

Chuck says one of his greatest honors during his time in the military was swearing his son Jarrod into the U.S. Army in 2013. Jarrod carries on Chuck's love of flying as a UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief.

Chuck continues to use his aviation skills as a mechanical assembler for Collins Aerospace. He works on Boeing 787 inlets to keep our military and commercial planes safe and efficient. Chuck also gives back to local agencies through his involvement in the Marshalls krewes.

We are thankful for Alabamians like Chuck who have put country ahead of self to protect our freedom. I am proud to recognize him as the August Veteran of the Month.●

#### 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.)

#### 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-1779. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10679-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1780. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerances; Implementing Registration Review Decisions for Certain Pesticides; Aluminum tris (O-ethylphosphonate), Carbon disulfide, et al.; Technical Correction" (RIN2070-ZA16) (FRL No. 10840-02-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1781. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10953-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1782. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indaziflam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 11131-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1783. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "N-(n-Octyl)-2-pyrrolidone in Pesticide Formulations; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 11166-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1784. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium Salt of Acifluorfen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11130-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1785. 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-1786. 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 13224 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1787. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1788. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 4.27 Rev 0, 'Use Of Plant Parameter Envelope In Early Site Permit Applications for Nuclear Power Plants'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1789. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.163 Rev 1, 'Performance-based Containment Leak-Test Program'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1790. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.152 Rev 4, 'Criteria for Programmable Digital Devices in Safety-Related Systems of Nuclear Power Plants'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1791. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Frequently Asked Question, 2022-01 HHS Lab Audits" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1792. 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; Designation of Experimental Populations" (RIN1018-BF98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1793. 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; West Virginia; 2022 Amendments to West Virginia's Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 10083-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1794. 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; State of Missouri; Construction Permits by Rule" (FRL No. 10826-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1795. 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 Approvals; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District, Imperial and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts; Non-attainment New Source Review; 2015 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9514-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1796. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 10606-02-R8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1797. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey; New Jersey 2017 Periodic Emission Inventory SIP for the Ozone Nonattainment Area and PM2.5/ Regional Haze Areas, New Jersey Nonattainment Emission Inventory for 2008 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 10785-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1798. 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; Illinois; Base Year Emissions Inventory for the 2015 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 11148-02-R5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1799. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Hampshire: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 11231-02-R1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1800. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used by Dual-Eligible Enrollees: 2023"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1801. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Guidance on the Transition from Interbank Offer Rates to Other Reference Rates with Respect to the interest Rates of a Foreign Bank" (RIN1545-BO91) (TD 9976) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1802. 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; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 and Updates to the IRF Quality Reporting Program" (RIN0938-AV04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1803. 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; FY 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update, Hospice Conditions of Participation Updates, Hospice Quality Reporting Program Requirements, and Hospice Certifying Physician Provider Enrollment Requirements" (RIN0938-AV10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1804. 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; FY 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System - Rate Update" (RIN0938-AV06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1805. 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; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2024 Rates; Quality Programs and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program Requirements for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals; Rural Emergency Hospital and Physician-Owned Hospital Requirements; and Provider and Supplier Disclosure of Ownership; and Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments; Counting Certain Days Associated with Section 1115 Demonstration in the Medicaid Fraction" (RIN0938-AV08) (RIN0938-AV17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1806. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1807. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 506(a) (1) and Section 614(a) (1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1808. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1809. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2023-0052 - 2023-0061); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1810. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1811. A communication from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of the Form LM-10 Employer Report" (RIN1245-AA13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1812. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act; Implementation" (RIN0970-AC92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1813. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's fiscal year 2022 Actuarial Evaluation of the Expected Operations and Status of the PBGC Funds received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1814. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1815. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-154, "Rent Stabilized Housing Inflation Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1816. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-155, "Medical Cannabis Manufacturer Clarification Temporary Amend-

ment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1817. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-156, "Law Enforcement Arrest Authority Technical Correction Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1818. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-157, "Special Education for young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1819. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-158, "Office of Administrative Hearings Jurisdiction Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1820. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-159, "Washington Wizards Motor Vehicle Identification Tags Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1821. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-160, "Pride Plates Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1852. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program.

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2333. A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

#### 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. CASSIDY:

S. 2727. A bill to preclude the Department of Labor from allowing the Deputy Secretary to serve as the Secretary of Labor indefinitely; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2728. A bill to encourage reduction of disposable plastic products in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.