

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN283-2 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Joan Polaschik, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 26, 2023.

PN355 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (7) beginning Andrew Edlefsen, and ending Christopher Wilken, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 2023.

PN736 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (14) beginning Olutayo O. Akingbe, and ending Kathy W. Yao, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN1129 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (113) beginning Christopher Allen, and ending Alicia P. Allison, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 1, 2023.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1304 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning JEFFREY A. DOVAN, and ending HUGO J. VARGAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1305 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning BRYAN M. BAKER, and ending WILLIAM T. CARRIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1306 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning ANTONIO C. EWINGS, and ending ADAM W. SPIARS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1308 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning DONALD E. CHARBONEAU, and ending JEFFREY A. TRANBERG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1309 MARINE CORPS nomination of Aaron Mora, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1311 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning RAFAEL B. MARTINEZ, and ending ISAAC K. TIBAYAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1312 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning LUIS E. COLON, and ending ANTHONY L. GALLUZZI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1313 MARINE CORPS nominations (5) beginning JASON T. CONNOLLY, and ending COLE A. SARDINTA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1314 MARINE CORPS nominations (12) beginning DUSTIN M. BAILEY, and ending XAVIER TEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1315 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning MATTHEW D. DALEO, and ending MICHAEL J. LANDERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1316 MARINE CORPS nominations (8) beginning JASON R. BEKEN, and ending JOSHUA B. WHITEHEAD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1317 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning BERNARD J. COYNE, JR., and ending AHLEZA THEOBALD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1318 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning GREGORY S. CANEVARI, and

ending ANTONIO G. MARRERO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1319 MARINE CORPS nomination of Richard L. Raines, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1320 MARINE CORPS nomination of James M. Rod, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1322 MARINE CORPS nomination of Daniel E. Fuson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1323 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning GLENN A. STALEY, and ending COREY R. WAINSCOTT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

IN THE NAVY

PN1284 NAVY nomination of Matthew W. Rose, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

PN1325 NAVY nomination of Mark A. Wess, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1326 NAVY nomination of Scott H. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1327 NAVY nomination of Sonny D. Rowland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN1287 SPACE FORCE nomination of Kevin F. Champaigne, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent, for myself as chairman of the Select Committee on Ethics and for Senator LANKFORD, vice chairman of the committee, that the annual report of the Select Committee on Ethics for calendar year 2023 be printed in the RECORD.

The committee issued this report on January 31, 2024, as required by the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, 118TH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

JANUARY 31, 2024

The Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (the Act) calls for the Se-

lect Committee on Ethics of the United States Senate to issue an annual report no later than January 31st of each year providing information in certain categories describing its activities for the preceding year. Reported below is the information describing the Committee's activities in 2023 in the categories set forth in the Act:

(1) The number of alleged violations of Senate rules received from any source, including the number raised by a Senator or staff of the Committee—145. (In addition, 6 alleged violations from previous years were carried into 2023.)

(2) The number of alleged violations that were dismissed—

(A) For lack of subject matter jurisdiction or in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist: 112.

(B) Because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion: 20.

(3) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry: 19. (This figure includes 6 matters from previous years carried into 2023.)

(4) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry that resulted in an adjudicatory review: 0.

(5) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee dismissed the matter for lack of substantial merit or because it was inadvertent, technical or otherwise of a de minimis nature: 12.

(6) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee issued private or public letters of admonition: 1.

(7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction: 0.

(8) Any other information deemed by the Committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the previous year:

In 2023, the Committee staff conducted 18 Member and office campaign activity briefings; 23 employee code of conduct training sessions; 4 public financial disclosure clinics, seminars, and webinars; 15 ethics seminars and customized briefings for Member DC offices, state offices, and Senate committees; 2 private sector ethics briefings, and 2 international briefings.

In 2023, the Committee staff handled approximately 12,165 inquiries (via telephone and email) for ethics advice and guidance.

In 2023, the Committee wrote approximately 992 ethics advisory letters and responses including, but not limited to, 790 travel and gifts matters (Senate Rule 35) and 163 conflict of interest matters (Senate Rule 37).

