

closed its doors due to the coronavirus pandemic. In April 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program, a small business relief program that I was proud to author. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and nonprofits who maintain their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jeff and Beth used their PPP loan to keep their business operating until Florida allowed gyms to reopen. Bayshore Fit pivoted to provide virtual classes and video training sessions. When they reopened, Bayshore Fit developed an outdoor workout facility. They also introduced a Bayshore Fit app to manage workout class schedules and the number of people allowed to enter the gym.

Bayshore Fit exemplifies the unique role of relationship-driven small businesses in building communities. I commend their support to youth athletics programs and promoting public health.

Congratulations to Jeff, Beth, and the entire team at Bayshore Fit. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA TORPY

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Brenda Torpy, who is retiring this month after decades of service at Champlain Housing Trust. Brenda is not only a leader and ally in the fight for affordable housing, she is a longtime friend.

When I was elected mayor of Burlington, VT, in 1981, I knew I had a unique opportunity to change the way things were done, and to serve working families and others who had been left behind by past administrations. My vision was for a municipal government that worked for every one and increased fairness and equity so that all Burlington residents could get ahead. At the time, far too many residents were struggling to keep up with rising housing costs due to gentrification and development, and owning their own home—a hallmark of the American dream—felt like an impossible goal. I wanted to change that.

My vision for housing in Burlington could never have become a reality without Brenda and her work to establish a community land trust in Vermont. Brenda served as the city's first housing director in the newly created Community and Economic Development Office—CEDO—a role in which she demonstrated remarkable talent and dedication. It was Brenda and her colleagues who proposed the idea of a community land trust, which was a novel idea at the time. Thanks to their work with the Institute for Community Economics and their successful engagement with the community, this innovative model for affordable housing came to the city of Burlington and was established as the Burlington Community Land Trust, now the Champlain Housing Trust. The trust did some-

thing truly transformative: Through shared equity, it gave low-income people access to homeownership that was never possible before. Because the land trust remains affordable in perpetuity, the homes are still affordable today and will remain so long into the future.

From her role at CEDO, Brenda went on to play a pivotal role in the Champlain Housing Trust's growth and success. She served as the first board president and, in 1991, became the executive director. Nearly 30 years later, the Champlain Housing Trust is the world's largest community land trust, with 2,600 affordable homes, including 566 designated for shared equity ownership; more than 6,000 members; and nearly \$300 million in assets. The Champlain Housing Trust has not only benefited Burlington area residents and Vermonters. Brenda has used her talent and dedication to assist countless communities around the country interested in starting their own programs, making the work of the trust a national and international model, now established in it at least 23 States and 8 countries. Additionally, as an active member of the Neighborworks Alliance of Vermont, Brenda partnered with other housing organizations to assist Vermonters all across our State.

I am extremely pleased to see community land trusts serving people worldwide, and remain incredibly proud that the model was spearheaded in my hometown of Burlington, VT. While much work remains to achieve our shared goal of making affordable housing a human right, I am enormously grateful to Brenda for her career-long dedication to achieving this vision. With Brenda's retirement at the end of this year, we will lose an exceptional leader in the housing community, but I am confident that her contributions will not be forgotten. The Champlain Housing Trust and its portfolio represent an impressive legacy, but perhaps even more impressive is the enduring positive impact her work has had on the countless lives changed thanks to affordable housing. Because of Brenda, older Vermonters on fixed incomes are able to stay in their homes; New Americans and refugees can provide stability for their families as they adapted to a new culture and community; single parents can rely on a safe, consistent home in which to raise their children; and young homeowners can break the cycle of poverty by purchasing an asset that will grow in value over time. Quite simply, Vermont and Vermonters are better off today because of Brenda.

Becoming executive director of the Trust the same year I arrived in Washington, it is no exaggeration to say Brenda lent her expertise to me generously throughout my time in Congress. There was never an instance when my staff and I could not rely on Brenda to provide expert insights on the housing challenges we still face, and to put a human face on what can seem like abstract and intractable problems. She

also brought great energy and innovation to this work, and her bold thinking—one of the qualities that made her indispensable in my municipal administration—will also be sorely missed. I count Brenda among my closest allies in affordable housing, and I have greatly appreciated working alongside her for nearly four decades. She has been a tremendous colleague and friend. I wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 134. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking.

