

State fair, and everywhere in between—I can tell you that what Glen brings to his craft is more than just a keen eye for lighting, color, and perspective. What sets his work apart is his deep understanding of the people he photographs.

A Glen Stubbe photo isn't simply a well-composed frame; it is a one-of-a-kind reflection of humanity. Over the course of his more than two decades at the Star Tribune, Glen has built a level of trust with his subjects that is rare at a time when journalists are too often met with skepticism. Whether he is covering farmers or firefighters, police officers or the President of the United States, he has always approached his subjects with respect.

For hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans, that small print in the parentheses below a photo—"Glen Stubbe/Star Tribune"—is as much a part of our State's largest newspaper as the Vikings scores, the editorials, or even the newsprint itself.

So today, I celebrate Glen Stubbe, a Minnesota institution; Glen Stubbe, the Star Tribune's own in-house historian with a camera; Glen Stubbe, a man for whom photojournalism is more than a profession—it is an art.

Glen, your images are an immortal visual record of who Minnesotans are and what we have been. Our state and country are better because of you.

I wish you all the best.●

TRIBUTE TO ROSALYNN BLISS

●Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I rise today to honor and recognize an accomplished leader in Michigan's second largest city, Rosalynn Bliss, mayor of the city of Grand Rapids. Mayor Bliss has made an immeasurable impact on the city of Grand Rapids and its citizens during her tenure as mayor over the last 8 years. It is a privilege to recognize her today and celebrate her many accomplishments.

Mayor Bliss' penchant for public service started long before being elected as mayor. She entered public service in 2005, serving 10 years as a city commissioner for the second ward. During her time as a city commissioner, she led a blue-ribbon panel on parks, was a founding member of the nonprofit organization Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, and served on the millage campaign for parks, pools, and playgrounds.

Mayor Bliss was elected as Grand Rapids' mayor in 2015, receiving a whopping 66 percent of the vote. When she took office in 2016, she became Grand Rapids' first female mayor and the city's youngest mayor in 130 years. During her time in office, Mayor Bliss championed and accomplished several initiatives that moved Grand Rapids forward. She implemented implicit bias training for all city workers, created a fund to help local neighborhoods complete improvement projects, tackled blight by holding property owners accountable, worked to provide a city

park within walking distance to all residents, and invested in affordable housing projects. Perhaps, most notably, she championed an initiative to restore the Grand River rapids that run through downtown. Her legacy of practical, pragmatic, and equitable leadership will be felt by the city for many years to come.

In addition to serving her community in elected roles, Mayor Bliss has had a successful professional career. After graduating from the University of South Alabama with a degree in psychology and criminal justice, she moved to Grand Rapids and worked at Hope Network while pursuing her master's degree in social work from Michigan State University. She has dedicated her career to helping the most vulnerable in our communities, serving as the director of residential services at DA Blodgett-St. John's, an organization which provides emergency shelter and residential services for abused and neglected children.

Mayor Bliss has been recognized by numerous organizations for her impactful work. She has received many awards, including, among others, the Michigan Women Forward's Women of Achievement and Courage Award, U.S. Conference of Mayors Small Business Advocate Award, Tim Pope Memorial Award for Outstanding Young Governmental Leader, Christine Nelson Professional Award for Service to Children, and the Michigan Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Special Recognition Award.

Community involvement for Mayor Bliss extends far beyond her elected role. She serves on several community boards including the Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority, Housing Kent, Urban Core Mayors, Economic Club of Grand Rapids, and the Interurban Transit Partnership. Her love for and service to the Grand Rapids community knows no bounds.

I cannot understate the impact that Mayor Bliss has had on the Grand Rapids community during her years of public service. A lifelong advocate for the betterment of her community, she has consistently promoted positive change in her community and created a model for public service that is unmatched. Though her leadership as mayor will be sorely missed, I am confident she will continue to make a positive difference in the community for years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.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. 9495. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to postpone tax deadlines and reimburse paid late fees for United States nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. Brenda Larsen Becker of Alexandria, Virginia, Ms. Susan Brackin Hirschmann of Alexandria, Virginia, and Ms. Sylvia Legere of Wilmette, Illinois.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 21, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3126. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces, 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-6622. A communication from the Program Analyst, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy on Audits of RUS Awardees" (RIN0572-AC67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6623. A communication from the Program Analyst, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion and Research: Adjustments to Representation on the United Soybean Board" (Docket No. AMS-LP-23-0079) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6624. A communication from the Program Analyst, Rural Housing Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

“Updates to the Off-Farm Labor Housing, Loan and Grant Rates and Terms; Clarification of Grant Agreement Terms; Announcement of Enforcement Date” (RIN0575-AD36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6625. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Various Fragrance Components in Pesticide Formulations; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL-12327-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6626. A communication from the Program Analyst, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Standardization of State Heating and Cooling Standard Utility Allowances” (RIN0584-AE69) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6627. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13818 with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6628. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Guyana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6629. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Recovery Programs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Definition of Military Installation and the List of Military Installations in the Regulations Pertaining to Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving Real Estate in the United States” (RIN1505-AC88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6630. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Recovery Programs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Provisions Pertaining to U.S. Investments in Certain National Security Technologies and Products in Countries of Concern” (RIN1505-AC82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6631. A communication from the Biologist (Regulations), Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Enhancement of Survival and Incidental Take Permits” (RIN1018-BE70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6632. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Secretariat, Office of Asset and Transportation Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Use of Federal Real Property To Assist the Homeless” (RIN2506-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2024; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6633. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “North Carolina: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference; Correction” (FRL No. 12181-03-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6634. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction; Partial Withdrawals of Findings of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan” (FRL No. 12161-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6635. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District” (FRL No. 11948-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6636. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Guideline on Air Quality Models; Enhancements to the AERMOD Dispersion Modeling System” (FRL No. 10391-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 59. A bill to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills- and competency-based hiring (Rept. No. 118-250).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2278. A bill to establish Image Adjudicator and Supervisory Image Adjudicator positions in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations (Rept. No. 118-251).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2492. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve coordination between the Do Not Pay working system and Federal and State agencies authorized to use the system (Rept. No. 118-252).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 4419. A bill to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations (Rept. No. 118-253).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-

fairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4630. A bill to establish an interagency committee to harmonize regulatory regimes in the United States relating to cybersecurity, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-254).

S. 4676. A bill to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-255).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4403. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-256).

H.R. 4467. An act to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-257).

H.R. 5528. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-258).

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2220. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

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 Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 5405. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to establish an Office of Transmission in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 5406. A bill to establish an Office of Public Engagement and Participation within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 5407. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies that are safe and secure to enhance U.S. Customs and Border Protection's capabilities to meet its mission needs along international borders and at ports of entry; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 5408. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the life and legacy of Roberto Clemente; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: