

move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 39, James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Mike Crapo, Markwayne Mullin, Joni Ernst, David McCormick, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Mike Rounds, Tommy Tuberville, Katie Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, Jon Husted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 144 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sheehy
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warrick
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallagher	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—1

Hawley

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 47.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume 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 DEIMCO FINISHING EQUIPMENT

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as chair 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 Deimco Finishing Equipment of Tama, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1983, Tom Deimerly established Deimco Finishing Equipment with its first product, a pneumatic reciprocator, setting the stage for the manufacturing operation. Originally based in Marshalltown, IA, the company grew steadily, fueled by a dedication to innovation and engineering excellence. In 2002, Kirk and Cindy Shirar bought Deimco with the vision of providing high-quality, American-made finishing and material handling solutions to businesses across the country. One year later, the couple relocated the business to Tama, IA, to accommodate the company's expanding operations and capabilities. Deimco Finishing had two major facility expansions, including a 10,800-square-foot addition in early 2021 that is now fully operational. After two decades of running the business, the Shirars passed the family business to their son and daughter-in-law Jacob and Kyrsten Shirar in 2024.

Today, Deimco Finishing Equipment is a leading manufacturer of custom finishing and material handling solutions. The company specializes in designing, engineering, and fabricating high-quality finishing systems that cater to a wide range of industries, including automotive, military, medical, agricultural, and so much more. Additionally, Deimco Finishing offers powder coating systems, liquid paint and stain systems, as well as automation solutions. Their automated gun movers and robotic integration enable each system to be tailored to meet specific industry needs. With nearly four decades of experience, Deimco Finishing has built a reputation as a trusted partner in the manufacturing sector, continuously innovating to meet the changing needs of their clients while maintaining high-quality craftsmanship and customer satisfaction.

Since 2016, Deimco Finishing Equipment has provided engineering experi-

ence and mentorship to students at South Tama County High School during the summer. This experience inspired one past participant to pursue a manufacturing-focused degree before returning to the business, where he is now one of the company's 25 full-time community-based employees. The company also supports local charities and organizations, including the Tama American Legion, Retrieving Freedom—a charity providing service dogs to veterans—and the Red Cross, among others. Through its charitable contributions and community involvement, Deimco Finishing has demonstrated a commitment to giving back to the community that has supported its growth. Later this year, Deimco Finishing Equipment will celebrate its 42nd anniversary in Iowa.

When I visited Deimco Finishing Equipment in 2021, I witnessed their entrepreneurial spirit that allows them to play such an essential role in the manufacturing industry. I want to congratulate the Shirar family and the entire team for their hard work and dedication to high-quality craftsmanship and customer satisfaction to businesses across Iowa and beyond. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING MULHOLLAND GROCERY

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as chair 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 Mulholland Grocery of Malvern, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1875, Fred E. Mulholland opened Mulholland Grocery as a dry goods store in the heart of Malvern, IA. In 1903, Fred added a small cash-and-carry grocery section to the corner of the store. Eventually, the grocery section grew to become the entirety of the family business. After he passed away in 1945, Fred left the business to his son Fred A. Mulholland, who managed the company for close to 30 years until 1972 when he retired. He sold the store to his son Gordon and longtime employee Cork Hansen. Cork and Gordon eventually split, and Mulholland Grocery changed hands several times before the business returned to the Mulholland family's ownership. In 2008, Tom Mulholland, the great-grandson of Fred the founder, purchased the long-standing community grocery store now known for its meat processing services, homestyle meals, and warm customer service.

Tom worked hard to serve the Malvern community and keep the town's only grocery store within 11 miles afloat. In 2013, his dedication was recognized when Mulholland Grocery won Iowa's Dream Big, Grow Here award. This statewide honor equipped

Mulholland Grocery to reinvest in the store and buy catering equipment. Its reputation grew as local newspapers, radio shows, and magazines also circulated stories about the store and its specialty offerings. The beloved Malvern grocery store became widely recognized for its iconic ham salad, breakfast bratwurst, and smoked meats.

