

ever since. His story—one of courage, strength, and resilience—is an example for us all, and I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for his courageous service to our Nation and in celebrating Mr. Luttrell's 100th birthday.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:02 a.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5862. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 relating to authority of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to consolidate, modify, or reorganize Customs revenue functions.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers"

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5862. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 relating to authority of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to consolidate, modify, or reorganize Customs revenue functions; to the Committee on Finance.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 18, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers".

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-3329. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3330. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2023 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Report to the Nation: Helping Crime Survivors Find Their Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3331. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sixteen (16) legislative recommendations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3332. A communication from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3333. A communication from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Annual Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3147-AA24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3334. A communication from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, and Targeting and Eliminating Unlawful Text Messages" (FCC 23-107)(CG Docket No. 02-278)(CG Docket No. 17-59)(CG Docket No. 21-402)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam requesting for the United States Congress to appropriate monies for Guam non-military residents who were exposed to Agent Orange and who are suffering from ailments caused by exposure to Agent Orange; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION No. 29-37

Whereas, I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that with the passing of the "Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022" (PACT Act), the United States government finally recognized that U.S. military veterans stationed in Guam within the twenty-two (22) year timeframe of 1958 and 1980 were exposed to Agent Orange and consequently suffered ailments. However, the PACT Act was not inclusive of non-veterans who were also exposed to Agent Orange and also suffered ailments at the same time as their military veteran counterparts who are now eligible for Agent Orange Disability Compensation; and

Whereas, Agent Orange belongs to a class of color-coded or rainbow herbicides. The properties of Agent Orange consist of a fifty-fifty (50/50) mixture of two (2) herbicides: 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T, as well as the toxic contaminant, Dioxin, otherwise known as 2, 3, 7, 8-tetrachloro-dibenzo para-dioxin, or TCDD. Other harmful herbicides containing Dioxin include Agents White, Blue, Purple, Pink, and Green. Dioxin buried or leached under the surface or deep in the sediment of rivers

and other bodies of water can have a half-life of more than one hundred (100) years; and

Whereas, on August 10, 2022, for the first time, the U.S. territory of Guam was added to the list of locations eligible for Agent Orange Disability Compensation; and thus ended decades of the U.S. military's persistent denial that Agent Orange was used on the island of Guam. The PACT Act also incorporated the "Lonnie Kilpatrick Central Pacific Relief Act" which was named after the late veteran who led the fight for recognition of Agent Orange use on Guam, which is noted at the 117th Congress, First (1st) Session, in H.R. 3368; and

Whereas, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) submitted the GAO-19-24 report to the U.S. Congress. Published in November of 2018, the detailed report relative to Agent Orange use on Guam indicates that not all shipment records pertaining to the disposal of Agent Orange were complete, including shipment documentation and logbooks that identify ports where vessels made stops enroute to Southeast Asia. The GAO states that of the 13.9 million gallons of Agent Orange obtained by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), the GAO collected and examined shipment documents for more than 12.1 million of those gallons. After scrutinizing ninety-six percent (96%) of the logbooks for the aforementioned shipments, they discovered that among the vessels traveling to Southeast Asia, at least one (1) vessel carrying Agent Orange made a stop on Guam; and

Whereas, during the Vietnam War, the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam served as the cornerstone of U.S. airpower in the conflict. To support bombing operations, B-52s were amassed on the base in the fall of 1972. Testimony presented to the U.S. Congress clearly demonstrated that during that time, Agent Orange was sprayed, among other places, at Andersen Air Force Base along the fence line, flight line, sidewalks, and golf course; at Naval Air Station along the fence line and flight line; and along the Cross Island Road oil pipeline that ran between the two (2) military bases, all of which are now the subject of substantial, credible reports of herbicide application by Vietnam-era veterans. This was strongly asserted and confirmed in the "NVLSP (National Veterans Legal Services Program) And VLSC (Veterans Legal Services Clinic) White Paper Confirming That Veterans Who Served in Guam from 1958-1980 Were Likely Exposed to Dioxin-Containing Herbicide Agents including Agent Orange" issued by the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Services Clinic in May of 2020, and updated in February of 2021; and

Whereas, I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes the disparity between the unequal treatment of military personnel and non-military personnel exposed to Agent Orange; and a large number of Guam residents who were civilians and non-military have testified to having similar exposure to Agent Orange resulting in similar ailments as the U.S. military veterans, but are not covered by the PACT Act; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, strongly urge the United States Congress and the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government to treat Guam residents and non-veterans in the manner equal to the treatment now given to military veterans in providing funding and compensation to those who are suffering from ailments as a result of exposure to Agent Orange on Guam; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R.

Biden, Jr., President of the United States; the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States; the Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Tom Carper, Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hagan Guåhan.

POM-98. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of South River, Middlesex County, New Jersey opposing H.R. 3557 "American Broadband Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Adeel Abdullah Mangi, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Jacquelyn D. Austin, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Kirk Edward Sherriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Amy M. Baggio, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for

the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years.

Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

(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 Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3609. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are informed of the medical risks associated with the abortion procedure and the major developmental characteristics of the unborn child, before giving their informed consent to receive an abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 3610. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for contributions to qualifying pregnancy centers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 3611. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to clarify the longstanding authority of States to use funds made available under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to fund life-affirming services to empower pregnant women to choose life for their babies instead of abortion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3612. A bill to prohibit the limitation of access to assisted reproductive technology, and all medical care surrounding such technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 3613. A bill to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BUTLER:

S. 3614. A bill to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Vallejo, California, as the "Delphine Metcalf-Foster VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3615. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to remove carbon dioxide directly from ambient air or seawater, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3616. A bill to require additional disclosures relating to donations to the Presidential Inaugural Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3617. A bill to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3618. A bill to designate Mauritania under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Mauritania to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3619. A bill to amend chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, to prohibit the use of Coast Guard funds and facilities to perform abortions and to prohibit the provision of travel and transportation allowances to obtain abortions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3620. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a corporate tax rate increase on companies whose ratio of compensation of the CEO or other highest paid employee to median worker compensation is more than 50 to 1, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3621. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish non-visual accessibility standards for certain devices with digital interfaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3622. A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that child support for unborn children is collected and distributed under the child support enforcement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3623. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include as a high-priority research and extension area research on microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 3624. A bill to restrict the availability of Federal funds to organizations associated with the abortion industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

S. 3625. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide small businesses with additional time to file beneficial ownership information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 3626. A bill to clarify task and delivery order solicitation and contract requirements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.