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The bill (H.R. 815), as amended, was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE). The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it has been a long night, a long weekend, and a long few months. But a new day is here, and our efforts have been more than worth it.

Today, we have witnessed one of the most historic and consequential bills to have ever passed the Senate. It has certainly been years, perhaps decades, since the Senate passed a bill that so greatly impacts not just our national security, not just the security of our allies, but the security of Western democracy.

As I have said, if we want the world to remain a safe place for freedom, for democratic principles, for our future prosperity, then America must lead the way.

And with this bill, the Senate declares that American leadership will not waiver, will not falter, will not fail. With this bill, the Senate keeps its word to Ukrainians in desperate need of supplies and ammunition, to innocent Palestinian civilians in need of relief, to Israelis in need of support, and to U.S. servicemembers on patrol in the Indo-Pacific, the Red Sea, and around the world.

Today, we make Vladimir Putin regret the day he questioned America's resolve, and we make clear to others like China's President Xi not to test our determination. And we send a clear bipartisan message of resolve to our allies in NATO.

With the strong bipartisan support we have here in the Senate with this vote, I believe that if Speaker JOHNSON brought this bill to the House floor, it will pass with the same strong bipartisan support.

I thank all of my colleagues, Democratic and Republican alike, who supported this bill. Thank you to Senators MURRAY and COLLINS, MURPHY, SINEMA, LANKFORD. Thank you to Leader MCCONNELL, and thank you to all the Senators and staffs, including my own great staff, who worked through Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's and even the Super Bowl to get this done.

Finally, these past few months have been a great test for the U.S. Senate to see if we could escape the constant centrifugal pull of partisanship and summon the will to defend Western democracy when it mattered most. This morning, the Senate has resoundingly passed that test.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 468.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 468, Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, Mazie K. Hirono, Tina Smith, Gary C. Peters, Amy Klobuchar, Raphael G. Warnock, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Mark R. Warner, Tim Kaine, Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 470.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 470, David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, Mazie K. Hirono, Tina Smith, Gary C. Peters, Amy Klobuchar, Raphael G. Warnock, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Mark R. Warner, Tim Kaine, Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 455.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 455, Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Charles E. Schumer, John W. Hickenlooper, Tim Kaine, Angus S. King, Jr., Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumentahl, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Baldwin, Edward J. Markey, Mazie K. Hirono, Laphonza Butler, Richard J. Durbin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jeff Merkley, Peter Welch, Gary C. Peters.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, February 13, be waived.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING HAWKEYE FABRICATION AND HI-WAY PRODUCTS, INC.

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the 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 Hawkeye Fabrication and Hi-Way Products of Ida Grove, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1969, Richard Bogue founded Hi-Way Products in Ida Grove as an aluminum fabricator for bridge handrails. Before starting Hi-Way Products, Richard served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. Following the war, he graduated from the University of Iowa in 1950 with a civil engineering degree. Hi-Way Products found a niche in the fabrication industry by producing highway safety products. In 1999, Richard's son Mark, a 1982 graduate of the University of Iowa, founded the aptly named Hawkeye Fabrication with his father's help. Today, Hawkeye Fabrication serves as the fabrication side of the Bogue family business, while Hi-Way Products handles the sales. Mark Bogue serves as the owner leading the companies, and Jaclyn is the controller. Hawkeye Fabrication and Hi-Way Products have remained a family business, with the third generation of the Bogue family currently working there alongside their parents Mark and Jaclyn. Richard Bogue passed away in 2013, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, service, and dedication to his family and community.

An essential aspect of the Hawkeye Fabrication and Hi-Way Products story is the relationship between the Bogue family and the University of Iowa. Richard Bogue met his wife Alice at the University of Iowa, and their three children Linda, Suzie, and Mark attended the University of Iowa in the 1970s and 1980s. Mark's sons Jared and Alexander, who currently work at Hi-Way Products and Hawkeye Fabrication, attended the University of Iowa in the 2010s with their sister Taylor. In 2021, the Bogue family won the Iowa Family Spirit Award for their generational dedication to the University of Iowa. In 2013, the University of Iowa profiled Mark Bogue as a Hometown Hawkeye At-A-Glance for his work at Hi-Way Products and Hawkeye Fabrication and in the University of Iowa community. Additionally, Mark serves on the University of Iowa College of Engineering Advisory Board.

In addition to their involvement at the University of Iowa, the Hawkeye

Fabrication and Hi-Way Products team is active in the Ida Grove community. Mark Bogue has served on the Ida Grove volunteer fire department and spent 8 years on the community school board. Jared Bogue currently serves on the Ida Grove city council. In 2003, Richard and Alice Bogue created a scholarship that the Bogue family continues to support to help Ida Grove students pursue an education in engineering.

I want to commend the Bogue family for their hard work and incredible commitment to the Ida Grove community, the University of Iowa, and their small business as they continue to achieve the American dream. Congratulations to the Bogue family and the entire team at Hawkeye Fabrication and Hi-Way Products. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

RECOGNIZING BERT'S BIG ADVENTURE

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend an Atlanta, GA, nonprofit organization for its two decades of service to Georgia and the country.

Founded in 2002, Bert's Big Adventure provides an all-expenses-paid, 5-day journey to Walt Disney World for children with chronic and terminal illnesses and their families. In 2003, the organization took seven children with chronic and terminal illnesses and their families on the journey of a lifetime to Walt Disney World for the inaugural trip. Since then, Bert's Big Adventure has taken nearly 260 children and their families on a magical vacation.

Following the annual trip, Bert's Big Adventure provides year-round support to children and their families through initiatives such as the Family Reunion Adventures, the Fairy Godparent volunteer program, and additional charitable services. Bert's Big Adventure gives children battling illness and their families a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and helps create lasting memories.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend the Bert's Big Adventure team for its two decades of valiant service and commitment to giving back to those in need.●

REMEMBERING EVELYN C. KEISER

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of Evelyn C. Keiser, who died on February 5, 2024, at the age of 100. Evelyn Keiser was the cofounder of Keiser University, one of Florida's largest private, nonprofit universities. In her 40-year tenure at the university, she, alongside her son Arthur and his wife Belinda, transformed higher education in the State of Florida. Keiser University now serves an approximate 20,000 students, has 3,800 employees, and more than 66,000 alumni. In 2015, as Governor of Florida, I was pleased to induct her into the Flor-

ida Women's Hall of Fame. The work she has done to improve higher education in Florida is a legacy that will improve the lives of students for generations to come.

Evelyn is survived by her three children Ellen K. Farren, Arthur Keiser, and Jeffrey Keiser; four grandchildren Elizabeth and Robert Farren, William Keiser, and Robert Keiser; and seven great-grandchildren, Alexander and Caterina Piro, Juliette and George Farren, and Isabelina, Rosalina, and Sarafina Keiser.●

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. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 3797. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to address liability for payment of charges or costs associated with provision of purchased/referred care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH:

S. 3798. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require taxpayers claiming the child and earned income tax credits, and their qualifying children, to have a valid social security number for employment purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 3799. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to evaluate how the frequency of summary notices provided to patients can be increased, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 3800. A bill to increase the penalties for health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 559. A resolution recognizing the actions of the Rapid Support Forces and allied militia in the Darfur region of Sudan against non-Arab ethnic communities as acts of genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 560. A resolution designating February 2024 as "American Heart Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 561. A resolution designating February 16, 2024, as "National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 562. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of George F. McGinnis; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 563. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Hulman Center; considered and agreed to.