

stories that mattered most to Black Washingtonians. Sandy was dedicated to a vision of eastern Washington where Black people could come together as a community and worked hard to make that vision a reality by helping create the Carl Maxey Center. The Carl Maxey Center is a testament to Sandy's legacy; it remains a hub of economic, social, and cultural activity in Spokane. It provides rental assistance, social services, business support, resources for students, and more. It helps plan beloved events like Unity in the Community and the Riverfront Park Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. And it will continue to be an example of Sandy's steadfast commitment to community.

Through her advocacy, through her example, and through her action to make dreams realities, Sandy made Washington State a fairer, more just place, and her legacy and impact will endure for generations to come.

Sandy is survived by her daughter Renika, her brother Rick, and many loved ones in Spokane.●

RECOGNIZING THE HITCHING POST AND OLD COUNTRY STORE OF AURORA, KENTUCKY

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as a ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize The Hitching Post and Old Country Store of Aurora, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

For generations, Land Between the Lakes has been one of the premier travel destinations in Western Kentucky. The gorgeous strip of land nestled between lakes Barkley and Kentucky contains breathtaking nature scenes, a plethora of outdoor activities, and numerous local businesses that visitors travel from far and wide to enjoy. A local favorite among those many businesses is The Hitching Post and Old Country Store. Located on 4 and a half acre property on the western side of Kentucky Lake, The Hitching Post and Old Country Store first opened their doors to customers in 1941. The structures themselves are over 200 years old, but starting with the Perryman family in 1941, three families of stewards have maintained these stores in all their historic glory. Today, the stores are owned by Su Festen and her husband Tom Trenkle, who ventured south from Illinois to buy the property in 2008. In the years since, Su will tell you that she has grown a Southern heart, which is more than evident in the warm hospitality she shows to all who dawn her doors.

Though The Hitching Post and the Old Country Store needed some notable maintenance when it came into Tom and Su's hands, they both decided to maintain the old-fashioned nature to

the interior of the stores. Su was inspired to perpetuate the historic feeling of the property on her first day on the job as one of the very first patrons to come in was a fourth-generation customer with an abundance of love for these two stores. From then on, Su and her husband ensured that The Hitching Post and Old Country Store would be a place where everyone from out of town travelers to generational customers and locals could come to reminisce, remember, and enjoy the simpler things that only a small-town small business could provide.

When travelers traverse the beautiful land between lakes Barkley and Kentucky, they are confronted with the abounding beauty of the landscape surrounding them. Given this gorgeous scenery, it would be easy to overlook the charming shops around them. This is not the case for patrons of The Hitching Post and its neighboring Old Country Store. Customers are struck by the old-fashioned interior which harkens back to memories from a simpler time. From the stacks of local fruit preserves and canned country favorites, to spiced apple cider, customers are reminded of a time when local produce was the all that was available before the days of instant gratification fostered by online shopping and rapid delivery.

Not only are the two stores brimming over with charm, the two provide a wide variety of products to satisfy every traveler. If you are looking for something sweet to snack on for the trip home, you will find a delightful selection of homemade fudge and crates filled to the brim with saltwater taffy and old-fashioned candy. However, there is one offering that sticks out above all the others. As soon as you enter the Old Country Store, your eyes are immediately drawn to the towering wall of old-fashioned glass bottled sodas that line the back wall of the store. With over 200 different flavors offered, ranging from classic root beers to seasonal soda recipes, it is nearly impossible to choose what unique sodas to try, which is one of the many reasons why customers often return to The Hitching Post and Old Country Store year after year. To brighten up the weekends of their customers, Su and Tom created their weekly All-American Soda Showdown. From May to September, the most indecisive or adventurous customer can come in Sunday afternoons to sample both new and old flavors of soda the Old Country Store has to offer.

However, both The Hitching Post and Old Country Stores have more than just sweet treats for the car ride home. Customers can also find a collection of retro toys and trinkets that introduce new generations to the beloved pastimes of their parents and grandparents. Family of some of the previous owners of the stores were avid collectors of unique items and oddities. Customers are encouraged to peruse

their treasure trove of antiques and vintage novelties great for giving as gifts or keeping for home decor. One notable item on display is a moonshine still designed by Casey Jones, a famous Prohibition-era moonshiner whose brew was enjoyed by notable mob-boss Al Capone. Even upon exiting the stores visitors will encounter an array of impressive chainsaw carvings of forest creatures and mythical characters hand-crafted by talented local artisans.

