

Motown vocalists Mary Wilson and Wanda Young. Although these icons are no longer with us, their contributions will live on, and their accomplishments have shattered glass ceilings for future generations of women. May we honor their work and memory with a commitment to empower and support future women leaders.

But the future is bright. In the 117th Congress, we have reached a new high-water mark for women in politics, as more women are now serving in elected office than ever before. There are now 148 women serving in Congress: 124 women in the House of Representatives and 24 women in the U.S. Senate. Just last year, the Senate confirmed Janet Yellen to be the first female Treasury Secretary. Just recently, President Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be the Nation's first Black woman as a Supreme Court Justice.

These are exciting times for women indeed, and much progress has been made. Yet we still have a lot of work cut out for us. We must come together to address the ongoing pandemic, which has had devastating consequences for the health of our country and economy. The pandemic has also uniquely harmed women and girls—especially women of color. A disproportionate number of women have lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic and are often unable to maintain work commitments with children learning from home while schools are closed. This unequal harm endured by women during the pandemic reminds us that the march toward equality is yet to be done. We must continue our work to ensure fairness and equity for women everywhere.

As we convene to celebrate Women's History Month, I ask my colleagues to celebrate with me how far we have come and to continue the fight for the progress of all women—especially those who are struggling during these trying times.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 537) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3757

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3757) to prohibit the importation of crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products,

liquefied natural gas, and coal from the Russian Federation.

Mr. SCHUMER. In order to place the bill on the calendar, under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

##### SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself and Senator CRAPO to express grave concern with the vulnerability of supply chains and the long-term implications if we do not act now to develop a secure supply chain of critical minerals. In light of the aggression shown by our adversaries, supply chain security is more important than ever.

Our Nation is at a crossroads; Russia has invaded Ukraine. At the same time, China continues to use economic coercion to control global markets and shape countries' political decisions. With Congress' support, this administration must take drastic and targeted measures to ensure our Nation takes the right path to advance U.S. competitiveness and maintain a strong position in domestic and foreign markets, including critical minerals production.

Critical minerals are vital to the emerging technologies that will underpin the future economic well-being and prosperity of this Nation. In recognition of these important minerals, under President Trump, the Department of the Interior developed a list of 35 critical minerals, a process that Congress later codified. That list, just last week, expanded to 50. Our home State of Idaho is rich in many of these minerals—some of which are fundamental to energy and national security applications—such as antimony and cobalt.

Antimony and cobalt serve as critical components in grid storage batteries and other electrification implements essential to providing reliable energy sources to American homes and businesses. In addition to its energy contribution, antimony serves as a critical component of ammunition, armaments, and other national security platforms. Although these minerals serve as essential components in highly utilized U.S. products, 53 percent of antimony comes from China, and another 23 percent comes from Russia. Most cobalt is sourced from the Democratic

Republic of the Congo—DRC—where the Chinese Government has subsidized companies that engage in nontransparent practices, dominate the industry, and undermine the prosperity and rights of the Congolese.

Aside from mineral production, Idaho is responsible for cutting-edge mineral research. We are proud to be the home of the Idaho National Lab, the Nation's premier nuclear energy laboratory, whose research is paramount to any future clean energy strategy. Unfortunately, the Biden administration chose to remove uranium from the critical minerals list, which leaves the Nation's nuclear fleet even more reliant on Russian fuel.

As tensions rise with Russia and the potential of additional sanctions loom, China will look to take advantage of the void left by Russia's isolation in the market. While we need to take strong actions on Russia, the reality is that we source many of our raw minerals from them. As we tighten our grip on their financial system and exports, we must prioritize domestic sourcing and reduce our reliance on countries like Russia and China.

The time is now for this administration to take real action to prioritize a strong domestic supply chain for these essential minerals. We do not want to compromise any of our environmental or other standards. We are simply calling on the administration to prioritize the timely completion of the permits of currently proposed projects so we may take back control of a fundamental piece of many of our essential industries: critical minerals production.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING HELEN SELIG

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the life and service of former Hot Springs mayor Helen Selig.

Selig was a beloved member of the Hot Springs community and made a substantial difference in the lives of so many Arkansans. She not only served as mayor of Hot Springs from 1994–2000, but also played a crucial role in fulfilling countless projects aimed at bettering the city.