In December 2021, tragedy struck when a massive fire devastated the Main Street location, prompting Tom to debate the future of the community's cherished business. Ultimately, Tom postponed his retirement, dedicating himself to a 3-year rebuild and expansion process. With help from community leaders and several Iowa-based design firms, Tom transformed the disaster into an opportunity and modernized the grocery store's floor plan to suit their 21st-century operations. During the rebuilding, Mulholland Grocery was featured in a short documentary, produced by an Oscar-winning filmmaker that premiered in April 2023. The film highlighted the importance of small businesses to their communities and gave the team an opportunity to travel around the country to advocate for fellow small businesses in Iowa and beyond.

Tom and the family business remain active in the community as members of the Mills County Chamber of Commerce and the Malvern Area Betterment Association. I want to congratulate the Mulhollands and the entire team at Mulholland Grocery for their hard work and dedication to providing essential products and services to the Malvern community and families across Iowa. This April, Mulholland Grocery plans to officially commemorate its grand reopening and its 150th business anniversary in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH CHAPMAN

● Ms. HASSAN. Madam President, I am honored to recognize Kenneth Chapman of Woodstock as March's Granite Stater of the Month. Kenneth recently retired after serving as Woodstock's town moderator for 50 years.

Kenneth was raised to believe that service to his community and to others needed to be a priority. After settling in Woodstock as a young adult, Kenneth began attending school board meetings and joined different town committees. Kenneth enjoyed the ways in which the small town allowed him to directly feel the impact of his efforts to give back to his community. After being asked to moderate a special town election in 1975, Kenneth realized that he had a passion for upholding democracy and ran for the official role of town moderator. He continued to serve in this all-important role through this year's town meeting season, marking 50 years in service to Woodstock.

During his half century of service, Kenneth has had a tangible impact on his community. He has seen the town grow and adapt to new technology, per-

sonally overseeing the switch to more modern voting machines, even as he has continued to ensure that Woodstock voters freely and civilly participated in countless elections and town meetings. Over the years, Kenneth also helped his community as a nationally registered paramedic, as an incorporator and trustee of the North Country Center for the Arts, as a member of the Western White Mountains Chamber, and as a member of the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board.

Kenneth's commitment to service as town moderator is an excellent reflection of New Hampshire's commitment to safeguarding free and fair elections, the foundation of our democracy. And his devotion to serving the Woodstock community in countless other ways as well is a great example of the way Granite Staters take it upon themselves to work with their friends and neighbors to solve problems. I am proud to name Kenneth Chapman as March's Granite Stater of the Month.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE
ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE
ORDER THAT TAKES ADDI-
TIONAL STEPS WITH RESPECT
TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE
ORDER 13692 OF MARCH 8, 2015
(BLOCKING PROPERTY AND SUS-
PENDING ENTRY OF CERTAIN
PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE
SITUATION IN VENEZUELA)—PM
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The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015 (Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela).

The Maduro regime's refusal to cooperate with the United States on matters of illegal immigration exacerbates threats to public safety and border security. The activities of the Tren de Aragua gang, a transnational criminal organization originating in Venezuela and designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist organization, have intensified these threats. Further,

the Maduro regime's ongoing destabilizing actions, including its support for illicit activities such as narcotics trafficking, kidnapping, and human trafficking necessitate further measures to protect United States interests. All of these actions are due in part to the oil revenues that the Maduro regime and its network of criminals and cronies are able to earn.

Effective on April 2, 2025, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the United States Trade Representative, is authorized to determine whether a tariff of 25 percent will be imposed on goods from any country that imports Venezuelan oil. Once imposed at the Secretary of State's discretion, the tariff shall remain in effect for a period of 1 year after the last day a country imports Venezuelan oil, or at an earlier date if the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with other relevant heads of executive departments and agencies, determines it appropriate. To encourage full accountability for these actions, I have directed the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce to submit periodic reports to me within 180 days of the date of this order and no less than every 180 days thereafter assessing the effectiveness of the tariffs described in this order and the ongoing conduct of the Maduro regime.

My Administration will continue to consult with the Congress on our efforts to address the ongoing problems in Venezuela that undermine United States interests and look forward to working on these issues together.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 25, 2025.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:41 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 359. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require reporting relating to certain cost-share requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 730. An act to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1318. An act to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1325. An act to provide for transparent licensing of commercial remote sensing systems, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1326. An act to provide for Department of Energy and Department of Agriculture joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.