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I want to thank Shawn for the dedication to our office. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team.

TRIBUTE TO CASSIE HENGEL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Cassie for her hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Cassie is a native of Buffalo. She attends the University of Wyoming, where she studies environment and natural resources concurrent with political science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Cassie for the dedication to our office. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team.

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

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. 3135. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

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-2616. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal that would authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to transfer funds received for the replacement or rehabilitation of Corps-owned bridges to state and local agencies for those agencies to use for necessary rehabilitation or replacement to facilitate the transfer of ownership of

those bridges from the Corps to those agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2617. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final 2023-24 Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-BF64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2618. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; 2023-24 Seasons for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-BF64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2619. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, 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 the Relict Darter from Endangered to Threatened With a Section 4(d) Rule" (RIN1018-BF56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2620. A communication from the Chief of Bird Conservation, Permits, and Regulations, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Provisions; Revised List of Migratory Birds" (RIN1018-BG04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2621. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in the Maximum Amount of Primary Nuclear Liability Insurance" (RIN3150-AL02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2622. 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) 1.183 Rev 1, 'Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2623. 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) 1.183 Rev 1, 'Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-80. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the

United States Environmental Protection Agency to develop a woodstove certification program that addresses the threat to clean and healthy winter air in Fairbanks and urging the state Department of Environmental Conservation to develop an economically and legally defensible state implementation plan for the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 11

Whereas, in November 2009, the United States Environmental Protection Agency designated part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough a nonattainment area for fine particle pollution; and

Whereas, in May 2017, the United States Environmental Protection Agency reclassified the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area from moderate to serious for particulate matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}), which are fine inhalable particles with diameters that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller; and

Whereas PM_{2.5} pollution is of serious concern and is harmful to the health of vulnerable Alaskans subjected to it; and

Whereas, in the winter, PM_{2.5} concentrations in the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area routinely exceed federal health-based standards; and

Whereas air quality issues could affect large-scale economic development, including military expansion; and

Whereas studies have identified wood burning as the greatest contributor of PM_{2.5} pollution; and

Whereas the state Department of Environmental Conservation has developed a state implementation plan to address wood burning as the root cause of PM_{2.5} pollution; and

Whereas actual PM_{2.5} pollution measured across the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area has halved as the result of efforts taken under the state Department of Environmental Conservation's moderate and serious state implementation plans; and

Whereas a significant reduction in PM_{2.5} emissions has been attributed to the replacement of solid fuel burning appliances, also known as woodstoves, with either new United States Environmental Protection Agency-certified solid fuel burning appliances or non-solid fuel burning appliance alternatives; and

Whereas United States Environmental Protection Agency-certified appliances installed in the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area did not decrease PM_{2.5} emissions when compared to previously installed solid fuel burning appliances because of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's failure to competently manage and implement testing standards for this program; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved the state Department of Environmental Conservation's standards for wood-fired heating devices and solid fuel burning appliance control measures from the serious state implementation plan in September 2021, effectively supporting the state Department of Environmental Conservation's finding that the United States Environmental Protection Agency's national wood heater certification program is deeply flawed; and

Whereas, at the national policy level, the United States Environmental Protection Agency seems intent on turning attentions toward so-called greener sources of heat, including electric heat pumps, that will not work as solutions in the Fairbanks North Star Borough because the second law of thermodynamics states that heat always moves from hotter objects to colder objects, unless energy in some form is supplied to reverse the direction of heat flow; and

Whereas residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough need adequate and affordable sources of heat in harsh subarctic winter conditions, and the state Department of Environmental Conservation has acknowledged that a pathway for the use of solid fuel burning appliances is essential to these Alaskans; and

Whereas the state Department of Environmental Conservation's state implementation plan was crafted in adherence to an enormous effort from the local stakeholders group; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency has yet to provide a working model necessary to dismiss overly burdensome and expensive controls on local power plants that insignificantly contribute to air pollution during air alert days in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency proposes to mandate these more expensive controls, even though such an investment would be unlikely to reduce exposure to unhealthy air; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency would further mandate ultra-low-sulfur diesel for home heating oil, driving up the cost of living for residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

Whereas these actions will drive residents to solid fuel burning appliances as a source of heat; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency has nevertheless reverted to a liability-averse course of disapproval for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's state implementation plan that would impose costly and burdensome regulations; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to develop a woodstove certification program that the state Department of Environmental Conservation and residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area can rely on to address the core threat to clean and healthy winter air in Fairbanks; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the state Department of Environmental Conservation to continue efforts to develop and defend a state implementation plan for the Fairbanks North Star Borough serious nonattainment area that acknowledges the unique challenges Alaskans face, is economically and technically feasible, and is legally defensible, while avoiding costly and burdensome requirements that further such hardships; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the state Department of Environmental Conservation to investigate all options to defend its state implementation plan, which reflects the community's needs and engagement, from federal attack, in court if necessary.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States; the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Deb Haaland, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Mary Peltola, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Patricia L. Lee, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2027.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Jeffrey J. Czerewko, to be Rear Admiral.

Army nomination of Col. Paul T. Sellars, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Michael C. Henderson, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Richard T. Appelhans and ending with Brig. Gen. Richard L. Zellmann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2023. (minus 2 nominees: Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly; Brig. Gen. Hope C. Rampy)

Army nominations beginning with Col. Kristina J. Green and ending with Col. Colin J. Morrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2023.

Army nomination of Col. Anthony B. Poole, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. James A. Benson and ending with Brig. Gen. Katherine E. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2023. (minus 1 nominee: Brig. Gen. Patrick C. Thibodeau)

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael J. Regan, Jr., to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Harold W. Linnean III, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Sims II, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David T. Isaacson, to be Lieutenant General.

*Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nomination of William D. Magee, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Reagan Howard Beaton and ending with Pilar G. Wennrich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Air Force nominations beginning with Joseph Benjamin Ahlers and ending with Laura Ashley Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jeremiah L. Blackburn and ending with Thomas A. Webb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Zara M. Scribner, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Donald T. Criswell and ending with Peter A. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph M. Baumann and ending with Jacob H. Youmans, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with David A. Brunais and ending with Jeremiah J.

Oligario, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Erick Leon, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brian C. Satterlee II, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael D. Norton, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Michael A. Bryant and ending with Steven L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Joshua W. Brown, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher F. Melling, to be Major.

Navy nomination of T. M. Alford, to be Captain.

Space Force nomination of Dustin L. White, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Space Force nominations beginning with John S. Donelson and ending with Ryan M. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 27, 2023.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Shanlyn A.S. Park, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Jamel Semper, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Micah W.J. Smith, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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. HASSAN (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3136. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the requirement for State Medicaid plans to provide coverage for medication-assisted treatment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3137. A bill to allow Americans to receive paid leave time to process and address their own health needs and the health needs of their partners during the period following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, or a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, to support related research and education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):