

been a role model, a friend, a voice for people who are often unseen, and also a real example of integrity. When you talk to SHERROD BROWN, you may not agree with him, but you know what he says is what he believes.

You know, we live in a day where politicians are often distrusted and demeaned, maybe as never before, but what you have done for me and for my family is to give politics a good name, to make sure that people understand that the word "politician" is not a four-letter word; it is something I am proud to say—I am a politician because I try to be like SHERROD BROWN.

You know, that kind of politician doesn't always win. It is just a fact of life that people often take stands; they espouse causes; they champion people or issues that may not be popular at that moment. But they are vindicated by history.

I have been proud to stand with you, SHERROD, for some of those causes, and I know they will be vindicated by history.

As I told your staff—some of them—in that office, the SHERROD BROWN office, we are going to have a conference room named after you. It is a trivial thing to do, but it will remind us that we will be asking ourselves at moments, tough moments, moments of crisis: What would SHERROD do? What would he think? What would he say?

I will continue to value you as a friend and as a role model. Thank you, SHERROD, for all you have done for all of us. Godspeed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I want to be brief, but I would like to briefly say something that might be an odd thing for the Senator from Colorado to say, which is how grateful I am to the people of Ohio for sending SHERROD BROWN to the U.S. Senate for all of these years and how much I wish that you had sent him back one more time.

I say that in part because I once lived in Ohio and was a young person there, learning something about politics in the late eighties and early nineties. SHERROD BROWN was my secretary of state. He was the same person then that he is today in all the important ways and a progressive voice for the people of Ohio.

It was an amazing thing for me to come to this place and meet SHERROD as a fellow Senator and to sit in that chair and preside, while SHERROD stood—I don't remember when that was, when it would have been; Barack Obama probably was in the early days of his Presidency—and listen to the names of cities and towns all across Ohio ricochet around the marble Chamber that we are in with such joy because I had been to those places myself.

I can remember hearing him fight against the characterization by outsiders of the place he lived and the place he grew up as the Rust Bowl of the United States instead of the indus-

trial heartland of the United States, for him to remind people in this Chamber of the important—as he was describing today—the critical contribution that working people make to this Nation every day, all day, over many years, whether they are living in the industrial heartland or anywhere else in America, because for SHERROD, workers in every State in this country count and matter.

But I want to just say thank you on behalf of the children that I used to work for in the Denver public schools. I was the superintendent when my friend CORY BOOKER was the mayor of Newark. We worked together in those days, and we have had the chance to work together here.

There are many times that I have been on this floor, Senator BROWN, when I worried about whether the children I used to work for in Denver, who are mostly kids of color, mostly kids living in poverty, whether anybody here had their interests at heart or whether anybody here could even see them or whether we had actually become really comfortable in the sense that we were treating our kids like they were someone else's kids, not even the country's kids. More than anybody else in this place, you have lifted their voices. You have seen the kids that I represented or worked for in the Denver public schools.

The chance for you and Bob and Cory and I to work together on the child tax credit, which went to 90 percent of America's kids and cut child poverty in half, is a symbol to all of us, I think, of what is possible if we dedicate ourselves to the idea that this country has to live up to its aspirations. That is something you never have let us forget. I know you have talked about it over and over again, how one of the happiest days of your time in the Senate was the day we passed that bill. Bob mentioned that.

I will say for a lot of us who are here today, this is one of the saddest days in the Senate because the contribution that you have made here is one that is so unique and so singular, and it is entirely unfinished.

I don't feel sorry for you, but I feel sorry for the rest of us. I know we are counting on you—counting on you—to make sure that you continue to fight the fight you have been fighting from the day you arrived here, the days you were secretary of state all those years ago in Ohio, for the rest of your life.

Thanks, SHERROD, for your leadership and your friendship and for everything you have done for the American people.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

#### THE CALENDAR

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1607 and the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 278, S. 1277; Calendar No. 333, H.R. 1727; Calendar No. 602, S. 3543; H.R. 6826, which was received from the House and is at the desk; H.R. 6843, which was received from the House and is at the desk; and H.R. 1607.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged of the relevant bill, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bills, en bloc.

Mr. CARDIN. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment, where applicable, be agreed to; that the bills, as amended, if amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills passed, en bloc, as follows:

#### MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2023

The bill (S. 1277) to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 1277

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Mammoth Cave National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2023".

#### SEC. 2. MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.

Section 11 of the Act of June 5, 1942 (56 Stat. 319, chapter 341; 16 U.S.C. 404c-11), is amended—

(1) in the second paragraph, by striking "the sum of not to exceed" in the first sentence and all that follows through the period at the end of the paragraph and inserting "such sums as are necessary."; and

(2) by inserting after the second paragraph the following:

"The Secretary of the Interior may acquire approximately 980 acres of the land and any interests in the land generally depicted on the map entitled 'Mammoth Cave National Park Proposed Southern Boundary Expansion Edmonson and Barren Counties, Kentucky', numbered 135/177, 967, and dated April 28, 2022, for inclusion in the Mammoth Cave National Park."

#### CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT

The bill (H.R. 1727) to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## HISTORIC GREENWOOD DISTRICT—BLACK WALL STREET NATIONAL MONUMENT ESTABLISHMENT ACT

The bill (S. 3543) to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National Monument Establishment Act”.

### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission” means the Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National Monument Advisory Commission established by section 5(a).

(2) **MAP.**—The term “Map” means the map entitled “Greenwood Historic District—Black Wall Street National Monument, Proposed Boundary”, numbered 196/188,275, and dated August 2024.

(3) **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**—The term “National Monument” means the Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National Monument established by section 3(a).

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

### SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC GREENWOOD DISTRICT—BLACK WALL STREET NATIONAL MONUMENT.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), there is established the Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma as a unit of the National Park System to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations resources associated with the Historic Greenwood District, Black Wall Street, and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 and the role of each in the history of the State of Oklahoma and the United States.

(2) **CONDITIONS OF ESTABLISHMENT.**—

(A) **DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.**—The National Monument shall be established on the date the Secretary determines that a sufficient quantity of land or interests in land has been acquired to constitute a manageable park unit.

(B) **NOTICE.**—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary makes a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of the establishment of the National Monument.

(b) **BOUNDARY.**—The boundary of the National Monument shall be as generally depicted on the Map.

(c) **MAP.**—The Map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(d) **ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may acquire any land or interest in land located within the boundary of the National Monument by—

- (1) donation;
- (2) purchase from a willing seller with donated or appropriated funds; or
- (3) exchange.

(e) **AGREEMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements, as appropriate, with public or private entities to provide and facilitate, within or outside the boundary of the National Monument, interpretive and educational services, administrative support, and technical assistance relating to the National Monument.

(2) **MARKING AND INTERPRETATION OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC OR CULTURAL RESOURCES.**—The

Secretary may enter into agreements to mark or interpret significant historic or cultural resources or locations on land within the boundary of the National Monument.

(f) **PRIVATE PROPERTY.**—Nothing in this Act affects the rights of an owner of private property within or adjacent to the National Monument.

### SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) **ADMINISTRATION BY SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall administer the National Monument in accordance with—

- (1) this Act; and
- (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System.

(b) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary shall prepare a management plan for the National Monument in accordance with section 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

(2) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall consult with the Commission on the preparation of the management plan under paragraph (1).

### SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC GREENWOOD DISTRICT—BLACK WALL STREET NATIONAL MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established an advisory commission, to be known as the “Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National Monument Advisory Commission”.

(b) **DUTY.**—The Commission shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to the development and management of the National Monument, including the construction of visitor service facilities and infrastructure.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **COMPOSITION.**—The Commission shall be composed of 11 members, to be appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

(A) 7 members shall be descendants of individuals who lived or worked in the Greenwood District of Tulsa in 1921, to be appointed after consideration of recommendations from interested organizations or individuals;

(B) 3 members shall have experience in the field of historic preservation or the purposes for which the National Monument was established; and

(C) 1 member shall be appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Mayor of Tulsa.

(2) **TERMS.**—A member of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of 5 years.

(3) **VACANCIES.**—Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) **SUCCESSORS.**—Notwithstanding the expiration of a 5-year term of a member of the Commission, a member of the Commission may continue to serve on the Commission until the date on which—

(A) the member is reappointed by the Secretary; or

(B) a successor is appointed by the Secretary.

(d) **CHAIR; BYLAWS.**—The Commission shall—

(1) have a Chair, who shall be elected by the members of the Commission; and

(2) adopt such bylaws as the Commission considers necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission under this Act.

(e) **MEETINGS.**—The Commission shall meet at the call of—

(1) the Chair; or

(2) a majority of the members of the Commission.

(f) **QUORUM.**—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(g) **COMPENSATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

(2) **TRAVEL EXPENSES.**—Members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United

States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

(h) **FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.**—Section 1013(b) of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the Commission.

(i) **TERMINATION.**—The Commission shall terminate 10 years after the date on which the National Monument is established.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 3543), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## DESIGNATING THE VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER AT FORT MCHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT AND HISTORIC SHRINE AS THE PAUL S. SARBANES VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER

The bill (H.R. 6826) to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA TO INCLUDE LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA

The bill (H.R. 6843) to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## CLARIFYING JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PUMPED STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

The bill (H.R. 1607) to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes, was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, first, I want to thank Senator CASSIDY for his cooperation in putting together this package. It is a package of bills that were favorably considered by the committee. They are noncontroversial. I want to thank also Senator KELLY for his help in putting together this package.

Let me just, if I might, talk about two of the issues we just passed: First, H.R. 6826, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center.

I want to first acknowledge Congressman SARBANES, who is on the floor, who has represented me so well in the House of Representatives. He has also decided not to run for reelection and served for 18 years in the House of Representatives.