

thousands of books, most dog-eared and filled with marginalia. His reading and life experiences convinced him that God is real. He had an outlaw spirit tempered by decency.

In 1979, he married the love of his life, Patricia Swanson. They were together for 44 years, all of them happy. She died 16 months before he did, and he mourned her every day.

In 1985, he moved to Washington to work for the Reagan administration. He spent 5 years as the director of the Voice of America and then moved to the Seychelles as the U.S. Ambassador. In 1992, he became the CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and later ran a division of King World television.

The last 25 years of his life were spent in work whose details were never completely clear to his family, but that was clearly interesting. He worked in dozens of countries and breakaway republics around the world and was involved in countless intrigues. He knew a number of colorful national leaders, including Rafic Hariri of Lebanon, Aslan Abashidze of Adjara, Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, and whoever runs Somaliland. He was a fundamentally nonjudgmental person who was impossible to shock, and he described them all with amused affection.

He spoke to his sons every day and had lunch with them once a week for 30 years at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, always prefaced by a dice game. Throughout his life, he fervently loved dogs.

Richard W. Carlson is survived by his sons Tucker and Buckley, his beloved daughter-in-law Susie, and five grandchildren. He was the toughest human being anyone in his family ever knew and also the kindest and most loyal. RIP.●

REMEMBERING DAISY KING

● Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, last week, our Nation lost a fearless entrepreneur, beloved cook, and Tennessee institution: Miss Daisy King.

For more than five decades, Miss Daisy blessed our State with her incredible talent for southern cooking. From her successful catering business to her restaurants in Franklin, Miss Daisy's Tearoom and Miss Daisy's Kitchen, she served up dishes that were adored by Tennesseans and celebrated by the food industry: buttermilk pie, creamed chicken, chive potato salad, beef casserole, bourbon and chocolate pecan pie, and much, much more.

Through it all, Daisy took joy in sharing her passion for cooking with others. In 1978, she published "Recipes from Miss Daisy's," a treasure of wonderful southern recipes that would sell more than 1 million copies. She would go on to publish 13 more cookbooks and share her recipes on national and regional shows, including "Today Show," "CBS This Morning," and Nashville's WTVF-TV's "Talk of the Town."

Over many years of friendship, I was fortunate to see Daisy's generosity,

creativity, and delight in serving others. If you wanted to have a conversation about how to do something better, Daisy was there to help. Especially for younger women who were trying to find their way in the restaurant business, Daisy always offered help and paved the way for others to follow.

There is a reason Miss Daisy was known as the First Lady of Southern Cooking. While we have lost a truly special woman, her legacy—and recipes—will live on in Tennessee and across the country for many years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN MONELL

● Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and celebrate the remarkable leadership and dedication of Nathan Monell, who will retire as executive director of the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) this year. Nathan's tenure at the PTA has been defined by his steadfast commitment to advocating for the educational success and well-being of our Nation's children. His vision, expertise, and passion for family engagement have made a lasting impact on the lives of millions of children and families across the United States and beyond.

Since Nathan's appointment as executive director in 2015, the National PTA has flourished under his leadership. With more than 20,000 local units and over 3 million members, PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy association in the country. Nathan's leadership has been instrumental in advancing family engagement and public policy, and his work has reinforced the PTA's mission of uniting parents, teachers, schools, and communities to ensure every child's potential is realized.

His lifelong commitment to empowering families and fostering educational equity is evident in his contributions to a wide range of initiatives, including youth and family services, mental health, foster care, HIV and substance abuse prevention, and education. He has led public policy efforts at the local, State, and Federal levels, forging partnerships with foundations and corporations to improve outcomes and advance equity in communities nationwide. Whether advocating for school funding, digital safety, or mental health, Nathan's tenacity has driven the organization to take bold actions that support the needs and concerns of parents, teachers, and students alike.

As Nathan prepares for retirement, I join the National PTA, his colleagues, and countless individuals whose lives he has touched in expressing our gratitude for his years of service. I know that his legacy will continue to inspire the next generation of leaders committed to making a difference in the lives of children and families. I wish him and his family the very best in the next chapter of his life.●

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDS OF MT. TABOR PARK

● Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I commend the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) for its 25 years of unwavering dedication to preserving and enhancing one of Portland's most treasured urban green spaces.

Mt. Tabor Park is not just a place of natural beauty; it is a community asset, a sanctuary for recreation, and a reflection of Oregon's deep commitment to environmental stewardship. Since its founding in 2000, FMTP and its dedicated volunteers have served as stewards, educators, and protectors of this cherished space, ensuring that the park continues to be a welcoming environment for all.

Over the years, FMTP has worked hand in hand with the Portland Parks & Recreation, complementing city services and mobilizing a near-constant presence of engaged volunteers. Its commitment has helped maintain public safety, beautify and protect our natural spaces, and sustain opportunities for community programming—even in the most challenging times, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its work is a model of civic engagement and a testament to what is possible when a community comes together with purpose and passion.

As FMTP celebrates 25 years of service, we honor its profound impact on Portland's livability and the countless individuals who have given their time and energy to preserve the urban oasis. I extend my deepest gratitude to the FMTP and look forward to its continued success in the next 25 years and beyond. Congratulations on this milestone anniversary and thank you for your tireless commitment to the people and natural spaces of Portland.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:35 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1534. An act to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American industry through the research and development of advanced technologies to improve the efficiency of cement, concrete, and asphalt production, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1 of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Act (2 U.S.C. 154), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term: Mr. Steven L. Swig of San Francisco, California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 206 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11116), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of

Representatives to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for a two-year term: Mr. Julian Whittington of Benton, Louisiana.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1534. An act to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American industry through the research and development of advanced technologies to improve the efficiency of cement, concrete, and asphalt production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions", and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Tim Scott, Mike Lee, Tom Cotton, Rand Paul, Pete Ricketts, Cynthia M. Lummis, Bernie Moreno, Jim Banks, James E. Risch, Jerry Moran, Steve Daines, Rick Scott, John Boozman, Thom Tillis, Mike Crapo, Tommy Tuberville, John Kennedy, Roger F. Wicker, Ted Budd, Bill Hagerty, John R. Curtis, Kevin Cramer, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst, James Lankford, Ron Johnson, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Eric Schmitt, Markwayne Mullin.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

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

S.J. Res. 18. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions".

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-602. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Under Secretary "Designated Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs", Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-603. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report rel-

ative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-604. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-605. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-606. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to nominations, vacancies, designation of service in acting roles, discontinuation of service in an acting role and an action on nomination for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-607. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of Executive Order 14232 of March 6, 2025, which adjusts the tariffs imposed on articles of Mexico in Executive Order 14194 of February 1, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-608. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of Executive Order 14231 of March 6, 2025, which adjusts the tariffs imposed on articles of Canada in Executive Order 14193 of February 1, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-609. A communication from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-610. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911(d)(4)—2024 Update" (Rev. Proc. 2025-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-611. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions on Certain Archaeological Material of Jordan" (RIN1685-AA29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-612. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-613. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Com-

missioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-614. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2025 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-615. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by Section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, a semi-annual report relative to telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba during the period from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-616. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Kuwait in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-097) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-617. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-078) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-618. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-619. A communication from the Chief of Legal, External Affairs, and Performance Branch, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Government Ethics, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-620. A communication from the Chief of Legal, External Affairs, and Performance Branch, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Government Ethics, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-621. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-622. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's fiscal year 2024 annual report