As mayor, Selig saw great success throughout her 6-year tenure, and it was something that was recognized by citizens and leaders alike. Hot Springs city manager Bill Burrough reflected that, "Hot Springs is truly a better place because of her passion, the work that she did, and her influence. When Helen Selig was involved, people would listen."

Selig has been praised widely for her involvement in a variety of community projects, including the construction of the convention center. In the recent weeks, dozens of local leaders have been outspoken in their praise and gratitude for her dedication to Hot Springs.

In 1992, Selig was already making waves as a well-known leader of a group advocating for Hot Springs to be chosen as the location for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science, and the Arts. This school did end up being located in the so-called Spa City and has helped so many students with bright minds flourish throughout our State.

Her lifetime of service to her community and neighbors extended far beyond her time as an elected leader. She was a founding member of the Arkansas Women's Leadership Forum, as well as the Women's Foundation of Arkansas, in addition to volunteering for several organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Hot Springs Parks Board of Directors, R.E.G.A.R.D., YMCA Board of Directors, Hot Springs Music Festival—board of directors—Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity, Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, the Lotus Book Club, and Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club. Time and time again, Helen Selig exhibited her firm commitment to the people of Hot Springs.

I am so grateful for Mayor Selig's dedication to serving her community and truly making a difference in the lives of those around her. I want to take this time to pray for her family in their time of grief and reassure them that Helen's memory will live on through the great work she has done for Arkansas.●

#### REMEMBERING ART BROWN

● Mr. RISCHE. Mr. President, along with my colleague Senator Mike Crapo, I rise today to recognize Arthur Brown, a long-time resident of Idaho, a wonderful citizen, and a tremendous contributor to Idaho. Art died on February 9, 2022, having lived a full, rich and meaningful life.

Art was born October 27, 1940, in Germiston, South Africa, the eldest of three children. Art attended school in Germiston and went on to study at Witwatersrand Technical Institute, earning a mining engineering degree. Soon after graduating, he left his homeland to work for the Cementation Company in Nelson, British Columbia, Canada in 1962. It was in Nelson where he met Tiia, an immigrant from Estonia, and the woman who would become his wife. Together, Art and Tiia had three daughters, Lisa, Hayley, and Laura.

Art arrived in Wallace, ID, in June of 1967, where he became an industrial engineer for Hecla Mining Company. He worked hard and was eventually promoted to mine superintendent at the Lucky Friday Mine. While living in the beautiful Silver Valley, Art thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors, often taking his family skiing and camping. Art, Tiia, and their two daughters who were born in Canada celebrated becoming U.S. citizens in 1972.

Art ascended the ranks at Hecla, becoming president in 1986, the same year the company moved its headquarters to

Coeur d'Alene, ID. Art reached the pinnacle of his career when he was made Hecla's CEO and chairman of the board. In 2003, Art retired from Hecla, marking the end of a remarkable career that spanned four decades.

An accomplished businessman and corporate leader, Art was also a dedicated family man, making time to travel and support his daughters at ski races, basketball games, tennis matches, and horse shows. And ever the proud grandfather, he supported his four grandchildren at football, basketball and baseball games, cross-country meets, golf tournaments, and soccer matches.

Art shared his enthusiasm for life with everyone he knew and was always willing to listen and help solve problems. He was genuinely interested in the people he met and was loved by many. Art will be missed, but not forgotten.

We are proud to have known Art Brown, for the example he set for business, for the contributions he made in his community, and for the way he loved and supported his family. On behalf of so many in our great State, we honor Art Brown today and express our heartfelt thanks to him for a lifetime of service to others.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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.)

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3757. A bill to prohibit the importation of crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, liquefied natural gas, and coal from the Russian Federation.

#### 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-3309. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and Privacy Management Report; to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropria-

tions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3310. A communication from the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties semiannual report for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 2021 (April 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021); to the Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3311. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Operation Allies Welcome Afghan Evacuee Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-113. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the Caddo Parish, Louisiana urging and requesting the United States Congress to pass the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act of 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3764. A bill to authorize United States Government efforts to promote and protect Internet freedom in countries where the freedom of information is under threat; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3765. A bill to provide assistance to American fisheries participants to comply with Federal regulations to protect the endangered North Atlantic right whale by reducing the risk of incidental entanglement in fishing gear; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3766. A bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3767. A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 3768. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to implement the industry-recognized apprenticeship program process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3769. A bill to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the weatherization assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.