

Dr. Jones also served as a board member for Arkansans for Healthy Eyes, president of the Arkansas Optometric Association, Federal Advocacy Representative, and on Optometry's Meeting Committee. Currently, he is the legislative chair for the Arkansas Optometric Association and a member of the American Optometric Association's government relations committee. Dr. Jones was also recently named by Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders to the State Board of Optometry.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jones has been dedicated to his patients, the field of optometry and promoting policies that make the eye care industry better. His advocacy and leadership have earned him the respect of his peers and colleagues. He has continuously been recognized for his contributions. In addition to earning the distinction as Optometrist of the Year, his accolades include the 2012 Arkansas Young O.D. of the Year, the American Optometric Association 2018 Young Optometrist of the Year, and the 2023 Arkansas Optometrist of the Year. Dr. Jones received his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of Evansville and attended my alma mater, the Southern College of Optometry, where he graduated with honors in 2009.

Arkansas is fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking optometrist like Dr. Jones representing excellent eye care professionals across our State. His commitment to his practice and profession and his leadership to strengthen the industry all serve as an excellent example.

I am pleased to congratulate Dr. Jones for this achievement and wish him continued success in his practice. I join many others in sharing my hope that he also continues his advocacy that has served our patients, eye doctors, and all those supporting them so well.●

#### RECOGNIZING BONNEVILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, we join the community of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County in celebrating the centennial of the Bonneville County Courthouse.

In many ways, the courthouse is a lasting symbol of the area's growth and achievements. In 1919, when area citizens voted to bond the courthouse, which had an original construction cost of \$268,880, the Bonneville County Heritage Association reports, "Bonneville County was known as one of the big, wealthy and progressive counties of the state with the smallest indebtedness of any county." Architects Lionel E. Fisher and Charles Aitkins designed the courthouse in the neoclassical style. Construction began on December 1, 1919, and was completed on March 16,

1921. The community has since grown up around it—developing and progressing into modern-day Bonneville County. The population of Bonneville County was 17,501 at the time of the 1920 Census when the courthouse was built and now surpasses 130,000 people, contributing to the area's diverse geography and economy that includes family farms producing an abundance of agriculture products and world-renowned energy research at the Idaho National Laboratory.

For more than 100 years, this grand and eminent courthouse, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 10, 1979, has served this area of the Gem State with distinction. The courthouse has the largest original stained-glass skylight in a county courthouse in Idaho, was constructed of sandstone from Boise, and its original grand marble staircase and tile floor in the upper rotunda has withstood the test of time. From the Native Americans, explorers, trappers, and traders who have passed through and put down roots in this area of our great State to the current residents of Idaho Falls who have built businesses, families, and beautiful lives, there is no doubt the courthouse has witnessed significant achievements.

We join in congratulating those who built, maintained, and who have carried out important work in the Bonneville County Courthouse over the past century. We wish the residents of Bonneville County well and congratulate Idahoans on this milestone in the county's and Idaho's history.●

#### RECOGNIZING DUTCHLAND FOODS

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the U.S. 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 Dutchland Foods of Lester, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1992, Wayne and Jennie Van Wyhe founded Dutchland Foods with their son, Pete, and his wife Susan in Lester, IA. To start Dutchland Foods, the Van Wyhes purchased a building on Main Street and made only braided Danish pastries. The first building was formerly a bank, and the family made their pastries in a single room. Dutchland Foods also converted the bank's safe into a walk-in cooler. In 1993, Dutchland Foods added a 2,000-square-foot addition for equipment and cold storage and added another 9,000-square-foot addition in 2003. In 2006, Dutchland Foods acquired a new location in Lester when the Van Wyhe family purchased the old fire station. Dutchland Foods currently operates in two facilities in Lester, with their most recent one opening in 2018.

Dutchland Foods is an exemplary family business. Four generations of the Van Wyhe family have worked at

the company. Today, Pete and Susan's sons Mychal, Monty, and Malachi run the day-to-day operations while Pete serves as CEO. Jennie and Wayne Van Wyhe passed away in 2010 and 2022 respectively, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to the Lester community, love of their family, and excellence in the baked goods industry.

