

United States, \$253 billion in sales, and \$117 billion in value-added impacts. In Maine, our fisheries are one of our State's most important resources and are vital to our economy. A report of Maine's seafood sector as a whole, which included downstream contributors, found that in 2019, the sector contributed more than \$3.2 billion to Maine's economy. Although the fishing industry is a significant economic contributor both nationwide and in Maine, it is losing access to the working waterfronts that are vital to the industry's survival.

A working waterfront is defined as land that is used for or that supports commercial fishing, aquaculture, boatbuilding, or the for-hire recreational fishing industries. That may be a technical definition, but these areas represent much more to coastal communities. A recent study conducted by the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association sums it up perfectly: "Working waterfronts are more than just a place of business for commercial fishermen; they are a hub of information, a collection of salty characters, a safe haven, a meeting room, a space for support, and they are well-deserving of both a place in Maine's history and its future." The importance of these areas cannot be overstated.

In Maine our fishermen and women are losing access to waterfront property up and down the coast. In some coastal Maine communities, once thriving working waterfronts no longer exist. Recent interviews conducted by the Island Institute in Maine uncover that "for all practical purposes, working waterfront access [in these towns] is essentially gone." The reasons for this are complex. In some cases, burdensome fishing regulations have led to a decrease in landings, hindering the profitability of shoreside infrastructure. In other cases, soaring land values and rising taxes have made the current use of commercial land unprofitable. Property is being sold and quickly converted into private spaces, which means that they are no longer available to support our fisheries.

While this trend has been happening for decades—in 2006, Maine's working waterfront only took up 20 miles of Maine's nearly 3,500 miles of coastline—the recent demand for coastal properties has intensified this problem in Maine. We can help preserve these areas for the next generation of fishermen, boatbuilders, and maritime workers with dedicated investments. Currently, the primary mechanism for preserving Maine's waterfronts is through a State-run program called the Working Waterfront Access Protection Program. Since 2008, that program has helped preserve 34 waterfront properties. The legislation I am introducing today would help scale up that model program so that more communities can be assisted.

There is currently no targeted, Federal assistance program to help the commercial fishing industry and other

maritime sectors gain or preserve access to working waterfront areas. The Working Waterfront Preservation Act would create a \$20 million program to help municipal and State governments, nonprofit organizations, and participants in maritime industries improve working waterfront property in our coastal States. Grants would be administered by the Economic Development Administration, and successful applicants would need to be endorsed by State fisheries agencies, which have the local expertise to understand the needs of each coastal State. In order to be eligible for a grant, recipients would be required to permanently protect an area as working waterfront, to ensure that it can be used for commercial purposes for decades to come, and to invest in the cost themselves.

This legislation is crucial for the continued prosperity of coastal communities across the country. I urge my colleagues to join Senator Reed and me in supporting this important legislation.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3194. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to speak in support of the Equal COLA Act, which I reintroduced today.

The Federal Government's workforce is central to protecting our national security and delivering critical services to hundreds of millions of Americans. As such, it is essential that the Federal Government attract and retain an effective workforce and, once their service is complete, ensure retirees receive the dignified retirement that they deserve.

Unfortunately, in 1986, Congress created a two-tiered system that now prevents nearly 800,000 retired Federal employees from receiving a full cost-of-living adjustment when consumer prices increase more than 2 percent from year to year.

In January, some Federal retirees will receive a 3.2-percent COLA. However, other Federal retirees will receive only a 2.2-percent increase due to this policy, which fails to protect retired employees living on a fixed income.

That is why I am proud to reintroduce this legislation to fix this unfair system and ensure that all retired Federal employees receive full retirement benefits that keep up with the cost of living.

I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this bill to ensure that retired Federal employees no longer pay the price of a misguided law and that their benefits fully keep pace with the cost of living.

By Mr. KAINÉ (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3195. A bill to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. KAINÉ. Madam President, today, I am introducing legislation to designate the General George C. Marshall House, also known as the Dodona Manor, in Leesburg, VA as an affiliated area under the National Park Service.