S. 578. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 1014. An act to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 2258. An act to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.

S. 2904. An act to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future, and for other purposes.

S. 3703. An act to amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 4902. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 351 South West Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, as the "Orrin G. Hatch United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 631. An act for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar.

H.R. 683. An act to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA").

H.R. 1375. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency of Medicare secondary payer reporting information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2477. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to notify individuals approaching Medicare eligibility, to simplify and modernize the eligibility enrollment process, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4225. An act for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera.

H.R. 7146. An act for the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez.

H.R. 7572. An act for the relief of Median El-Moustrah.

H.R. 8161. An act to authorize implementation grants to community-based nonprofits to operate one-stop reentry centers.

H.R. 8235. An act to provide for the modernization of electronic case management systems, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8354. An act to establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1811. An act to make technical corrections to the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8900. An act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 631. An act for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 683. An act to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA"); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1375. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency of Medicare secondary payer reporting information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2477. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to notify individuals approaching Medicare eligibility, to simplify and modernize the eligibility enrollment process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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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-6069. A communication from the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Position Limits for Derivatives" (RIN3038-AD99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6070. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Clearing Requirement Exemptions" (RIN3038-AE33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6071. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessing Contractor Implementation of Cybersecurity Requirements" (RIN0750-AJ81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6072. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 529A: Qualified ABLE Programs" ((RIN1545-BP10) (TD 9923)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6073. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transparency in Coverage" ((RIN1545-BP32) (TD 9916)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6074. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6075. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Council Resolution 23-350, "Sense of the Council Opposing Implementation of Public Charge Rule Resolution of 2020"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-263. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 24

Whereas, Hurricane Laura made landfall along the coast of Louisiana on August 27, 2020, as a category four storm, becoming the strongest storm in Louisiana history and causing an estimated ten billion dollars in damage from the southwestern to the northern part of the state; and

Whereas, Hurricane Laura created an estimated one billion six hundred million dollar

loss to the Louisiana agriculture industry, including a loss of one million eight hundred thousand dollars to the livestock sector alone; and

Whereas, an estimated one hundred one thousand poultry, one hundred thirty cattle, and a dozen horses died as a direct result of the storm and the extreme health and insect conditions that followed; and

Whereas, Louisiana was hit directly by Hurricane Delta on October 9, 2020, causing more catastrophic damage to many of the same areas of the state as Hurricane Laura; and

Whereas, Hurricane Delta likely created numerous additional losses to the Louisiana agriculture industry, including livestock, the extent of which will only be known after surveys and research of the industry can be conducted; and

Whereas, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the Livestock Indemnity Program, within the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide benefits to eligible livestock owners or contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss conditions, including adverse weather, disease, and attacks; and

Whereas, the United States Congress neglected to fund the Livestock Indemnity Program properly, creating a situation where Louisiana livestock producers are unable to utilize the program at a time when it is needed most to offset losses created by Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-264. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass a stimulus plan that includes funds for unemployment, housing, local government, struggling businesses, education, and health care; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 30

Whereas, since surging around the globe into a worldwide pandemic earlier this year, the COVID-19 virus has taken an enormous economic and human toll across countries and continents, crippling heretofore healthy citizens and industries; and

Whereas, to help states with costs for COVID-19 mitigation and response measures, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; and

Whereas, measures designed to protect the health and safety of Louisiana's populace from the COVID-19 virus have also had a negative impact on the economic fortunes of many of those same citizens through lost or reduced income from closures, capacity restrictions, and other public health measures; and

Whereas, the cost of this highly infectious pandemic to Louisiana businesses, citizens, and local and state government continues to rise; and

Whereas, the unprecedented number of unemployment insurance claims due to COVID-19 has drained the state's previously robust unemployment insurance trust fund; and