

bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the en bloc nominations of Betty Y. Jang, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2029, (Reappointment); Laura Dove, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2029, (Reappointment); and Laura Dove, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2023?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session to 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.

RIO SAN JOSE AND RIO JEMEZ WATER SETTLEMENTS ACT OF 2023

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, today, I placed a hold on S. 595, the Rio San Jose and Rio Jemez Water Settlements Act of 2023. The legislation is not paid for and would violate multiple budget enforcement rules. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the bill would increase the deficit by \$1.7 billion.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID DILL

Mr. HAGERTY. Madam President, on behalf of myself and Senator BLACKBURN, I ask unanimous consent that the following remarks be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of David Dill, the chairman and chief executive office of LifePoint Health.

Since 2017, David Dill has led LifePoint Health, a diversified healthcare delivery network consisting of 62 community-based acute hospitals, more than 60 rehabilitation and behavioral health hospitals, and more than 250 additional sites of care.

Under his leadership, LifePoint Health has become a leader in rural healthcare, serving as an influential voice for healthcare in communities across the Nation and helping to educate the industry on shaping policies that ensure that the needs of patients are met timely and effectively.

David grew up in a small community in Kentucky, giving him a unique understanding of healthcare providers in non-urban areas. Throughout his time at LifePoint, the company has invested significant capital into the communities it serves, including \$1.1 billion in charitable donations and \$5.5 billion in total economic impact during the year 2022 alone.

In addition to his success at LifePoint Health, Mr. Dill has served as the chairman of the board for the Federation of American Hospitals, the immediate past chair of the board of directors for the Nashville Health Care Council, and a member of the American Hospital Association's Health Systems Committee. Most recently, Mr. Dill was appointed to serve on the Tennessee Rural Health Care Task Force, which was formed by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee to advance his administration's efforts to better serve rural communities across the State.

On November 30, 2023, Mr. Dill received the 2023 B'nai B'rith Charles S. Lauer National Healthcare Award, which was established in 1983 to highlight the standard bearers within the healthcare industry throughout the country.

This award further recognizes his dedication to community service, excellence in leadership, and outstanding philanthropic commitment to the healthcare community and beyond.

I congratulate David Dill on his achievements, and I hope the rest of my colleagues join us in recognizing his tremendous contributions to rural healthcare across this country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TOM JENKINS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins whose service and dedication will be missed following his retirement.

Tom has been a firefighter for 26 years, serving as chief of the Rogers Fire Department since 2009. He has truly lived out his childhood dream of becoming a firefighter and exceeded his young expectations.

As fire chief, he has worked tirelessly to develop and grow the department to fit the needs of the community. He advanced the department's medical services and improved the training of paramedics and firefighters to better serve Rogers residents. By making each ambulance a mobile emergency room and equipping each firetruck with medical equipment, he made sure citizens can get assistance no matter what type of emergency they are experiencing.

During his tenure, he successfully led the city to earning a class 1 rating by the Insurance Services Office. This accomplishment helped save property owners money as a result of the department's hard work and commitment to excellence.

Tom's leadership extends beyond Rogers. He served at the request of Arkansas Governors Mike Beebe and Asa Hutchinson on several State safety commissions and groups. He also served on the board of directors for the International Association of Fire Chiefs as second vice president. In 2017, he was elected president and chairman of the board. In this role, he traveled around the world observing other fire departments.

Tom is a humble servant who is always quick to give credit to the dedicated men and women he works with. He has seen the department through tremendous growth in the community, a pandemic, and more. He imparted a feeling of trust to citizens. They know when Rogers firefighters are on scene, they are in good hands.

While he will be missed, he has certainly earned a well-deserved retirement. Chief Jenkins demonstrated the true meaning of dedication, passion, and public service. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARTER FILE

• Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to thank Dr. Carter File for his many years of service to the State of Kansas and Hutchinson Community College, as well as honor him for all that he has accomplished during his career.

A dedicated educator committed to service, Carter began his journey at Cloud County Community College as a student and later graduated from Kansas State University, where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in accounting. After a brief hiatus from education, Carter went back to school at the University of Baltimore, where he earned a master of business administration, later pairing that with a doctor of philosophy degree in educational studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In 2005, shortly before he began his doctoral work, Carter began his service to the State of Kansas when he became the vice president of finance and operations of Hutchinson Community College. Although he was juggling school and work simultaneously, Carter hit the ground running, quickly building rapport with the board of trustees, faculty and staff, the local community, and the student body. Under his guidance, Hutchinson Community College expanded its services; renovated sports facilities for high school and collegiate use; revamped, with the help of local entrepreneurs, the Richard E. Smith Science Center, and dedicated the Bob and Lou Peel Allied Health Center, all of which greatly contribute to better serving the people of Central Kansas.

