

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. SMITH. 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.

S. RES. 437

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I commend the Senate for its passage of our bipartisan resolution, S. Res. 437, condemning anti-Semitism, including any anti-Semitic acts committed on university or college campuses. No one deserves to feel unsafe in their community or school or threatened because of their religion or ethnicity. On October 16, the FBI released their annual statistics on hate crimes, which stated that anti-Semitic hate crimes rose 25 percent from 2021 to 2022 and accounted for over half of all reported religiously based hate crimes. The onset of war between Israel and Hamas has further exacerbated these anti-Semitic threats and incidents targeting Jewish Americans and Jewish organizations here in the United States. As a member of the Senate Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism, I have an enduring and ongoing commitment to confront anti-Semitism wherever it rears its ugly head and to ensure we take all steps necessary to protect the Jewish community.

As we consider the best ways to counter anti-Semitism, it is important that we consult a range of definitions and tools to understand this problem. The White House's National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism notes several of these tools, including the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance—IHRA—definition of anti-Semitism, as well as the Nexus Document and other efforts. Moreover, as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt made crystal clear during her confirmation hearing, "Criticism of Israeli policy is not antisemitism." Unfortunately, there are some who are attempting to politically weaponize anti-Semitism by equating criticism of Israeli Government actions with anti-Semitism. These politically motivated charges only weaken good faith efforts to confront the very real danger of anti-Semitism. That is why our bipartisan resolution is so important during these troubling times; it sends a clear, united message that anti-Semitism cannot be tolerated and the fight against it should not become politicized.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE HUGHES

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Eddie Hughes on 60 years of service at UPS.

Eddie Hughes was born in Mt. Pleasant, MS, and moved to Indianapolis to take a job with UPS in 1963. His only hiatus came from 1965–1966, when Eddie served his country in the U.S. Army. Originally a package handler, Eddie became a UPS driver in 1968, a position he still holds to this day. During his 55 years in his current role, Eddie has driven an estimated 4.62 million miles making deliveries to Hoosiers. He has joined the company's "Circle of Honor," a distinction given to drivers who have amassed more than 25 years of safe driving.

Eddie and Mary, his wife of 42 years, live in Indianapolis. They have two adult children, William and Mary Elizabeth.

It is my honor to congratulate Mr. Hughes and his family on this remarkable milestone.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PAM CUMMINGS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to outstanding educator Pam Cummings, the 2023 Arkansas History Teacher of the Year.

Cummings has dedicated her life to education and teaching the next generation of Arkansans. She started her career at a public charter school in Little Rock before becoming a history teacher in the Benton School District. For the last 12 years, she has shared her passion for history with Panther students in a number of classes, including U.S. history, advanced placement government, and world history. Her interest in history shapes her lessons and that enthusiasm is passed along to her students. When students see the real-world effect of what she is teaching, it brings her joy to see the connection. In addition to earning bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science, she has master's degrees in American history and government and education theory and practice. This leaves no doubt about her expertise and excellence in the classroom. In 2018, Cummings was named a recipient of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship for Arkansas. She has also served on the Arkansas Coalition for Social Studies.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the History Teacher of the Year award is presented by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the Nation's leading organization dedicated to K–12 American history education. The award honors one K–12 history teacher from each State, Washington DC, Department of Defense schools, and U.S. Territories.

Teachers shape the future. Arkansans can be proud knowing our youth have such a talented and knowledgeable educator who is committed to her craft. I congratulate Pam Cummings for this achievement and the positive impact she is making on the community. I am confident her efforts are inspiring a lifelong interest in history. •

RECOGNIZING CRAYONS 2 PENCILS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Crayons 2 Pencils of Norwalk, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week during National Women's Small Business Month and National Veterans Small Business Week.

Owned and operated by husband and wife duo Matt and Jill Larsen in Norwalk, IA, Crayons 2 Pencils is an early learning center and recreation center providing childcare services to the Norwalk community. Following her career in corporate America, Jill's start in early childhood learning and development was in 2008, when she taught 13 kids in her home. In 2015, Jill partnered with her friend Cindy Gavin to use the same childcare curriculum in each of their homes. In 2016, Jill and Cindy were able to move their childcare operation into one location when they opened the Crayons 2 Pencils Early Childhood Center. Over the years, they have grown to 63 employees, with additional positions available over the summer months. Crayons 2 Pencils currently provides care to 281 children.