The legislation will be the final step in the year-long effort to recognize the Dodona Manor as a unit of the National Park System. It will also promote the public appreciation of the significant historic contributions made by U.S. military leader and statesman George C. Marshall.

George C. Marshall was an American hero, playing a significant role in the Allied victory in World War II and serving as an architect of one of the most significant foreign policy initiatives in our country's history. He led a lifetime of public service, serving as Chief of Staff to the Army during America's entry into World War II, as Secretary of State, where he orchestrated the historic Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe following the war and provided counsel to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, and as Secretary of Defense after the onset of the Korean war. He acquired Dodona Manor while serving as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army in 1941 and lived there until his death in 1959.

Today, the George C. Marshall House is dedicated to preserving and advancing General Marshall's life's work and legacy by hosting international exchanges, historical exhibits, and community events, and supporting educational programming based on General Marshall's desire to inspire future leaders. The legislation would bring greater resources, including technical assistance, accessibility improvements, and new programming, to this historical site and enable the Marshall House to improve and expand its work.

I am hopeful that this designation will provide new resources to preserve, honor, and celebrate General Marshall's legacy at this historic site, and I am pleased that companion legislation is also being introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by my colleague, Representative JENNIFER WEXTON, who has led this effort for years.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. REED. Madam President, I have seven requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a classified briefing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Caroline Newsom, a valued intern from my office, be granted floor privileges until November 17 of this year.

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

Mr. PAUL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted privileges of the floor until December 15, 2023: Seamus Creighton-Kirk and Adam Weiss.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:42 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KURT CAMPBELL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE WENDY RUTH SHERMAN, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL A. AKE  
COL. ALLEN D. ALDENBERG  
COL. TOBY J. ALKIRE  
COL. ERICH H. BABBITT  
COL. RONNIE S. BARNES  
COL. ANDREW J. BATES  
COL. JASON P. BENSON  
COL. KEVIN M. BERRY  
COL. BRIAN S. BISCHOFF  
COL. TODD M. BOOKLESS  
COL. GEORGE H. BRAUCHLER  
COL. DANIEL N. BREWER  
COL. KENT D. CAVALLINI  
COL. ERICA M. CHRISTIE  
COL. RICHARD P. CIPRO  
COL. PATRICK G. CLARE  
COL. ANDREW W. COLLINS  
COL. ANDREW T. CONANT  
COL. HERMAN E. CROSSON  
COL. JON D. FARR  
COL. THADDEUS D. FINERAN  
COL. PETER E. FIORENTINO  
COL. JOHN R. FLEET  
COL. JEREMY R. FOOT  
COL. STEVE A. FOSTER  
COL. PAUL M. FRANKEN  
COL. JASON W. FRYMAN  
COL. DAVID L. GIBBONS III  
COL. BOBBY M. GINN, JR.  
COL. JERRY B. GLASS  
COL. ALAN R. GRONWOLD  
COL. BARRY W. GROTON, JR.  
COL. WYATT E. HANSEN  
COL. ALEXANDER V. HARLAMOR  
COL. KRISTINE L. HENRY  
COL. GEORGE W. HORSLEY  
COL. ROBERT C. HORVATH  
COL. DAVID L. JOHNSON  
COL. MARVIN D. JOHNSON  
COL. ROBERT C. JORGENSEN, JR.  
COL. GUNNAR D. KIERSEY  
COL. JEFFREY G. LAPIERRE  
COL. LEON M. LAPOINT  
COL. ERIC J. LECKEL  
COL. BRADLEY A. LEONARD  
COL. EDWARD W. LEWIS  
COL. REECE J. LUTZ  
COL. CRAIG M. MACERI  
COL. JASON P. MAHFOUZ  
COL. CHARLES B. MARTIN, JR.  
COL. MARC R. MCCREERY  
COL. JOHN W. MCELVEEN  
COL. RUSSELL E. MCGUIRE  
COL. BRIAN L. MEDCALF  
COL. DONALD S. MITCHELL  
COL. SETH L. MORGULAS  
COL. LAWRENCE M. MUENNICH  
COL. HEIDI R. MUNRO  
COL. TRACY R. NORMAN  
COL. ZOE M. OLLINGER  
COL. BRYAN K. OUELLETTE  
COL. ANDREW S. RENDON  
COL. LINDA J. RIEDEL  
COL. PIA ROMERO  
COL. KEIR A. SCUBES  
COL. JAMES D. SEWARD  
COL. CHRISTOPHER M. THOMAS  
COL. STEVEN R. TODD  
COL. STEVEN C. TURNER  
COL. THEODORE O. UNBEHAGEN  
COL. MATTHEW A. VALAS  
COL. RAVINDRA V. WAGH  
COL. EDWARD J. WALLACE  
COL. ZARA A. WALTERS  
COL. JEFFREY D. WOOD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CHRISTOPHER C. LANEVE