In 2023, the Committee received 4,126 public financial disclosure and periodic disclosure of financial transactions reports.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, on December 18, 2023, I was not present for a rollcall vote, vote No. 347, to confirm the nomination of Martin O'Malley to serve as Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. If present, I would have voted to confirm Commissioner O'Malley.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RUSTY WILFONG

• Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Rusty

Wilfong, who is being honored with the 2023 Bill Best Humanitarian Award by the Rotary Club of Ruston.

Mr. Wilfong, a first-rate cook, uses his talents to serve the 20,000-plus-strong community of Ruston, LA. He cooks at dozens of community events as part of the Karl Malone Toyota Cooking Team, sponsored by the Louisiana Tech graduate and retired 14-time NBA All-Star.

For example, Mr. Wilfong and his team cook every year at the Louisiana Tech student-athletes' welcome-back event and at every Tech home football game. He also cooks jambalaya for the annual radiothon sponsored by the Domestic Abuse Resistance Team. Based in 2023 at Super 1 Foods in Ruston, his jambalaya encouraged people to come by, donate, and go on Q94.1 FM to encourage others to donate. The organization supports shelters, counseling, and legal services for local abuse victims.

Mr. Wilfong volunteers for Rotary Club events, including at a crawfish boil for local first responders last spring. He does it all for free, for local causes that make people's lives better, and to honor others who serve and enrich the community. His neighbors and colleagues value his contributions, which is why he is receiving this distinguished award.

Rusty, thank you for supporting Ruston and all of North Louisiana through your time and your talents. You make our State a better place and give a little more joy to those who support it. I ask that all of Louisiana join me in thanks for his service.●

REMEMBERING WARREN COPELAND

● Mr. BROWN. Madam President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Warren Copeland, an Ohioan, an educator, a man of deep faith, and a dedicated public servant, who passed away this January.

Warren Copeland's life and career are the epitome of public service. He believed in justice and opportunity for all, and worked every day toward that goal. He was one of the longest serving mayors in Ohio history, representing the people of Springfield from 1990 to 1994 and, again, from 1998 to 2023. Warren retired in November 2023 during his 35th year as mayor. He also served on the city commission from 1988 through 2023. Springfield was lucky to have Warren at the helm.

Warren put the people of Springfield and the good of the city first. He was dedicated to his community and cared deeply for those in it. Over the course of his career, Warren achieved so much and helped make Springfield the vibrant community it is today. For members of the community, Warren was a constant; he rarely missed local events and was always there if you needed him.

As a leading voice in the bipartisan Ohio Mayors Alliance, Warren offered

guidance and advice to new mayors. He served as a mentor and supporter for many of his counterparts across the State. I had the privilege of working with Warren and appreciated his dedication to our State. We fought together to protect manufacturing jobs in his city and region. He knew that good jobs with a living wage are the key to strong communities.

Warren also served his community and lived his faith as a professor of religion and the director of urban studies at Wittenberg University. Warren was an accomplished scholar with a master of divinity from Christian Theological Seminary and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He joined Wittenberg faculty in 1977 and continued teaching throughout his time as mayor.

During his time at Wittenberg, he helped to establish the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic and Urban Engagement, where he served as faculty director. The center and Warren supported students as they explored careers and interests connected to community service. He cultivated partnerships that were beneficial for his students and for Springfield, including with our mutual friend former Congressman Dave Hobson. Warren shared his wisdom and knowledge and passion with class after class. He taught his students to be engaged citizens who embody the values found in the Beatitudes and in Matthew 25, values that Warren championed throughout his life of service.

Today, we recognize Warren's commitment to Ohio, we honor his life of service and faith, and we recommit to the example of service he set. Because of Warren, Springfield is a better place, and Ohio is a better place. We are grateful for his leadership and his service.

Our thoughts are with his wife Clara, his three children, and seven grandchildren and all those who were blessed to know Warren.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11 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. 5585. An act to impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3427. An act to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill 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. 5585. To impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 31, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3427. An act to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

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-3421. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2019 Annual Report to the President and Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3422. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Standardizing Federal Supply Schedule Clause and Provision Prescriptions" (RIN3090-AK58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3423. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3090-AK77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3424. A communication from the Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2022 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3425. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2024 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Ethics in Government Act Violations" (RIN3209-AA69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3426. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 21st Century IDEA 2023 report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3427. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report