In 2020, Matt joined Crayons 2 Pencils full-time as a jack-of-all-trades driving the school bus, organizing construction projects, and handling the technology and security systems. In 2022, Crayons 2 Pencils opened the Crayons 2 Pencils Recreation Center, which serves preschool through third grade and is equipped with a gym, sand volleyball court, stage, and additional classrooms. In 2023, Crayons 2 Pencils celebrated their seventh business anniversary.

Service to our country is integral to the Larsen family. Matt has served in the Iowa Air National Guard for 18 years and was deployed to Iraq. Following in Matt's footsteps, their son Jayden also serves in the Iowa Air National Guard, in addition to being a member of Iowa State University's Spirit Squad with his sister Joslyn.

Crayons 2 Pencils is also actively involved in the Norwalk community. They are active members of the Norwalk Area Chamber of Commerce, being one of the sponsors of the second annual Celebrate Norwalk Party in City Park in 2023 and hosting the Norwalk Career Fair in 2021. They have also served as a valuable resource to other childcare centers in the area by mentoring and teaching courses on childcare to directors and employees.

Crayons 2 Pencil's commitment to providing outstanding childcare services in Norwalk, IA, is clear. I want to congratulate Matt and Jill Larsen and the entire team at Crayons 2 Pencils for their continued dedication. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa. •

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3168. 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-2624. 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 13851 with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2625. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations in the People's Republic of China: Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd. and SK hynix Semiconductor (China) Ltd." (RIN0694-AJ39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2626. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Entities to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AJ40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2627. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Transfer of access information and release of software (source code and object code)" (RIN0694-AJ37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2628. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Consumer Credit Card Market—Oct. 2023"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2629. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting of Securities Loans" (RIN3235-AN01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2630. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Short Position and Short Activity Reporting by Institutional Investment Managers" (RIN3235-AM34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 23, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2631. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental

Shelf Air Regulations; Consistency Update for Virginia" (FRL No. 9366-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2632. 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 Disapproval; Delaware; Removal of Excess Emissions Provisions" (FRL No. 11037-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2633. 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 Approval Plan; Arkansas; Excess Emissions" (FRL No. 11128-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2634. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revisions for Reclassified Moderate Non-attainment Areas for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 11287-01-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2635. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Hazardous Secondary Material Standards; Response to Petition" (FRL No. 7815-01-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2636. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding that Lead Emissions from Aircraft Engines that Operate on Leaded Fuel Cause or Contribute to Air Pollution that May Reasonably Be Anticipated to Endanger Public Health and Welfare" (FRL No. 5934-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Ozone in the Atmosphere (Chemiluminescence Method)" (RIN2060-AV63) (FRL No. 9344-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2638. 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; Virginia; 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Second Maintenance Plan for the Hampton Roads Area" (FRL No. 10213-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Reformulated Gasoline Covered Areas" (RIN2060-AV87) (FRL No. 10290-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2640. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020" (FRL No. 8831-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2641. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to United States forces conducting targeted strikes against facilities in eastern Syria, received during adjournment of the Senate on October 27, 2023; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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. LUJÁN:

S. 3161. A bill to require third-party delivery platforms to follow certain pricing practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 3162. A bill to improve the requirement for the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish testbeds to support the development and testing of trustworthy artificial intelligence systems and to improve interagency coordination in development of such testbeds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 3163. A bill to strengthen protections against child labor violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3164. A bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to religious freedom in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3165. A bill to help persons in the United States experiencing homelessness and significant behavioral health issues, including substance use disorder, by authorizing a grant program within the Department of Health and Human Services to assist State and local governments, continuums of care, community-based organizations that administer both health and homelessness services, and providers of services to people experiencing homelessness, better coordinate health care and homelessness services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.