There is something about family vacations that is uniquely American. The places that families travel for both relaxation and recreation hold a special place in the hearts of those who visit them. All across the country are areas like Land Between the Lakes whose beauty is enjoyed by generations of families who bring their children and grandchildren to relish in the wonder they themselves appreciated as children. Part of this landscape are small businesses like The Hitching Post and Old Country Store that bravely confront the onward march of time. Though their original customers have aged over the 81 years that they have been open, the stores themselves remain ageless, as they look just like they did since that first year of operation in 1941. For decades, these stores have been serving local Kentuckians and travelers alike, and it is clear that they will be cherished for generations to come. Congratulations to Tom Trenkle and Su Festen, along with the entire team at The Hitching Post and Old Country Store. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

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-4787. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benoxacor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9925-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4788. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribenuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9952-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4789. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IN-11693: Oxirane, 2-methyl-, polymer with oxirane, di-(9Z)-9-octadecenoate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9983-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streptomyces sp. strain K61; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9963-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4791. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Regulations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paleontological Resources Preservation" (RIN1093-AA25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4792. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clearing Requirement Determination Under Section 2(h) of the Commodity Exchange Act for Interest Rate Swaps to Account for the Transition from LIBOR and Other IBORs to Alternative Reference Rates" (RIN3038-AF18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4793. A communication from the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4794. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim response to a reporting requirement relative to World War I and Korean War era superfund facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4795. 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-4796. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Industrial Base Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim response to a reporting requirement relative to the total level of expenditures for fiscal year 2021 and the requested level of funding for fiscal year 2022 for all contracts

for advertising services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4797. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, in light of the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4798. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4799. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 108th Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Board covering operations for calendar year 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4800. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; Updated Regulations in Light of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019, and for Other Purposes" (31 CFR Part 50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4801. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Final Report on the National Emergency Declared in Executive Order 13953: Addressing the Threat to the Domestic Supply Chain from Reliance on Critical Minerals from Foreign Adversaries and Supporting the Domestic Mining and Processing Industries"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4802. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4803. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limited Applicability of Consumer Financial Protection Act's 'Time or Space' exception with Respect to Digital Marketing Providers" (12 CFR Chapter X) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4804. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Direct Expansion—Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems" (RIN1904-AE46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2022; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4805. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Agency's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2022 through 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4806. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department" (FRL No. 9217-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4807. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Delaware; Revision of Regulation for Sulfur Content of Fuel Oil" (FRL No. 9440-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4808. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connecticut: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 9580-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4809. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9794-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4810. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Alabama; NOx SIP Call" (FRL No. 9884-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4811. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Various Fragrance Components; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9924-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4812. A communication from the Branch of Administrative Support Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of Smooth Coneflower from Endangered to Threatened with a Section 4(d) Rule" (RIN1018-BD83) received on August 1, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4813. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina: Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 9935-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4814. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval;

New Hampshire; Rules for Particulate Emissions from Open Sources" (FRL No. 9734-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4815. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval; Missouri; Construction Permits Required" (FRL No. 9935-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4816. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4817. A communication from the Manager of the Branch of Listing Policy and Support, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-BD84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4818. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Arkansas" (FRL No. 9262-02-R6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4819. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern County Air Pollution Control District and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 10020-01-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4820. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist of the Division of Bird Conservation Permits and Regulations, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final 2022-23 Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-BF07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4821. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deadlines for Submission and Recordation of Allowance Allocations Under the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Trading Programs and the Texas SO₂ Trading Program" (FRL No. 8670.1-01-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4822. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of the Reformulated Gasoline Program from the Southern Maine Area" (FRL No. 9847-01-OAR) (RIN2060-AV75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4823. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Albuquerque-Bernalillo County, New Mexico; Excess Emissions" (FRL No. 9878-02-R6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4824. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; New Mexico; Interstate Transport Requirements for 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9889-02-R6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4825. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Oil and Natural Gas Control Measures" (FRL No. 9927-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4826. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4827. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program and Value-Based Purchasing Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2023; Changes to the Requirements for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services and Physical Environment Requirements in Long-Term Care Facilities" (RIN0938-AU17) (RIN0938-AT36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4828. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2023 Rates (CMS-1771-F)" (RIN0938-AU84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4829. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Repair Duties for

Vessels Entering U.S. Ports" (RIN1651-AB41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4830. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information to State Officials Regarding Tax-Exempt Organizations" (RIN1545-BI29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4831. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radiation Oncology (RO) Model" (RIN0938-AT89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 4808. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform retirement provisions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-142).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2028.

Richard E. DiZinno, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2023.

Brian A. Kyes, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Stephen D. Lynn, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 4802. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. PADILLA):