

better bill and better serve the people of the United States of America.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 276

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 276) to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America".

Mr. BOOZMAN. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 209 and S. Res. 210.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. BOOZMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, 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 resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 211, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 211) designating May 10, 2025, as "World Migratory Bird Day".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BOOZMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 211) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MORNING BUSINESS

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but I had been present, I would have voted on rollcall vote No. 238 on passage of Calendar No. 24, S.J. Res. 7, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Addressing the Homework Gap Through the E-Rate Program".

REMEMBERING STEVEN HOECKER

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Steven W. Hoecker, who served as the director of the David R. Obey Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, for many years.

Steve was a passionate public servant who made a difference in the lives of those who were lucky enough to know him. Born in 1949 in Parma, OH, Steve was a natural adventurer, seeking every opportunity to share the wonder of the outdoors with his loved ones. He spent many days with his best friends and siblings, fishing and enjoying our Nation's natural resources.

His love for the outdoors continued to strengthen as time went on. Steve was no stranger to rehabilitating birds of prey and raising stranded baby animals. He studied wildlife biology at Virginia Tech, where he met his beloved wife and adventure partner Elizabeth.

Steve was also a dedicated father. He and Elizabeth helped raise 38 children, including their daughter Jenna and 37 foster children. He enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors, leaving a lasting impression on each child. In his free time, Steve volunteered in the classrooms of his wife and daughter and with events like Kid's Fishing Day and Fishing Has No Boundaries. He was a proud uncle and grandfather as well.

Steve was instrumental in the establishment of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Before officially becoming the center director in 1998, he spent 6 years planning for the site while he worked for the U.S. Forest Service. He then served as the center director for 12 years until he retired in 2010. He understood the intense beauty of the region of Wisconsin he called home and dedicated his life to educating others on its importance.

Steve found many more ways to give back to his community, including volunteering his time with the Alliance for Sustainability, Habitat for Humanity, and many community activities, including Bayfield's Apple Festival and Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua. He

was tireless in his service to others, a true testament to his passion for helping others.

Through his life's work, Steve Hoecker made an immeasurable impact on the State of Wisconsin. He cared deeply about the Great Lakes, the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center, his family, and his community. His passing is a great loss to all who knew him and worked alongside him, but his legacy and the life he lived will be felt for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KRISTIN A. BEITZ

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor a great American and an exceptional member of the U.S. Air Force, Col. Kristin "Norris" Beitz.

As deputy chief of the Department of the Air Force's Senate Liaison Division from June 2022 to July 2023, Colonel Beitz performed her duties well and without reservation, supporting the 117th and 118th U.S. Congresses. Hailing from Reno, NV, Colonel Beitz is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has served in the Air Force for over 20 years, including 12 in our shared home State of Nevada. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated exceptional and unrivaled officership. Colonel Beitz is a command pilot with over 3,000 hours of flight time in the A-10, MQ-1B, and MQ-9 aircraft. She is a graduate of the prestigious U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, NV, where she also served as an instructor.

Colonel Beitz distinguished herself through her professional character and dedication to serving our Nation in uniform, leading five action officers in the Senate Air Force Liaison Office. In this role, she advised Department of the Air Force senior leaders and helped develop strategic engagement opportunities to advance U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force priorities. Her leadership facilitated seamless collaboration on behalf of the Department of the Air Force across 62 congressional offices, supporting over 30 delegations for 150 Senators, Representatives, and staffers to showcase Department equities in the United States and abroad. Most notably, under her leadership, she drove preconfirmation engagements for the second-ever Chief of Space Operations and worked with the Senate Space Force Caucus to coordinate three events critical to educating Members and their staff on the Department of Defense's newest service. Her efforts helped solidify the establishment of the U.S. Space Force and ensured the Department of the Air Force's support of the National Defense Strategy in its Reoptimization for Great Power Competition.

Additionally, Colonel Beitz co-authored the Department of the Air Force's Distinguished Public Service Award for the then-retiring ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the late-Senator Jim

Inhofe, and served as a direct liaison for the joint military presentation ceremony as the Secretary of the Air Force honored Senator Inhofe's 56 years of public service. She led the congressional delegation to the Air Force's B-21 bomber unveiling and the bicameral 2022 Reagan National Defense Forum. Colonel Beitz's significant efforts led to over 200 successful engagements between this governing body and senior Department of Defense officials, including the Secretary of the Air Force. All of these engagements helped Senators and their staffs understand defense equities and their impact on national security. Due to her direct involvement and stewardship, Members of Congress were able to make informed decisions and ensured the Department of the Air Force was properly resourced and funded. After serving in this crucial role and becoming a fixture on Capitol Hill, Colonel Beitz moved on to serve as the director of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Washington, DC, office.

Colonel Beitz's contributions extend far beyond operational excellence. She played a pivotal role in working with my office on the unique challenges faced by remotely piloted aircraft crews, such as those at Nevada's Creech Air Force Base, where Colonel Beitz served for many years. Her insight and advocacy helped shape my National Defense Authorization Act priorities to address these gaps and oversights. Colonel Beitz's dedication to supporting those in uniform, even beyond her formal liaison duties, has been invaluable. She has continued to serve as a resource to my office on these and other issues.

I would be remiss not to mention the personal connections Colonel Beitz has fostered during her time here. I have personally enjoyed meeting her parents and children at our constituent coffees—the Battle Born Breakfast—and her son outside of the Senate Chamber as he interviewed me for his elementary school project. Colonel Beitz's thoughtfulness and capacity to connect with others on a personal level while performing her duties at the highest echelon of professionalism is a true testament to her work ethic and care for those around her.

Colonel Beitz and her husband, Col. Andy Beitz, who is also a command pilot and recently retired from the U.S. Air Force, have together flown over 6,000 hours as Air Force aviators and have instilled a legacy of service for their children Ezekiel and Eloise. They have sacrificed much as a family in service to our Nation. I am thankful for Col. Kristin Beitz's service in the Air Force, in the Senate, and with my office on issues of vital importance to the defense of the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong. She is "Battle Born."

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 ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13611 OF MAY 16, 2012, WITH RESPECT TO YEMEN—PM 26

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared with respect to Yemen in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2025.

The actions and policies of Ansar Allah, also known as the Houthis, continue to threaten Yemen's peace, security, and stability. These actions include obstructing the political process in Yemen and blocking the implementation of the agreement of November 23, 2011, between the Government of Yemen and those in opposition to it, which provided for a peaceful transition of power that meets the legitimate demands and aspirations of the Yemeni people.

Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2025.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 10:03 a.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 joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 61. 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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing".

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

At 11:35 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 276. An act to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America".

H.R. 881. An act to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1503. An act to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 12. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 881. An act to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1503. An act to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1668. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, and individuals appointed to Senate-confirmed positions from issuing, sponsoring, or endorsing certain financial instruments, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 276. An act to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 612. A bill to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-20).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted: