

with addresses where no legitimate operations take place, often designating their official address as a retail package store, vacant parking lot or business address unrelated to the registered entity. FMCSA already requires motor carriers to designate a principal place of business and disclose common ownership. However, FMCSA may only take enforcement action after the entity is already registered and refuses to cooperate with investigations at the designated address.

This bill would also permit states to use Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program and High Priority program funding to conduct commercial regulatory and consumer protection standard reviews and enforcement actions against household goods motor carriers, brokers and freight forwarders. It would also clarify that states may retain the penalties and fines imposed in proceedings relating to violations of household goods statutes and regulations. These provisions would support states in their efforts to protect the American people from predatory practices.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss yesterday's vote due to being stuck in traffic. During that time, I was unable to make Roll Call vote No. 219. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: YEA on Roll Call No. 219, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEN AXELSON

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ken Axelsson; a World War II veteran and cherished member of the Wanamingo community, who passed away on April 11th, just a week after celebrating his 100th birthday.

Ken graduated from Red Wing High School in 1943, and afterwards—like many in the Greatest Generation—he answered the call to serve his country.

As a combat medic for the U.S. Army, Ken landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, and was later transferred to the 101st Airborne Division. During the Siege of Bastogne, he and his unit were held captive by German forces for five months before they were liberated by U.S. troops.

When he returned home from the war, Ken married his wife, Billie, and raised their six children in Wanamingo, where Ken was active in the community, working as a carpenter, building inspector, and photographer.

When he wasn't doing what he loved—spending time outdoors—Ken was giving back to those around him. He served on the Wanamingo City Council, while also giving his

time to the volunteer fire department and the Wanamingo VFW.

Ken was a true embodiment of who we are in southern Minnesota. He served his country, put his family first, and was never too busy to lend a hand to a fellow neighbor.

He leaves behind a legacy that will long be remembered. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAPERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Naperville Fire Department as they mark 150 years of dedicated service across the Naperville community. With more than 200 employees, ten active fire stations, and six consecutive years of international accreditation, the department is an outstanding model of excellence in its field.

Established in 1874 after Naperville's first purchase of firefighting equipment, the department has pursued its mission of responding to calls and promoting public education programs. Over the years, the Naperville Fire Department has evolved to meet the changing needs of the community, adopting new technologies and techniques to ensure the highest level of safety and protection for its residents.

The Naperville Fire Department has played a crucial role in educating the public about fire safety and prevention. Through its various outreach programs and initiatives, the department has empowered residents with the knowledge and skills needed to protect themselves and their families in the event of a fire. This commitment to public education is vital and has undoubtedly saved countless lives over the years.

As we celebrate the Naperville Fire Department's 150th anniversary, let us take a moment to recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts of its employees. Their dedication to the community is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for their unwavering commitment to keeping us safe.

I am proud to represent such a distinguished department, and I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Naperville Fire Department for its outstanding service and dedication to the community in their remarkable 150 years of service.

RECOGNIZING DARREN CORSON'S RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE IRS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable constituent from my district, Mr. Darren Corson of Newtown, Pennsylvania who is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated service as a Public Servant.

Darren graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. After graduation, Darren made the decision to de-

vote his career to public service and joined the Department of Treasury's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) where he remained for over 40 years.

During his career, Darren spent time working in many parts of the IRS, including Criminal Investigations Division, Exam, and Problem Resolution. In 2000, Darren joined the Taxpayer Advocate Service after Congress ordered the creation of a Taxpayer Advocate as an independent organization within the IRS.

Since then, he has worked tirelessly to advocate for the rights of taxpayers facing individual and systemic issues. However, after forty years of dedicated government service and leadership, Darren is retiring.

Today, I am proud to recognize Darren Corson as an individual who has devoted his career to public service in an organization that impacts all Americans across the country. We are incredibly grateful for the impact Darren Corson has made throughout his long career at the Internal Revenue Service. As an avid sports fan, he will enjoy spending more time rooting for the Phillies.