With these accomplishments in hand, it is unsurprising that the board of trustees at Hutchinson Community College decided to elevate Carter to the presidency of the school in 2014. Following this promotion, Carter continued to build on his prior successes. In

2015, he oversaw the construction of the Fire Science Training Center, which the college completed in conjunction with the Hutchinson Fire Department. A few years later, Carter orchestrated the opening of the HutchCC Cosmetology Program, expanding the diversity of programs the college offers its students. But perhaps Carter's crowning achievement is being able to coordinate the support of the city of Hutchinson, the voters of Hutchinson, and the college to garner the funds necessary to revitalize the Hutchinson Sports Arena, which has brought nationwide industry and acclaim to Hutchinson and throughout Central Kansas.

Carter will officially retire from Hutchinson Community College on August 31, 2024, after over 24 years of service in higher education. I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Dr. Carter File, as well as thank him for all his work on behalf of the State of Kansas and Hutchinson Community College.●

REMEMBERING LLOYD KENNETH ROGERS

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, I rise to honor a great Kentuckian, Lloyd Kenneth Rogers, who passed away on December 8, 2023, at the age of 90, following a recurrence of mantle cell lymphoma.

Lloyd was born on June 10, 1933, in Bracken County, KY. Early in his life, he lost his father at a young age and spent time in an orphanage with his brother. However, despite these humble beginnings and challenges, he developed a resilience that would serve him well later in life.

Lloyd was guided by his unwavering commitment to freedom and liberty. He demonstrated this in his service with the U.S. Navy and later through numerous leadership roles in his community. From his service as judge executive of Campbell County, KY, to his role as director of veteran Affairs for Congressman THOMAS MASSIE, to his advocacy of legislative reform for veterans, Lloyd embodied service before self and demonstrated his deep affection for this country and the men and women of our armed services. He put the needs of those around him first, and he never backed down when he believed he was fighting for what was right.

Lloyd worked tirelessly to advocate for and encourage candidates for public office that he believed in. In my first campaign, he spent hours, braving all elements, putting up hundreds of signs supporting my candidacy for Senate, and in 2016, he organized a nationwide veteran's group for my Presidential campaign. I am grateful for the enthusiasm and support he showed me throughout the years.

While we share in the great sadness of his passing, it is with great joy we look back at his life, his many accomplishments, and the positive impact he

had on his community and Kentuckians across the Commonwealth. We honor Lloyd and his family, and may he rest in peace.●

TRIBUTE TO ZHON BUTTERFIELD

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize Zhon Keith Butterfield, a fall 2023 intern with my gulf coast regional office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Zhon is currently a student at St. Petersburg College, where he is majoring in public policy and administration. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Zhon for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN NOEL

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I rise today to honor John Noel, a man who has been instrumental in preserving Maryland's historical sites at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park for over two decades. Throughout his tenure, he has established a reputation as a dedicated leader and guardian of Maryland's treasured landscapes.

Since assuming the role of deputy superintendent in 2014, Mr. Noel has been vital to the C&O Canal's mission. He has ensured that the Park's over 5 million annual visitors experience a page of history as they walk through its grounds. Mr. Noel's charge at the C&O Canal—overseeing the Park's maintenance, operations, and educational programming—has touched the lives of many. His work, in collaboration with his team, spans the Park's impressive 184.5-mile stretch.

Mr. Noel's leadership in preserving the history of the C&O Canal is truly commendable. For nearly 100 years, the canal was a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River, transporting coal, lumber, and agricultural products to market. His journey at the National Park Service has had a profound impact, shaping not only the terrain of the park but also the hearts of all who had the pleasure of working alongside him.

Mr. Noel's footprints along the C&O Canal and his impact will continue to be remembered by all and serve as a source of strength. Maryland's historical sites will continue to be honored and preserved because of Mr. Noel's leadership, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him and wishing him a well-earned, enjoyable, and fulfilling retirement.●

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

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14059 OF DECEMBER 15, 2021, WITH RESPECT TO GLOBAL ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING—PM 33

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to global illicit drug trafficking declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond December 15, 2023.

The trafficking into the United States of illicit drugs, including fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, is causing the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans annually, as well as countless more non-fatal overdoses with their own tragic human toll. Drug cartels, transnational criminal organizations, and their facilitators are the primary sources of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals that fuel the current opioid epidemic, as well as drug-related violence that harms our communities. International drug trafficking—including the illicit production, global sale, and widespread distribution of illegal drugs; the rise of extremely potent drugs such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; as well as the growing role of internet-based drug sales—continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 with respect to global illicit drug trafficking.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 13, 2023.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:46 a.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 bill, without amendment:

S. 788. An act to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow