

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce on their 125th anniversary.

While it has been operated under various names over the years, the Greater Fayetteville Chamber has roots that date back to 1899. Fayetteville is known nationally as a community that is not only home to the largest Active-Duty military base in the United States, but also thriving businesses.

Chambers of commerce play a pivotal role in areas around workforce development, tourism promotion, connecting businessowners, and advocating for issues that are important to their members. As North Carolina's sixth largest city, many have taken notice of the success stories happening in Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

Since being named CEO of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber back in March 2023, Nat Robertson has been a passionate force driving the area's economic competitiveness. He came into office with a bold agenda focused on membership growth, business advocacy, and a true passion for improving his community. That energy has helped the chamber grow at a rapid pace in its membership, community involvement, and events that bring together a diverse group of citizens within the community.

I congratulate the Greater Fayetteville Chamber on their 125th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to advocate and advance the interests of small businesses, nonprofits, and other industry members for decades to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE JACKSONVILLE-ONSLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce on their 80th anniversary.

Since being established in 1944, the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce has been a staunch advocate for area businesses and the Marine Corps community at Camp Lejeune. Jacksonville is well-known for being the home of Camp Lejeune. Its community is

also deeply entrenched in supporting small-business owners.

Chambers of Commerce play a pivotal role in areas around workforce development, tourism promotion, connecting business owners, and advocating for issues that are important to their members. The Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber routinely performs all of these duties and has consistently gone the extra mile to help build new partnerships in the area.

A strong chamber oftentimes requires a visionary and bold leader at the helm. Laurette Leagon has over 25 years as a chamber professional and is widely recognized in Southeastern North Carolina as an innovative thought leader. At her core, she has never forgotten what one of the most important functions of a chamber is: to do what is best for membership.

Mr. President, I congratulate the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce on their 80th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to advocate and advance the interests of small businesses, nonprofits, and other industry members for decades to come.●

RECOGNIZING AERO RACE WHEELS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week it is my privilege to recognize AERO Race Wheels of Estherville, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

AERO Race Wheels was founded by racing wheel manufacturing legend F.L. "Skip" Miller. Since 1995, AERO Race Wheels of Estherville, IA, has been a premier dirt and asphalt track wheel manufacturer. Skip took ownership of the company in 1998 with his wife Diane and moved their facilities to the current Estherville location in the same year. AERO Race Wheels offers a variety of racing wheels at an affordable price that are distributed throughout the United States and raced across the world. The steel wheels they manufacture are available in a variety of finishes and can be driven on asphalt, dirt, or both types of tracks.

AERO Race Wheels has played a key part in the history of NASCAR. From 1997 until 2021, AERO Race Wheels provided the steel racing wheels for the premier NASCAR Cup Series. Their 59 Series Wheel continues to be the wheel of choice for NASCAR's Grand National, Truck Series, and ARCA Series. NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty, Jimmie Johnson, and the late Dale Earnhardt, Sr., have all raced with AERO Race Wheels during their respective careers.

AERO Race Wheels is actively involved in the Estherville community. They are a member of the Estherville Chamber of Commerce and have been

involved in the Avera Holy Family Hospital for several years. They have also been recognized for their contributions to the Iowa economy. In 2003, they received the Iowa Area Development Group's—IADG—Venture Award and were named a member of the IADG hall of fame. In 2023, AERO Race Wheels celebrated its 28th business anniversary.

AERO Race Wheel's commitment to providing high-quality racing wheels for the love of the sport is clear. I want to congratulate Skip and Diane Miller and the entire team at AERO Race Wheels for their amazing dedication to the racing industry. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING FAMILY FOODS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week it is my privilege to recognize Family Foods of Tipton, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Family Foods was founded by Don Goetz in 1964 under the name Don's Big Value after purchasing the building location from his then-employer, the Benner Tea Company grocery store. Don started working at Benner Tea Company at the age of 14 and became the store's manager at the age of 18. From 1952 until 1954, Don served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean war. In its early history, the store's name was changed from Don's Big Value to Giant Foods until 1976, when the business adopted the Family Foods name. In 1985, Family Foods moved from its original location to 610 Cedar Street in Tipton. The store has seen two major renovation projects over the years, one in 1990 and the other in 2015.

Family Foods is an exemplary family business. In 2010, Don's son Mike Goetz purchased the store. Three generations of the Goetz family have worked at the Family Foods in Tipton, with Mike's son Brad now serving as co-owner. Many associates at the store have been part of the team for decades. Don Goetz passed away in 2017, leaving behind a legacy of service, hard work, and dedication to his community.

The Family Foods team is actively involved in the Tipton community and have been recognized for their service. Brad previously served on the Tipton Community School District Board, and Mike served as the Tipton Chamber of Commerce president. Brad currently serves on the Tipton School Foundation Board.

In 2017, Brad was nationally recognized for his community service as the Eastern Iowa representative at the Jefferson Awards in Washington, DC. The Jefferson Awards are a national awards ceremony held annually celebrating community service and the people

helping their communities. While they were in Washington, Senator GRASSLEY and I had the opportunity to meet Brad and the Goetz family. Family Foods is also actively involved in the Tipton Rotary Club and has supported both the fine arts and athletics programs in Tipton. Family Foods celebrated its 59th business anniversary in 2023.

Family Foods' commitment to providing quality groceries is clear. I want to congratulate Mike Goetz, Brad Goetz, and the entire team at Family Foods for their dedication to providing groceries and serving the Tipton community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

RECOGNIZING TILLIES QUILTS

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week it is my privilege to recognize Tillies Quilts of Fort Dodge, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Driven by her dream of owning her own quilt shop, Jo Seltz founded Tillies Quilts in 2011 to serve both expert and novice quilters in Fort Dodge and the surrounding communities. Jo and her husband Rich are staples of the Fort Dodge community, with the couple also owning the Dariette ice cream shop since 2008 and Ardys Mae Coffee and Dessert since 2022.

Prior to opening Tillies Quilts, Jo spent over a decade as the youth director at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 1999 until 2010. Jo left her position at St. Paul Lutheran Church to focus on Tillies Quilts, aptly named after her Great Aunt Matilda "Tillie" Jacobs, who gifted Jo her first quilt. Tillies Quilts is a one-stop-shop for all of your quilting needs. They offer designer fabrics and patterns, quilt kits, quilt supplies, and quilting classes. Tillies Quilts also offers a block of the month club and hosts various social events. In February 2024, Tillies Quilts will host their Super Bowl Sunday quilting class where participants will make a 16-inch by 16-inch quilt block.

In addition to owning Tillies Quilts, Jo and Rich Seltz are actively involved in the Fort Dodge community. Jo currently serves as the president of the Blanden Charitable Foundation board of trustees, an organization promoting the Blanden Art Museum in Fort Dodge. Jo also serves as a trustee on the Ann Smeltzer Charitable Trust, which promotes community involvement in the arts and preserves Fort Dodge's historic Ringland-Smeltzer home. Despite no longer serving as youth director, Jo has remained involved in the St. Paul Lutheran Church over the years. Tillies Quilts is a proud member of the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance, and in 2023, the team celebrated their 12th business anniversary. Great Aunt Matilda "Tillie" Ja-

cobs passed away in 1994, but her legacy of hard work, kindness, and passion for quilting is honored at Tillies Quilts.

I want to congratulate Jo and Rich Seltz and the entire team at Tillies Quilts for their entrepreneurial spirit and diligent efforts to build a community for quilters in central Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 22, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1722. An act to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2839. An act to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6503. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bills were signed on December 26, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. SCHATZ).

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-3110. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kasugamycin; Extension of Time-Limited Tolerance for Emergency Exem-

tion" (FRL No. 11517-02-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dodine; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11567-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3112. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Implementation of the Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022 and Related Provisions" (RIN0584-AE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3113. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Revision of Civil Rights Data Collection Methods" (RIN0584-AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3114. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Designating Alabama a Commercial Citrus-Producing Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2023-0007) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3115. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel Management; Administration of the Forest Transportation System; Postdecisional Administrative Review Process for Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources; Land Uses; Special Uses" (RIN0596-AD54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3116. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard; Updates to the List of Bioengineered Foods" ((RIN0581-AD95) (Docket No. AMS-FTTP-20-0057)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3117. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research Order; Reapportionment and Technical Amendment" (Docket No. AMS-LP-22-0002) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3118. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Replacement of Fluorinated