHAN DELTON HENDERSON  
REYNOLD HENRY

COURTNEY N. HINTZ

MICHELLE L. HOBBS  
JASON J. HOFSTEDE  
GARRETT W. HUCK  
SCOTT T. HULSE

JOHN C. HUNNINGHAKE

ELIAS N. HYDRICK

DOREEN O. JACKSON

MEGHAN L. JARMAN

TYLER W. KALLSEN

DEVIN C. KELLY

COLIN D. KENNEDY

JANE H. KERFORD

DOMINIC C. KIM

MARK A. LAMSON

MICHAEL A. LANG

THUAN H. LE

LAUREN E. M. LEE

MATTHEW H. LINDSEY

BRIT J. LONG

JESSICA M. MALONE

PHILLIP J. MATTHEWS

KYLE R. MCINTOSH

CONNOR B. MCKEOWN

BRIAN C. McMULLIN

PHILLIP MATTHEW MCPEAK

JAMES M. MEDEIROS

JASON A. MINER

DAVID J. MYERS

KELLY E. NAGY

NHU AN T. NGUYEN

LORENA RODRIGUEZ NORTH

ADAM H. OBADI

MEGHAN P. OLSEN

ALEX C. OVERMILLER

VICTOR D. PARKER

PHILIPPE D. PERALTA

ROSS F. PINSON

WILLIAM M. PRYOR

MITCHELL J. RADIGAN

BENJAMIN DANIEL RAMOS

ERIN E. REDDIS

EVAN J. RICHARDS

DAVID C. ROGERS

PATRICK D. SAAS

THEODORE R. SAITZ

CHRISTOPHER D. SANDERS

CHRISTOPHER A. SANDOVAL

MATTHEW B. SANDRIDGE

CHRISTOPHER J. SARDON

ERIC E. SCHOTT

ANDREW G. SHACKLETT

XIAOMING SHI

MERYL A. SIMON LOGAN

SAMANTHA G. SIMPSON

JOSEPH C. SMATHERS

ALEXANDRA J. SMITH

JEFFREY A. SORENSEN

JOHN D. STACEY

CHRISTOPHER J. STEEL

CHRISTINA M. STEINHAUSER

BRIAN D. STEPHENS

JOSHUA B. STIERWALT

JORDAN T. STOUFFER

JEREMY M. STROHAYER

KENNETH L. TANYI

ALAN D. TATE

JONATHAN O. THOMAS

EMILY M. TIBBITS

WILLIAM T. TIMBERLAKE

SCOTT A. TONDER

JONATHAN D. TOPHAM

STEVEN D. TRIGG

ANNA S. TRIKHACHEVA

IAN S. TUZNICK

COLBY C. UPTEGRAFT

VICTOR J. VALLET

DOUGLAS B. WALTON

JEFFERIE M. WILSON

JOHN C. WUELLNER

ADAM N. YOUNG

JASON M. ZHAO

*IN THE ARMY*

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

LAWRENCE M. CSASZAR

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

DAVID A. DELCUADROZIMMERMAN

*IN THE MARINE CORPS*

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

SEAN P. DILLON  
JAMES E. GRAHAM III  
DOUGLAS H. HOWARD  
AMELIA B. KAYS  
CHARLES C. LARSON III  
ROBERT T. MOORE  
JOSHUA B. SIMPSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

SHAWN E. ANDERSON  
TIMOTHY M. AOYAGI  
BRYCE T. ARMSTRONG  
SCOTT B. BAILEY  
LAURIE L. BELLIG  
MILLINDA J. BENITEZ  
MICHAEL R. BOYAJIAN  
MATTHEW R. BROWER  
BRYON J. EDWARDS  
RICHARD J. FISHER  
JAMES E. GALLAGHER  
BLAIR J. GARNER  
ALFRED J. GEOFFRION III  
LORY A. GERDES  
JOEL M. IAMS  
LEE C. KENDON  
ANDREW J. KINGSBURY  
AARON L. KLEIN  
JENNIFER K. LEDFORD  
BRIAN A. LIONBARGER  
DAVID A. MERRITT  
JASON R. MILLER  
DAVID J. PASQUILL  
BRYAN E. PATTERSON  
DINA M. POMABARNES

IAN M. PRATER  
WILLIAM A. SANTMYER  
MARK T. SCHULZ  
WILLIAM G. SKELTON  
RAY B. SLABBEKORN  
KATHERINE A. SPICER  
THOMAS D. STAPLETON III  
JEFFREY H. STEWART  
ANDREA M. STOVER  
ADAM J. SUTTON  
JOHN A. TEMPONE, JR.  
JEREMY R. YAUCK  
JOSEPH J. ZWILLER

## IN THE NAVY

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

*To be captain*

STEPHANIE K. HAYES

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

*To be captain*

MEGAN M. GRUBBS

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

*To be captain*

MATTHEW W. ROSE

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

*To be captain*

BENJAMIN C. WAITE

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

*To be captain*

BENJAMIN D. FITZHARRIS

## IN THE SPACE FORCE

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

KEVIN F. CHAMPAIGNE

## IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS OF THE COAST GUARD PERMANENT COMMISSIONED TEACHING STAFF FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTIONS 1944 AND 2126:

*To be captain*

VICTORIA C. FUTCH

*To be commander*

NICHOLAS C. CUSTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER, THE COAST GUARD BAND DIRECTOR, FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 336(B):

*To be captain*

ADAM R. WILLIAMSON