

only, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

HALT FENTANYL ACT

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I voted today against final passage of the HALT Fentanyl Act because of the unintended consequences that could have been corrected by amendments that were blocked by the majority. Our Nation and my State of Maryland are experiencing a crisis with synthetic opioids like fentanyl and related drugs, and I strongly support action to combat drug trafficking and prevent overdoses. We need public health solutions that will help American families and our communities, but instead, the bill before us could lead to harmful unintended consequences, including limiting the potential for less addictive pain therapies and treatments like Naloxone that could prevent and reverse overdose. It also expands mandatory minimums, which increase incarceration but do not reduce crime, and applies them to a broad class of drugs regardless of their actual physiological effects, so that someone could be incarcerated for a decade or more for drugs that are effectively harmless.

My colleagues Senators BOOKER and WARNOCK put forward amendments to correct flaws in the bill, and Senator HASSAN filed an amendment to address substance use disorders and prevent overdose. However, because those amendments were blocked, I could not support passage of this legislation. I hope we can take future action to address the public health opioid and fentanyl crisis and that my colleagues who claim to care about this issue do not slash dollars for Medicaid and substance use disorder treatment programs that are a lifeline to so many American families.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE GANGPLANK

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor The Gangplank as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for March 2025.

Newell and Carol Walker opened The Gangplank in 1970 in Idaho Falls. Originally named Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips, the restaurant was part of a national chain that ceased operation in the early 1980s. After an incident that knocked over the restaurant's marquee sign, the pair renamed the seafood joint to The Gangplank in 1982. When Newell decided to retire in 2002, he sold the businesses to Jeff and Sharlene

Croney, who took over the restaurant with their then-teenage son Jason.

Twenty-three years later, Jason is now co-owner of The Gangplank, bringing new ideas to the business and becoming an integral part of the restaurant's success. In 2022, Jeff and Jason purchased a mobile food truck to serve more southeast Idahoans during the summer months. The Croneys also have big plans to expand The Gangplank's operations in Pocatello, open a second Idaho Falls location, and launch an additional food truck for catering services. This family-owned business hopes a third generation of Croneys carry on The Gangplank legacy for another 55 years and beyond.

The Gangplank has been an established and reputable name in the Idaho Falls community over the last half-century. The restaurant sponsors and donates to local fundraising and charity events, including Boy Scouts of America, Festival of Trees, and the Distinguished Young Women program. The Croneys also support and encourage staff to seek further education at all of Idaho's local colleges and universities.

Congratulations to the Croneys and all of the employees at The Gangplank on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for March 2025. 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 ADRIK FISHER

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Adrik Fisher, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. Fisher is originally from New Underwood, SD. He is currently attending Patrick Henry College, where he studies American politics and policy. Mr. Fisher is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Fisher for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO NORA WINCKLER

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Nora Winckler, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Ms. Winckler is a graduate of Scotland High School in Scotland, SD. She is currently attending Augustana University, where she studies government and international affairs, English, and journalism. Ms. Winckler is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my

sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Winckler for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PREVENTED

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor PreventEd in St. Louis, MO, for 60 years of reducing and preventing the harms of alcohol and other drug use.

As our country reels from the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse, our Nation's young people must be educated about the dangers of these addictive substances. Founded on March 16, 1965, PreventEd has been dedicated to education, intervention, and advocacy to reduce the abuse of alcohol and other drugs in eastern Missouri. Their key focus areas include school-based prevention education and early intervention efforts for K-12 programming, peer support provided by certified peer specialists to address substance abuse, assessment and referral services, community coalitions, and advocacy to provide a voice to Missourians who have been impacted by substance misuse with Federal, State, and local government and their agencies. PreventEd realizes that drug and alcohol abuse have effects on individuals and society, and both components must be addressed to substantially mitigate the devastating effects like overdose deaths, chronic health problems, family dysfunction, and involvement in crime.

When I served as Attorney General of Missouri, I sued pharmaceutical giants over their role in the opioid crisis. Missouri received \$458 million as part of that settlement which went to fund drug treatment and prevention programs. Organizations like PreventEd have stood in the gap to ensure that young people are fully aware of drug misuse and have the proper resources for recovery. In their 60 years, they have served over 55,000 young people and more than 200,000 community members in the eastern region of Missouri. I am proud of the work they do and wish them continued success as they persevere in the important work of curbing alcohol and drug abuse in eastern Missouri.●

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS AND JANELLE BERUFF

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Carlos and Janelle Beruff of Bradenton, FL, on their 15th wedding anniversary. Over the years, my wife Ann and I have had the privilege of becoming friends with Carlos and Janelle. Together, they have built a beautiful family and are the proud parents of two children. Carlos and Janelle are an example of what it means to be Floridians. Following success in business, they have contributed tremendously to their community. They know the challenges so

many people face, and they are always there to help. It is always wonderful to see them, and I congratulate them on their anniversary with best wishes for many more to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:31 p.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 bill:

H.R. 1968. An act making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 31, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act," and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Mike Lee, John R. Curtis, Mike Rounds, Joni Ernst, Katie Boyd Britt, Roger F. Wicker, James Lankford, Shelly Moore Capito, James E. Risch, John Kennedy, Kevin Cramer, Markwayne Mullin, Tim Sheehy, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Lindsey Graham, Tommy Tuberville, Ashley Moody, Bernie Moreno, Ron Johnson, Bill Cassidy, Eric Schmitt, Jerry Moran, Cynthia Lummis, Marsha Blackburn, Jon Husted, John Cornyn, Chuck Grassley, John Hoeven, Tom Cotton, Mike Crapo.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

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title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act".

PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: Kenneth Jackson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

On request by Senator CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: Laken Rapiere, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

On request by Senator BRIAN SCHATZ, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2025" (Rept. No. 119-3).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 195. A bill to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-4).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

*Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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 Ms. ERNST (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1070. A bill to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1071. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JUSTICE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRUZ, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 1072. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate a waiver under that Act, to eliminate an authorization for States to use new motor vehicle emission and new motor vehicle engine emissions standards identical to standards adopted in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1073. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to promote crop insurance support for beginning farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 1074. A bill to provide for a study on the accessibility of substance use disorder treatment and mental health care providers and services for farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1075. A bill to require the reinstatement of recently terminated probationary Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1076. A bill to address the importation and proliferation of machinegun conversion devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. KIM):

S. 1077. A bill to approve local funds for the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2025, in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2025 Local Budget Act of 2024, and to establish provisions for the use of such funds; considered and passed.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1078. A bill to establish the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 1079. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for law enforcement