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2121(D):

To be rear admiral

SEAN P. REGAN  
JOSEPH R. BUZZELLA  
JOHN C. VANN  
WAYNE R. ARGUIN  
MICHAEL E. PLATT  
DAVID C. BARATA

JO-ANN F. BURDIAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203(A):

To be rear admiral

FRANKLIN SCHAEFER  
TIFFANY DANKO

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

JAYMI F. JEFFREY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

KIRSTEN H. THOMPSON

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

THOMAS T. BOOTH, JR.  
ANDREW S. CULBREATH  
DAVID I. GONZALEZ  
MICHAEL A. GRAHAM  
KILEY R. HYATT  
LEAH D. LINGER  
LONNIE J. MCALLISTER II  
JESSAKA MENZIEKWAKYE  
ROBERT J. SANDER  
MATTHEW C. SCOTT  
VICTOR D. SMITH  
EAN P. WHITE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MOISES A. CASTILLO  
JASON S. FRANKENFIELD  
TRUMAN L. TINSLEY IV

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

KELLY N. ALEXANDER  
JASON A. ALTENHOFEN  
CURTIS A. BABBIE  
STEVEN L. BENTHAL  
MATTHEW SCOTT BLYSTONE  
MATTHEW S. BRADY  
CHAD J. BRENNER  
CHERIE L. BUDAY  
BERNARD JAMES BRAVO BUNAL  
DAVID P. BUTZIN  
JEFFREY J. CAMPEAU  
TYLER D. CARSON  
ROBERT F. CAULK  
KUAN HSUN CHEN  
KYLE DAVID CLEMENTS  
RYAN C. CONWAY  
MATTHEW M. CORK  
TATIANA C. CORNIER  
COREY W. CROWELL  
NATHANIAL ERIC DELEON  
AMBER N. DERIGGI  
KEITH R. DERR  
GARRETT E. DILLEY  
SCOTT A. DRERUP  
CHRISTINE M. EWING  
COLIN M. FINK  
ASHLEY E. GONZALES  
COLLIN M. GREISER  
WESTON J. HANOKA  
JUSTIN D. HARMES  
JUSTIN D. HARMES  
GREGORY CHARLES HARTMAN  
JASON C. HELLER  
STEPHEN K. HENDERSHOT  
JUSTIN T. HEPPE  
JOSHUAH A. HESS  
LIANGKUAN HO  
JONATHAN D. HOGAN  
RUBEN ISAIAS IHUIT  
ROBERT B. JONES  
RUSSELL P. KRONES  
JAME O. LARIOSBARBOSA  
CHRISTIAN M. LEWIS  
SHARON LAI MEI LI  
JESSICA B. MAHONEY  
JOSEPH D. MARKOFF  
ORLANDO A. MARTINEZ  
ERIC B. MILLER  
LINCOLN K. MILLER  
GABRIELLE ZIMMERMAN NOCE  
KATHRYN LYONS NORRIS  
JOSEPH C. OLETTI  
DANIEL J. OSULLIVAN  
DERICK I. PERRY  
BRIAN W. PITTMAN  
MARK R. PRATT  
CHARLES F. RIORDAN