We are all incredibly grateful for the positive impact Darren has had through his long career, and we wish him countless blessings during his retirement.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT LAI CHING-TE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the American people extend congratulations to the Honorable Lai Ching-te on being sworn in as President of Taiwan on Monday, May 20, 2024. His successful 28-year career in politics as Vice President and Premier under President Tsai Ing-wen, Chairman of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 1st Mayor of Tainan, and Member of the Legislative Yuan demonstrates his ability to be a strong leader for the people of Taiwan.

Additionally, the vibrant democracy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has elected Hsiao Bi-Khim as Vice President. During her four terms in the Legislative Yuan, she focused on agriculture and transportation in her district of Hualien, along with championing issues such as gender equality, foreign affairs, and human rights.

My appreciation of the people of Chinese heritage is personal as I am the only member of Congress serving as the son of a Flying Tiger in World War II to liberate China. My father, First Lieutenant Hugh deVeaux Wilson with the U.S. Army Air Corps developed a great affection for the people of China.

Lai Ching-te's presidency extends the rule of the DPP, which China views with skepticism, as the party promotes Taiwanese nationalism and identity, and supports the people of Taiwan's right to decide their own future.

Taiwan continues to face rising threats from China, as almost daily, military warplanes and vessels are sent toward them, many of which crossing the median line in the Taiwan Strait. Sadly, incursions into Taiwan's air defense zone nearly doubled in 2022 and continued at a high pace in 2023 with 1,738 incursions. In December of 2022, 71 Chinese aircraft flew

into Taiwanese airspace, the largest breach in history. On May 15, 2024, Taiwan's National Defense Ministry reported 45 Chinese military aircraft around the island, in just one day. With these growing tensions, the pressure on President Lai to balance security risks with promises of protecting the independence of Taiwan are high.

Though the United States does not have official relations with Taiwan, the people of Taiwan have our unwavering support. We remain the island's most significant arms supplier and international backer, having approved over \$8 billion in military aid last month in the National Security Supplemental Aid Package to support Taiwan and other key allies in the Indo-Pacific confronting Chinese aggression.

President Lai's priorities for Taiwan align with his predecessor Tsai Ing-wen, with plans to boost defenses, including increasing military budgets, improving its military force structure, and concentrating on economical mobile weapons systems and more vigorous civil defense. Domestic reform is one of his top priorities, including social spending for the improvement of national health insurance and re-directing economic policy from motives for certain industries to developing more service sector jobs and encouraging domestic consumption.

Lai has retained the majority of the Tsai team, including her foreign minister, Joseph Wu, who now leads his National Security Council, and former NSC head Wellington Koo, who now is the defense minister. He also recruited several private-sector executives for his cabinet, prominently JW Kuo, chair of Topco. Along with the Lai administration, I look forward to working with Taiwan's ambassador to the U.S., Ambassador Alexander Yui.

The inauguration of President Lai Ching-te at the presidential office building in central Taipei featured an overwhelming amount of sup-

port for him, as crowds, including a show of marching bands and performers, gathered in a nearby plaza to show their support and listen to his inauguration speech. A bipartisan delegation of former senior U.S. officials, including former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, also attended the inauguration.

Sadly, we are in a war we did not choose, between dictators with Rule of Gun invading democracies with Rule of Law. We must stand firm to protect the borders of Taiwan, Ukraine, Israel, and the United States.

I am confident in the leadership of President Lai Ching-te as Taiwan continues to face adversities to keep their allies who acknowledge them as a sovereign nation, amidst pressure from the Chinese Communist Party.

I look forward to working with President Lai Ching-te on achieving Peace Through Strength, advancing our shared interests, strengthening our longstanding informal relationship, and maintaining stability across the Taiwan Strait.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 29

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To receive a briefing on Ukrainian culture in wartime.

RHOB-2359

JUNE 4

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine supporting Georgia's sovereignty and democracy.

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JUNE 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the budget of the Federal Highway Administration.

SD-406

JUNE 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-406