

I will also say that I am concerned that despite this heightened attention to medication shortages, these Agencies appear to be solely focused on production at the national level, and there is no real connection to the local pharmacy window. We know that when we finally took away the grail—the Holy Grail—from the pharmaceutical companies and that Medicare could negotiate to hold down, you know, prices, one of the reasons we did is that we knew this issue really mattered at the pharmacy window. That is when people in New Jersey and Oregon and everywhere else want to have available drugs and have them made affordable. It has to become local.

Further, it is important not just to focus on the production and availability of these drugs like Adderall but to ensure that the generic equivalents are broadly available and recognized as a part of access for patients. For instance, a copay for the generic medicine could be \$10. If it is not available, and after the pharmacy spends 45 minutes on the phone with the patient's insurance company and the patient, the name brand Adderall could be approved, but even with insurance, the patient could face a copay of anywhere from \$75 to \$200.

For all of those families in America who are walking an economic tightrope in balancing their food bill against their fuel bill and their fuel bill against their rent bill, they are not going to be in a position to pay these constantly escalating prices, and, you know, when you are trying to feed your family, you might make your own health your lowest priority.

So the Federal Agencies need to help manufacturers get better at reporting spikes in consumer demand for important medicines that they are going to have a hard time meeting, and Congress has to work on making it a requirement—a requirement—for the manufacturers to report this information.

I am going to close by offering a really radical idea: that the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration get together and work this out, because it is not about Democrats and Republicans. I am a Democrat, and the Republicans sit over there. This has nothing to do with that—nothing—but it has everything to do with the proposition that Americans deserve better. These Agencies that I have cited ought to give a full explanation to the American people about what they are doing now, what they are doing a month from now, and what they are going to be doing until they get this fixed.

In my call to these two Agencies, I believe—and I know the Presiding Officer does—that Americans ought to be able to get the healthcare they need when they need it, and right now, too many Americans are suffering because they can't, particularly with respect to those who need medicines to deal with ADHD.

We are hurting people's lives. In the worst case, I believe Americans may be using drugs not prescribed by their doctors as a result of all of this bedlam I have described.

I will tell the Presiding Officer, in wrapping up, you know—and he and I have talked about this—that I was the co-director for the Oregon Gray Panthers for many years, and this has been the area of healthcare I have really tried to specialize in because I have always felt that if you and your loved ones don't have your healthcare, everything else goes by the board. I don't recall very many examples of this kind of dysfunction. I don't know any other way to sum it up. This kind of dysfunction is unacceptable to the millions of Americans who need this medicine.

So I am going to stay at it. I know the Presiding Officer well enough to know that he feels strongly about helping exactly these kinds of people. It is a problem that is hammering families from one end of the country to another. It is particularly hard right now as we speak on the folks I represent in rural Oregon, the folks I am going to see at the townhall meetings here in a few days. We are going to stay at it until we get it fixed.

I yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Calendar No. 167, Eric G. Olshan to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Eric G. Olshan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Olshan nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WYDEN. 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 RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC

• Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recognize the patriots and healers that work at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System's Russellville Community Based Outpatient Clinic. Those exceptional men and women have honored President Lincoln's famous admonition: "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."

The clinic's nurses and doctors care for over 2,300 veterans in the area and facilitate 14,000 appointments each year. Since it opened 13 years ago, this place of healing has treated and restored the health of tens of thousands of veterans and their family members. As important as the quantity of patients they serve is the quality of the service these caregivers provide. And the Russellville clinic is renowned for showing their patients the respect and attention that veterans deserve.

One patient, 98-year-old World War II veteran Jock Davis, was so grateful for the Russellville clinic's professional and diligent care, that he is helping organize a June 23 ceremony thanking the employees. I join my fellow Arkansans in gratitude for this clinic and its selfless public servants.

The employees at the Russellville clinic are fulfilling a sacred covenant between the Nation and its veterans. Every man and woman in uniform who serves our country should know that when they return to civilian life, they will be cared for and honored by the Nation they sacrificed to defend.

