

work, Merrill Manufacturing celebrated its 75th business anniversary in 2024.

I want to commend the Anderson family for their dedication and incredible commitment to the Storm Lake community and to achieving the American dream. Congratulations to the Anderson family and the entire team at Merrill Manufacturing. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. BOB ANDELMAN

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Dr. Bob Andelman of Portsmouth, NH, as February's Granite Stater of the Month. After a 34-year-long career as an anesthesiologist, Dr. Andelman retired and retrained in addiction medicine. He then spent the next 7 years volunteering with Greater Seacoast Community Health, helping patients get the addiction treatment that they need and demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to his community and State.

Dr. Andelman began his career as an anesthesiologist at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in 1979, where he worked for 6 years before moving to Portsmouth Regional Hospital in 1985, where he worked for 28 years. He also volunteered for the New Hampshire Board of Medicine for 10 years. In the later years of his practice, addiction grew from a problem into a crisis and spread throughout our State, touching nearly every community in New Hampshire. As Dr. Andelman began to contemplate retirement and the time came to decide whether to renew his medical license or let it lapse, Dr. Andelman decided that he could not stop practicing medicine; instead, he chose to change course and work to address the opioid epidemic. Given the dire need for more doctors to prescribe medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, which cuts the craving for addiction and is the gold standard for treatment, Dr. Andelman connected with Greater Seacoast Community Health and underwent new medical training in order to prescribe medication-assisted treatment to Granite Staters.

This transition required learning entirely new medical content and a new electronic medical record system as well. But for Dr. Andelman, the biggest difference was in the one-on-one relationships he developed with his patients. As an anesthesiologist, Dr. Andelman was used to gathering information about the patient, consulting with doctors, and helping patients understand the process of being anesthetized before, during, and after medical procedures. In his role at Families First Health Center, part of Greater Seacoast Community Health, he started to build long-term relationships with patients, often learning about their lives starting from childhood on; and this rapport was essential for building trust with his patients to help

them stay in recovery. For 7 years, Dr. Andelman volunteered at Families First, helping countless patients and their families change their lives.

Dr. Andelman was inspired by his time at Families First Health Center, particularly by patients who courageously sought treatment and faced their conditions head on. He understands that addiction is a chronic illness where people can relapse, but some patients continue to push through the illness and work to get better. Many patients who come in for addiction treatment have not had any positive reinforcement, and Dr. Andelman saw the impact that such reinforcement provided when he complimented their efforts to seek help and communicated his belief in the patient's strength and ability to succeed.

Dr. Andelman's selfless determination to help others is truly inspiring. His long career and volunteer work in medicine exemplifies the Granite State spirit of lifting up others and doing what we can to help each other out. I am proud to recognize Dr. Andelman's compassion, hard work, and the difference he has made for countless Granite Staters when they need a doctor—and a friend.●

RECOGNIZING TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Missouri's own Truman State University for its outstanding accomplishments in the development and grand opening of the Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center. This center is instrumental in preparing emerging professionals for a prosperous career, as well as advancing education for people with developmental disabilities.

Before discussing the new center, let me tell you more about my alma mater, Truman State University. Founded in 1867 in Kirksville, MO, Truman State University has been dedicated to offering an exemplary education for the benefit of all. It provides a world-class educational experience in the heartland of the United States. Truman State University enables students with educational prowess and success, and the Greenwood Center is yet another example of that.

The Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center provides a patient-centered, evidence-based approach for those on the autism spectrum and for those with other neuro-developmental disorders. In collaboration with partner organizations, the center is at the forefront of research and provides cutting-edge applied behavior analysis services tailored to assisting individuals who are on the autism spectrum. The curriculum is taught by licensed professionals who are experts in providing unparalleled educational opportunities for families, patients, and students enrolled in health-related academic programs.

By breaking down barriers and destigmatizing what it means to have a

developmental disorder, this center is empowering their patients, their patients' families, and their students with skills that they will utilize for their entire lives. I understand from my own personal experiences that caring for someone with special needs requires love, patience, and resources. This center is able to assist many in their journey through life and is a shining example of what our educational institutions are intended to represent and achieve. I am looking forward to learning more about their future successes in the field.

Once again, I congratulate my alma mater Truman State University on its outstanding efforts in service to Missouri and to its communities. It is truly living its mission to serve its students, and I commend the university for adapting to a rapidly changing educational environment.

