

boosting the State's economy and future-driven development. Lou has passionately promoted funding the New Hampshire Community College system and the University of New Hampshire, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to ensuring Granite Staters' access to quality public education in K-12 schools and beyond. In addition to education policy, he has also supported statewide action to address climate change and fought to expand access to Medicare and reproductive health services. His passionate advocacy for these issues and more earned him the nickname, "the Lion of the Senate."

Throughout a half-century of public service, Lou has fostered genuine relationships built on trust, courage, and partnership. During his time in office, he frequently reached across the aisle to ensure that his constituents' needs came before partisan division. He clearly understands the value of compromise and of compassion, even in a divisive and strenuous political climate. The public announcement of his retirement drew bipartisan messages of bittersweet congratulations from his Senate colleagues, including the Democratic leader who commended his leadership and commitment to public service, as well as the Republican senate president who praised his dedication to accomplishing meaningful work as an elected official. Lou has exuded grounded, thoughtful wisdom, which not only helped him achieve legislative successes, but also made him an approachable and reliable representative for his constituents. As his colleague Senator Donna Soucy expressed, Lou D'Allesandro was and continues to be a "North Star," guiding future generations of State senators and leaving a legacy of service and mentorship.

Lou's decades of public service will be celebrated later this year, and friends, family and colleagues will join together to reflect on his remarkable accomplishments. Having spent most of his life as a community leader, Lou will undoubtedly continue to serve his friends and neighbors with care and compassion in meaningful ways. He is surrounded by love and affection from his wife Pat and their three children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. I join in celebrating and thanking Lou for all he has done for the Granite State.●

#### REMEMBERING SHARON NORDGREN

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Sharon Nordgren and recognize a longtime public servant who gave so much to the Granite State.

Sharon spent her younger years in Chicago, IL and St. Louis Park, MN, before attending the University of Minnesota. She was an extremely active member of the campus community, a hint at her future calling as a dedicated local leader and regular presence in New Hampshire's Upper Valley.

Sharon played clarinet in the band, organized the school's first golf team, and participated in the local chapter of a youth development group called Camp Fire. She also met her husband Richard in college. They wed in 1965 and planted roots in Hanover, NH 7 years later.

As a Hanover resident, Sharon almost immediately immersed herself in local affairs and started making enduring connections with others around town and across the region. She helped mobilize and empower her fellow citizens as part of the League of Women Voters in the 1970s. In the 1980s, Sharon won a seat on the Hanover Selectboard and made history as the first chairwoman of that elected body. She developed relationships with local leaders as well as Hanover-based institutions like Dartmouth College and Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Sharon built on this strong foundation of experience and knowledge as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. She was first elected to the position in 1988, and her constituents voted to send her to the State capital as their State representative for 18 consecutive terms.

At the State House, Sharon instantly earned the respect and admiration of her peers. She had a warmth, integrity, work ethic, and quick wit that enabled her to make fast and lasting friends on both sides of the aisle in New Hampshire's citizen legislature. Her kindness and sense of humor were especially treasured by her colleagues on the House Finance Committee, and she could always be counted on to give thoughtful advice or lighten the mood with a soft-spoken joke as they worked long hours together to craft a State budget every 2 years. In addition to her expertise on State finances, Sharon was also a passionate advocate for affordable healthcare, reproductive rights, sensible gun regulations, and robust funding of public education. She even served as deputy Democratic leader from 1998-2004.

Sharon sadly passed away earlier this year, and her absence in just the past 5 months has been hard to miss in her hometown of Hanover, as well as our State capital of Concord. Sharon's accomplishments as a long-serving State legislator include the many State budgets she helped to write, the many bills she helped to pass, and the many issues she helped to elevate in our public discourse. As an experienced legislative leader, she could be formidable without being hostile and thorough without losing sight of the big picture; yet Sharon's legacy must also include the many people who crossed her path and came away with a smile and a new perspective on things. She was a guiding force for so many of her colleagues, and they will continue to look to her example of a devoted public servant and a determined advocate for the best interests of her constituents.

Sharon's family—including husband Richard, son Rob, and daughter Krisy—

as well as her many friends will gather this month for a celebration of life, and they will undoubtedly share and cherish many fond memories of her. I will be with them in spirit as they reflect on the life of this good and generous woman.●

#### TRIBUTE TO EVAN FIRMAN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Evan Firman, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Evan is a graduate of the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity- Ramstein High School in Ramstein, Germany. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, where he is pursuing degrees in economics and political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Evan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GRAYSON HOWES

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Grayson Howes, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Grayson is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, he is attending Fordham University in New York, NY, where he is pursuing a degree in global business. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Grayson for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GRIFFIN PETERSEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Griffin Petersen, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Griffin is a graduate of Sully Buttes High School in Onida, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, where he is pursuing a degree in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Griffin for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4853. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from promulgating or enforcing rules regarding disclosure of artificial intelligence-generated content in political advertisements.

### 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-5453. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5454. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of nine (9) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5455. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Architect and Engineering Service Fees (DFARS Case 2024-D019)" (RIN0750-AM16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5456. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imposition of Special Measure regarding Al-Huda Bank as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern" (RIN1506-AB65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5457. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Control Standards for Automated Valuation Models" (RIN2590-AA62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5458. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Treasury received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5459. 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 "Treasury Decision: Excise Tax on Designated Drugs; Procedural Requirements" (RIN1545-BQ93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5460. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Required Minimum Distributions"

(RIN1545-BP82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5461. A communication from the Principal Deputy 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 for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Türkiye and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-091); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5462. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5463. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Services Block Grant Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2021" and includes the "Community Services Block Grant Performance Management Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5464. A communication from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representation—Case Procedures: Election Bars; Proof of Majority Support in Construction Industry Collective-Bargaining Relationships" (RIN3142-AA22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5465. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2024 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act submission of its commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5466. A communication from the Executive Director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5467. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Annual Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5468. A communication from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the decision not to appeal the United States v. Sweeney-Teal decision of the United States District Court of West Virginia received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5469. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: Technical Amendments" (RIN2105-AE94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5470. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs" (RIN2105-AE94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5471. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program Regulations" (RIN2105-AE69) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5472. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FY2025 Airport Terminal Program Notice of Funding Opportunity" (Docket No. FAA-ARP-BIL-G-24-002) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5473. A communication from the Chief for Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Driver's License Standards; Incorporation by Reference of a New State Procedures Manual" (RIN2126-AC68) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5474. A communication from the Chief for Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement" (RIN2126-AC67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5475. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Sail Grand Prix; Upper Bay, New York City, NY" (RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0169) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5476. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; 2019 Monkfish Specifications" (RIN0648-XG820) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5477. A communication from the Program Analyst, Broadband Data Task Force, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program" (FCC 24-72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.