Today, Dutchland Foods distributes its baked goods nationally and serves as a food supplier for fundraisers through the Dutchland Fundraising division of their business. In May 2024, Dutchland Foods announced that they will begin distributing their baked goods internationally to the United Kingdom. Dutchland Foods currently sells bulk baked goods to the coffee shop, hospitality, bakery, catering, and restaurant industries. Their products are available for purchase in bulk through the Filled Kouign Ammans, Dutchland Classic Pastries, Pappy's Pie Dough, Pastry Puffins, and Butterhearts brands. The Dutchland Foods team is actively involved in the Lyon County community and is a proud member of Lyon County Economic Development. Due to their hard work, Dutchland Foods employs over 100 full- and part-time employees and, in 2024, celebrated its 32nd business anniversary.

Dutchland Food's commitment to the Lester community and the baked goods industry is clear. I want to congratulate Pete and Susan Van Wyhe, their sons Mychal, Monty, and Malachi, and the entire Dutchland Foods team for their continued dedication. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### REMEMBERING ALETA LEE SPICER

● Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Aleta Lee Spicer, who sadly passed away on February 21, 2024. She was a pillar of her community after more than 50 years in public and social service and a dedicated community leader who proudly served the people of southwest Virginia.

Aleta was the executive director of the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board, an organization that provides businesses with a well-prepared workforce. Its focus is to help individuals obtain employment and further their careers with access to programs and initiatives that were established through Federal legislation to address workforce development. These programs and initiatives focus on helping disadvantaged groups in the southwest Virginia region find and maintain successful careers. For example, one of the programs Aleta helped run includes the Reengagement and Opportunities and Pathways to Employment Success—ROPES—program. This program helps job seekers recovering from substance use disorder or those who have criminal backgrounds with job training, mental health referrals, and supportive services. Other programs, such

as Living Expenses While Training Stipend—LETS Train—and Cars to Work, help individuals who are unemployed or underemployed with living stipends or transportation to and from work.

Programs like these and the work that Aleta contributed to in southwest Virginia help build our workforce and grow our economic success in the region and throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Aleta's goal was to improve the lives of people in southwest Virginia by assisting individuals in obtaining employment and furthering their career skills. More importantly, Aleta helped give individuals pathways toward a well-paid, satisfying career to help maintain their quality of life. We are truly grateful for her dedication and support.

Aleta rose to the challenge every day to help southwest Virginians find success in the workforce. Her dedication and sense of love for her community were unmatched. I am grateful for her service to the constituency of southwest Virginia. She will be dearly missed, and I wish the best to her family.●

#### 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

As 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.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13611 OF MAY 16, 2012, WITH RESPECT TO YEMEN—PM 53

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accord-

ance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Yemen declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2024.

The actions and policies of certain former members of the Government of Yemen and others in threatening Yemen's peace, security, and stability continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 14, 2024.

#### 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 May 10, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 593. An act to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic".

The message also announced that under that the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 10, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 8289. An act to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, 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 subsequently signed on May 10, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. SCHATZ).

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 57, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds", and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Eric Schmitt, Markwayne Mullin, Rand Paul, Mike Lee, Bill Hagerty, Pete Ricketts, John Kennedy, Tommy Tuberville, Cynthia Lummis, Mike Braun, Mitt Romney, Thom Tillis, Ron

Johnson, James Risch, Marsha Blackburn, Kevin Cramer, Rick Scott, John Thune, John Barrasso, Tom Cotton, Steve Daines, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, Roger W. Marshall, Ted Budd, Katie Boyd Britt, Joni Ernst, Ted Cruz, Mike Crapo, J.D. Vance.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Finance, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 57. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds".

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 7109. An act to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all individuals.

#### 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-4483. A communication from the Chair of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4484. A communication from the Management Analyst of the Policy and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision to the Section 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant" (RIN1018-BG66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4485. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change" (RIN0331-AA06) received in the office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4486. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Draft Safety Impact Characterization Guidance Rev. 3" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4487. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.128 Rev 3, 'Installation