“Go Bulldogs.”●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-3578. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Bahrain; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3579. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3580. 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 12957 with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3581. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3582. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “FDIC Official Signs and Advertising Requirements, False Advertising, Misrepresentation of Insured Status, and Misuse of the FDIC’s Name or Logo” (RIN3064-AF26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3583. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3584. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Community Reinvestment Act” (RIN3064-AF81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3585. A communication from the Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Civil Penalties; 2024 Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties” (RIN1018-BH16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3586. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Requirements for Polymer Exemption Reports and Accompanying Claims; Extension of the Reporting Deadline for 2024” (FRL No. 11729-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3587. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; MO; Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills” (FRL No. 10830-03-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3588. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Revolving Assessment Grants (Community Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes)” to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3589. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3590. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup

Grants”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3591. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3592. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3593. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Black-Capped Petrel” (RIN1018-BD13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3594. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Lasciss Lupine and Designation of Critical Habitat” (RIN1018-BF84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3595. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “OIG Data Analytics Enterprise System of Records Notice (SORN)” (FRL No. 10620-04-OMS) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3596. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Quality Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: California; Amador Air District; New Source Review” (FRL No. 11176-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3597. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “South Dakota: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 11356-01-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3598. 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; Georgia; Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program” (FRL No. 11582-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3599. 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; GA; Miscellaneous Rule Revision” (FRL No. 11600-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3600. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures” (FRL No. 11620-01-OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3601. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing Amendments” (FRL No. 5925.1-01-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3602. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2024 Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment and Coverage Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; Medicare Advantage; Medicare and Medicaid Provider and Supplier Enrollment Policies; and Basic Health Program; Corrections” (RIN0938-AV07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3603. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Section 42 Qualified Disaster Zone Reallocations” (Rev. Rul. 2024-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3604. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “EP’s Annual Revenue Procedure for Determination Letters, Private Letter Rulings, User Fees” (Rev. Proc. 2024-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3605. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3606. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3607. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Elimination of the Tribal Non-Federal Share Requirement” (RIN0970-AC99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3608. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics,

and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3609. 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, as part of a multinational operation alongside the United Kingdom, with support from Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, and New Zealand, conducted discrete strikes against Houthi underground storage sites and locations associated with the Houthis' missile and air surveillance capabilities, attack capabilities, unmanned aerial vehicle capabilities, and command and control facilities in Yemen that support and facilitate Houthi militants' attacks in the Red Sea region; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3610. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to various countries in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3611. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to various countries in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-064); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3612. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-99. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, in support of a market-based component to enhance citizen quality of life through improved air quality; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Navy nomination of Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, Jr., to be Admiral.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Frank L. Bradfield III and ending with Brig. Gen. Mark V. Slominski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 25, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with Col. James D. Burk and ending with Col. Yolonda R. Summons, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2024.

Army nomination of Col. Craig M. Hunter, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Michael K. Moreni, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Vivek Kshetrapal, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Carlos E. Gorbea, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Nick I. Brown and ending with Col. Matthew W. Tracy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2024.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Shelley L. Aldrich and ending with Heath D. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Air Force nominations beginning with Carl P. Bhend and ending with Christopher M. Wolbert, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Air Force nomination of Mauricio De Castro Pretelt, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Julia M. Bell and ending with Ryan K. Zarnowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Cherylene S. Abalos and ending with Cheng Zeng, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with David Y. Ahn and ending with John M. Vann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Adam H. Altman and ending with Jason M. Zhao, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2024.

Air Force nomination of Heidi L. Clark, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Christopher C. Lazidis, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Agatha C. Graves, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mark D. Johnson and ending with John Paul F. Mintz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2024.

Army nomination of Sara V. Turinsky, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Alan L. Adkisson and ending with 002668953, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 25, 2024.

Army nomination of Brandon D. Howard, to be Major.

Army nomination of Thomas P. Gallagher, Jr., to be Major.

Army nomination of Jeffrey A. Banks, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Jonathan C. Young, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Sean P. Dillon and ending with Joshua B. Simpson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2024.

Marine Corps nomination of Kenneth J. Schneider, Jr., to be Major.

Navy nomination of Rockford D. Burton, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Donny L. James II, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Mr. SANDERS for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.

*Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2028.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3805. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit health plans from imposing fees on health care providers for electronic funds transfers and health care payment and remittance advice transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3806. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the cost of living adjustment exclusion from income under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3807. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for deductions of student loan payments from income; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 3808. A bill to prohibit deployment of Federal air marshals to the southern and northern borders of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 3809. A bill to require electronic medical records at the Department of State for Foreign Service personnel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3810. A bill to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.