The doctors and nurses of Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System's Russellville Community Based Outpatient Clinic are making our State and country proud. God bless them, God bless our veterans, and God bless the United States of America. •

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DWORSHAK DAM

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH and Representative RUSS FULCHER, we congratulate Dworshak staff on the dam's 50-year anniversary.

Dedicated on June 15, 1973, the Dworshak Dam, located on the North Fork Clearwater River, has been an important flood control and power generator for 50 years. Following its congressional authorization in 1962 and construction that began in 1966, the dam's flood damage reduction became operational in June 1972, with power generation coming online in March 1973. In addition to the dam, the project also includes Dworshak Reservoir lands, powerhouse, recreation facilities, wildlife mitigation and Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, which is considered to be the world's largest steelhead hatchery.

The USACE Walla Walla District notes the dam is the highest straight-axis concrete dam in the Western Hemisphere, with only two other dams in the U.S. exceeding its height. USACE credits the project with preventing millions of dollars in flood damage since the project became operational, while generating 1.35 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in fiscal year 2017 alone, and providing substantial recreational and wildlife benefits.

Dworshak staff are recognizing the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the dam with a celebration and public tours. We join in commending the hard work of both current and past Dworshak staff in operating this remarkable part of our great State and country's infrastructure. Congratulations to all Dworshak staff and surrounding communities on this outstanding milestone.●

RECOGNIZING THE VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY BOWLING TEAM

• Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BLACKBURN and myself, a Vanderbilt alumnus, we would like to congratulate the Vanderbilt University bowling team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association—NCAA—championship, the third national championship for the women's bowling program and the sixth national championship in Commodore athletic history.

The Commodores were a dominating force during the 2022–2023 season, compiling a 98–29 record and winning four tournament championships including a regional NCAA crown. Five team members earned All-America honors with Mabel Cummins, a neuroscience senior, being named the national player of the year. The team earned an outstanding 3.559 GPA and placed seven members on the Dean's List.

This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work, talent, and teamwork of the following outstanding student athletes: Alyssa Ballard, Kailee Channell, Mabel Cummins, Kaylee Hitt, Amelia Kiefer, Jennifer Loredo, Amanda Naujokas, Paige Peters, Caroline Thesier, and Victoria Varano.

John Williamson, the head coach of the Vanderbilt bowling team, was named the national coach of the year for the fourth time and has led the program since its inception in 2004. Over the past 19 years, Coach Williamson has transformed Commodore bowling into one of the Nation's finest, winning both on the lanes and in the classroom. Coach Williamson should also be commended for combining athletic excellence with academics as well as international service experiences.

These student athletes were coached and mentored by a dedicated team of coaches and athletic department staff, including: head coach John Williamson, associate head coach Josie Barnes, deputy athletic director Dr. Kristene Kelly, associate athletic

trainer Alda Burston, associate director of strength and conditioning Darren Edginton, assistant director of event management Renee Mackin, assistant director of student services Max Martin, sports dietitian Jasmine Gilbert, and head of athletic communications Rod Williamson.

We would also like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Vanderbilt University athletic director Candice Storey Lee, an alumna and former Vanderbilt women's basketball player.

Congratulations, Commodores. We are proud of you.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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-1453. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal to amend the utility incentive program authority to clarify the authorized duration of utility incentive programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1454. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal to amend Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the borrower to pay in full or in part the cost of any modification to a direct loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1455. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal to amend the Federal Energy Efficiency Fund Grant Authority to Assist Agencies in Decarbonizing Federal Fleets and Associated Infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1456. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1457. A communication from the Associate Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications" (RIN3150-AI49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1458. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Capital Region; Change of Address" (RIN1024-AE84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1459. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for Wright's Marsh Thistle With a Section 4(d) Rule and Designation of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-BC34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1460. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule for Big Creek Crayfish and St. Francis River Crayfish and Designation of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-BD98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1461. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for South Llano Springs Moss" (RIN1018-BD20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1462. 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; California; Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 10217-03-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1463. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Testing Provisions for Air Emission Sources; Correction" (FRL No. 8335-05-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1464. 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; ID; State Board Composition" (FRL No. 10190-02-R10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1465. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Plans; 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; Clean Fuels for Fleets; California" (FRL No. 10470-