

local hospital, and Ryan serves as a paramedic firefighter for the local fire department. Sherry has a master's degree in education and works with surrounding school districts through the University of Idaho's Safe Routes to School Program. Their commitment to giving back extends beyond their professions to the heart of their business. Freedom Tires donates to organizations like Jackson's Pay It Forward Foundation, local youth sports teams, church fundraisers, and more. Every year, to mark their anniversary, they give away a free set of tires to a community member in need.

Congratulations to the Humphreys, Gingrases, and all of the employees at Freedom Tires on their selection as a Local Gem. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING iSOURCE

● Mr. RISCHE. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each year I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of small businesses in my home State of Idaho as part of the Support Local Gems All Season Long initiative. Today, I am pleased to honor iSource as one of Idaho's Local Gems.

Devin Dial opened iSource, Rexburg's first-ever Apple repair store, in 2013. It was one of the only Apple-authorized service providers in eastern Idaho. Consequentially, Idahoans were forced to drive elsewhere for their repair needs. After hearing requests from customers to bring iSource to Idaho Falls, Dial and co-owner Remington Sharp expanded the business in August of 2024. They plan to grow their business to additional locations in the future.

As still one of the few Apple-certified repair stores in the region, iSource specializes in fixing broken phones. From the front screen to cameras and microphones, iSource can fix it all. Along with repair, iSource also sells, trades, and trains on all Apple products. Whether an Idahoan is interested in the latest model or needs assistance learning a new feature, iSource can help them with all of it in a local setting.

Congratulations to the Dials, Sharps, and all the employees at iSource. You are a great example of growth and building a local business, and I am proud to honor you as a Local Gem. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING MIDSTAR FIREARMS

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neurial spirit by highlighting the success of small businesses in my home State of Idaho as part of the Support Local Gems All Season Long initiative. Today, I am pleased to honor MidStar Firearms as one of Idaho's Local Gems.

Justin Davis founded MidStar Firearms in 2011 with a vision of providing top-notch firearm retail and maintenance services to the Middleton community. After hiring Bill Garrett to build a permanent retail space for the business, the two became friends. In 2020, Justin sold MidStar to Bill and his wife Tracey. Today, the Garrett family proudly runs the business, with Bill and Tracey at the helm and their two sons Tyler and Neil managing the storefront and operations. Together with their team of four full-time employees, MidStar delivers exceptional service to their customers 5 days a week.

MidStar Firearms has a reputation for excellence and has been recognized as the best gunsmith store in the Treasure Valley. They offer a wide range of firearms and ammunition, including hunting rifles, shotguns, and concealed carry weapons. The business provides firearm maintenance and upkeep services, ensuring customers receive high-quality care. At the heart of MidStar Firearms is a commitment to treating every customer like family. To them, it is not about the gun but the experience and the quality after the purchase.

Congratulations to the Garretts and all the MidStar Firearms employees on their selection as a Local Gem. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MCGRATH

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable public servant.

For more than 40 years, my friend Mike McGrath has served the people of Montana and the people of the United States of America with distinction. Next month, he will leave active public service, retiring after 16 years as the chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court.

For many, that accomplishment alone would represent a lifetime accomplishment. For Chief Justice McGrath, it was the continuation of a career dedicated to justice and to public service. Raised in Butte, a proud product of Butte Central High and an Air Force veteran, Mike McGrath took his first job in Montana State government in 1977 as an assistant attorney general and after 4 years, was elected to his first of five terms as Lewis and Clark County attorney in 1982.

During this time, as he and his wife Joy raised their family in Helena, Mike showed himself not only to be a skilled prosecutor, but an inspirational mentor to attorneys and young people across Montana.

It was natural then when the State called him to serve in a bigger role by electing him twice to serve as attorney general, where he played a key role in the early war on methamphetamines and worked on many environmental issues including the historic removal of the Milltown Dam at the confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers.

Chief Justice McGrath leaves public office having made a real difference in the judicial system in Montana, in public policy, and in his profession. Few can match this record of success, and on behalf of a grateful State, I thank Mike and his family for the sacrifice, commitment, and care that went into every day of this service to our communities.

God bless you, Mike. God bless your family, and God bless America.●

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

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a withdrawal which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:18 a.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 bills:

S. 50. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to give priority consideration to selecting Pensacola and Perdido Bays as an estuary of national significance, and for other purposes.

S. 310. An act to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, and for other purposes.

S. 1478. An act to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the "National Medal of Honor Highway", and for other purposes.

S. 2781. An act to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 3475. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Transportation to designate an authorized operator of the commercial driver's license information system, and for other purposes.

S. 3613. An act to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 4367. An act to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8753. An act to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9716. An act to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide baseline updates, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 134. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009.

At 3:15 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, without amendment:

S. 4199. An act to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 9716. An act to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide baseline updates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 12, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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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-6813. 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 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6814. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Walnuts Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate” (Docket No. AMS-SC-24-0039) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6815. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Marketing Order Approval Requirement” (Docket No. AMS-SC-22-0079) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6816. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Web Links for Plant Commodity Import Requirements” (Docket No. APHIS-2024-0034) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6817. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Food Distribution Programs; Improving Access and Parity” ((RIN0584-AE92) (Docket No. FNS-2023-0026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6818. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Law Enforcement; Criminal Prohibitions” (RIN0596-AD57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6819. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modernizing Grant Program Regulation” ((RIN0570-AB03) (Docket No. RBS-24-BUSINESS-0004)) received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6820. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6821. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6822. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adoption of 2020 Core Based Statistical Area Standards” (RIN2501-AE11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6823. A communication from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of Additional Controls on Pakistan” (RIN0694-AJ63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6824. A communication from the Division Chief of Policy and Rules, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modifying Emissions Limits for the 24.25–24.45 GHz and 24.75–25.25 GHz Bands” ((ET Docket No. 21-186) (FCC 24-124)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6825. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Program Originating FM Broadcast Booster Stations” ((MB Docket Nos. 20-401, 17-105) (FCC 24-121)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6826. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Life-jacket Approval Harmonization” ((RIN1625-AA62) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0120)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6827. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Employment and Training Services for Noncustodial Parents in the Child Support Program” (RIN0970-AD00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6828. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement” (RIN0955-AA07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6829. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare