

School. Prior to that, she taught math at Inverness Middle School for 6 years. Lita is also involved in school activities, serving as homecoming and prom coordinator, leading the student government, varsity cheer coach, girls' tennis coach, and graduation coordinator.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Lita for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID SWARTZFAGER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize David Swartzfager, the Sumter County Teacher of the Year from South Sumter High School in Bushnell, FL.

David credits his mother for earning this recognition, noting she taught him just about everything there is to know about Future Farmers of America teaching. He considers himself honored to represent his school and the Sumter County community.

Prior to his teaching career, David served in the U.S. Army from 2009 through 2021, where he taught classes to soldiers and deployed to Afghanistan. Whether teaching students or members of our Armed Forces, David has always worked to ensure others are prepared for a successful future.

David has taught agriculture at South Sumter High School since 2020 and previously taught at East River High School, Crystal River High School, and University High School. He graduated from the University of Florida, earning his bachelor's degree in agricultural education and communication and master's degree in educational leadership. David is also a Future Farmers of America student adviser and the department chair.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to David for his commitment to his students and his Nation. I look forward to hearing about his continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY THEURER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Kimberly Theurer, the Pasco County Teacher of the Year from Gulf High School in New Port Richey, FL.

Kim designs her lesson plans to be relevant and understandable for her students and ensures they clearly understand the day's subject material. Students not in Kim's class talk to her when passing through hallways. They find her to be supportive and understanding. Kim devotes her time to any student and tells them she believes a sense of humor, respect, and approaching every day as a new day are vital for finding success.

Kim teaches government, law, and sociology classes at Gulf High School, her alma mater. She has taught for 34 years, and although she had planned to

retire this year, her students asked that she put off her retirement plans for at least another year.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Kim for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO AUBURN KENDALL WALTON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Auburn Kendall Walton, the Holmes County Teacher of the Year from Ponce de Leon High School in Ponce de Leon, FL.

Kendall's colleagues describe her as the queen of algebra because of her tireless efforts in teaching the subject to her students. She works with each student, ensuring they can fully grasp math making her assignments enjoyable and easy to learn.

Kendall finds the most rewarding aspect of teaching to be when her students finally realize they understand the subject material and have confidence in their work. Through their work together during the school year, she believes they can achieve the goals they set for themselves by putting in the time and effort to learn.

For the past 8 years, Kendall has taught math at Ponce de Leon High School. Altogether, she has been a teacher for a decade.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Kendall for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ADAM ZELE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Adam Zele, the Pinellas County Teacher of the Year from Azalea Middle School in St. Petersburg, FL.

Adam devotes his time to educating his students by creating engaging, memorable class lessons. Due to his commitment, he is often the last to leave the school at the end of the day. Adam enjoys being a middle school teacher as he finds himself making a difference in the lives of his students.

Adam's greatest sense of satisfaction is when a student discovers something new. The excitement he sees when his students conquer a lesson confirms his passion for teaching. Many of his former students still visit him at school, sharing their academic experiences with him and seeking his guidance as they continue their education.

Adam teaches pre-algebra, algebra, and geometry classes at Azalea Middle School. He also is the school math department chairman, sponsors students for the Take Stock in Children Program, and invites new teachers to lunch before they begin working so they have a familiar face on campus. Adam graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, a master's degree in divinity, and a doc-

tor of philosophy degree in history and religion from Duke University.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Adam for his commitment to his students. I look forward to hearing about his continued good work in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

CERTIFICATION THAT IT IS IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE PARTIAL TERMINATION DATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (i)(1) OF SECTION 130(i) OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, BY 180 DAYS—PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to subsection (i)(2) of section 130i of title 10, United States Code, I certify that it is in the national security interests of the United States to extend the partial termination date specified in subsection (i)(1) of section 130i of title 10, United States Code, by 180 days.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 14, 2023.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 593. An act to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic".

H.R. 786. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1505. An act to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

H.R. 3506. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors.

H.R. 3571. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code, title 50, United States Code, and

title 52, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors.

H.R. 3578. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions reclassified to title 34, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors.

At 6:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3496. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions which were formerly classified to chapters 14 and 19 of title 25, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors.

H.R. 6363. An act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 593. An act to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hinesville, Georgia, as the “John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

H.R. 1505. An act to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3496. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions which were formerly classified to chapters 14 and 19 of title 25, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3506. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3571. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code, title 50, United States Code, and title 52, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3578. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions reclassified to title 34, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program” and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Bill Cassidy, John Thune, John Cornyn, Jerry Moran, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Tim Scott, Chuck

Grassley, James Lankford, Ron Johnson, Marco Rubio, Joni Ernst, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Ted Budd, Mike Braun, Steve Daines, Mike Lee, Roger F. Wicker, James E. Risch, Eric Schmitt, Todd Young, Tom Cotton, Roger Marshall, Pete Ricketts, Markwayne Mullin, Deb Fischer, Tommy Tuberville, Mitt Romney, Mitch McConnell.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program”.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE DAY NOVEMBER 13, 2023)

The following bills was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 786. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME (LEGISLATIVE DAY NOVEMBER 13, 2023)

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 6363. An act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 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-2796. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Section 202 Direct Loan Technical Amendments” (RIN2502-AJ71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2797. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indorsement and payment of checks drawn on the United States Treasury” (RIN1530-AA22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2798. 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 13818 with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2799. 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 14059 with respect to global illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2800. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibitions in Region 8, Southern Region” (RIN0596-AD52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2801. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Electric Reliability Organization Proposal to Retire Requirements in Reliability Standards Under the NERC Standards Efficiency Review” (RIN1902-AF69) (Docket No. RM19-17-001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2802. 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; Removal of 21 Species From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife” (RIN1018-BC98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2803. 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; Reinstatement of Endangered Species Act Protections for the Gray Wolf (Canis Lupus) in Compliance With Court Order” (RIN1018-BD60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2804. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Recovery and Conservation Planning, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of the Gray Wolf in Colorado” (RIN1018-BG79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2805. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Safety Evaluation for EPRI Report 3002018337, ‘Use of Data Validation and Reconciliation Methods for Measurement Uncertainty: Topical Report’” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2806. 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 Resolution, a report relative to United States forces conducted targeted strikes against facilities in eastern Syria used by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and IRGC-affiliated groups, received