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[Rollcall Vote No. 306 Leg.]

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Blumenthal	Kelly	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	King	Shaheen
Booker	Klobuchar	Smith
Cantwell	Lujan	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Markey	Warner
Durbin	Merkley	Warnock
Fetterman	Murphy	Warren
Gillibrand	Murray	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden

#### NAYS—56

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

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—4

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Galleo	Padilla

The motion was rejected.

VOTE ON MOTION TO DISCHARGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MOODY). Under the previous order, the question is on agreeing to the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 54.

Mr. MURPHY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

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(Mr. MORENO assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JUSTICE).

The Senator from Ohio.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

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

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, on May 22, I missed rollcall vote No. 277, passage of H. J. Res 88. Had I been present, I would have voted no. Overturning California's Clean Air Act waivers is a climate setback of massive proportions that will delay much-needed actions to abate climate chaos. By expanding the scope of the Congressional Review Act to accomplish this, the Senate has created a new process to undermine the ability of States to innovate and invites politicization and corruption of routine administrative actions.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALECIA WEBB-EDGINGTON

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a driven and highly accomplished Kentuckian Alecia Webb-Edgington. Alecia was recently named 2025 Person of the Year by the Covington Education Foundation in honor of her work impacting the northern Kentucky community as president of the Life Learning Center. I ask my colleagues to please join me in applauding Alecia on her award and

recognizing her outstanding career of public service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Alecia spent the bulk of her career on the frontlines of our communities with the Kentucky State Police, where she served for 15 years. The Governor's security detail and undercover narcotics were just two of Alecia's many assignments as a trooper. It was during this period when she met her husband and greatest supporter Ted. She finished her time with KSP working in the role of chief information officer. After her retirement, Governor Ernie Fletcher appointed Alecia to be executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, making her the first woman to hold the office.

When her political appointment came to an end, Alecia knew her call to serve was far from over. From 2009 to 2013, Alecia represented the 63rd District in the Kentucky House of Representatives, climbing the ranks and eventually becoming vice-chair of the Education Committee. As the daughter of a career educator, Alecia values and prioritizes the advancement of education. Her passion is abundantly evident in her work. Alecia's success in Frankfort pushed her to run for Congress, and although her campaign fell short, she knew there was more she could do to serve the public.

An opportunity was presented to Alecia that would take her to Washington, DC, to serve at the State Department as a senior police adviser in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. With excitement for the job and an enthusiastic push from Ted, Alecia made the jump, commuting back and forth to DC in this new adventure. Within the old Yugoslavia and North Africa portfolio, she specialized in issues of trafficking and rule of law in post-conflict countries. She worked with folks who had suffered through tremendous conflict, striving to turn their lives around. While the position was a complete mystery to Alecia when she started, the work was fascinating and very rewarding. She eventually decided to put her newly developed skills from the State Department to use helping Kentuckians at the Life Learning Center.

Since 2016, Alecia has been the president of the Life Learning Center in Covington, KY, leading a team focused on helping the at-risk population receive the education and skills necessary to succeed in the workforce and in life. Her work has made a significant impact on the northern Kentucky community and has won her many well-deserved awards, including the Covington Education Foundation's 2025 Person of the Year. Along with her two Kentucky State Police commendations, Alecia has received several other significant distinctions like the Kenton County Pioneer Award and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Community Award.

Alecia also serves on the board of Notre Dame Academy and the Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment

Board. Community is the heart of her focus in all her endeavors. She is a proven leader with exceptional experience whose talent inspires her peers and colleagues to follow her with a high level of confidence. Her impact on the lives of others is inspirational, and I am grateful for her devotion to our Commonwealth and our Nation. Again, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Alecia on her award and recognize her outstanding career of service.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI AND RUTH LAZOWSKI

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of Rabbi Philip Lazowski and the 90th birthday of his wife Ruth, both extraordinary Holocaust survivors and towering figures of Hartford's Jewish community.

Rabbi Lazowski was born on June 13, 1930, in Bielica, Poland, and Ruth on June 9, 1935, in Zhetel in modern-day Belarus. He was the oldest of five, with three younger brothers and a younger sister. She was the oldest of two, with one younger sister.

In June 1941, Nazi Germany invaded both towns, destroying their family homes and beginning mass killings of the Jewish population. On November 10, 1941, the remaining Jewish population in Bielica, including Philip and his family, were forced into Zhetel, where a ghetto was established in February 1942. Soon after, in April 1942, the Germans began rounding up the Jewish population in Zhetel. While Philip's family was able to find shelter in a cave under their home, Philip himself was caught by a German soldier. He was found by a woman, Miriam Rabinowitz, who took him in as her own along with her two daughters and saved his life.

After August 6, 1942, when the Zhetel ghetto was liquidated, Philip and Ruth fled—separately. Philip fled first to Dworetz, reuniting with one of his brothers and his uncle, and then eventually to the woods near Bielica where his father was living. Ruth and the Rabinowitz family fled to the Nakryshki forest, where they helped to establish a family camp with other survivors from the area. Both Philip and Ruth managed to survive in the woods for 2 and a half years, enduring the incredibly harsh conditions of Eastern European winters.

After the war, Philip, his father, and his brother left for the U.S. and settled in Brooklyn, NY, in 1947. Ruth and the Rabinowitz family settled in Hartford, CT. Philip attended Brooklyn College and the Yeshiva University Rabbinical School. At a wedding in New York, a chance conversation led him to be reunited with a member of the Rabinowitz family. Philip visited them in Hartford, where he was properly in-

troduced to Ruth. Ruth and Philip fell in love and married in 1955. They have three sons Barry, Alan, and David and seven grandchildren.

Philip was ordained as a Rabbi in 1962. Starting in Beth Shalom Synagogue, and then serving Beth Hillel from 1969 to 2000, Rabbi Lazowski quickly became a preeminent spiritual leader and mentor for the Hartford community. He is now rabbi emeritus of the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford, a position he has held since 2001. Always active in his community, he has also been chaplain of the Connecticut State Senate, the Institute of Living at Hartford Hospital, and the Hartford Police. He has written over a dozen books, including his story of surviving the Holocaust, "Faith and Destiny." Ruth has been an essential partner in all he has accomplished, a respected and loved community member. She has also been a dedicated Jewish educator in both Hartford and Bloomfield, CT.

Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski's story is truly one of the indomitable human spirit and miraculous survival, but also the power of love, even in the face of immense hatred. It is also a stark reminder of the great evils of the past and the necessity of fighting hate wherever we find it.

I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Ruth Lazowski's 90th birthday and Rabbi Lazowski's 95th birthday and honoring their remarkable example of love, service, and leadership.●

##### RECOGNIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CROATIAN PARISH

• Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish for 125 years of service to Kansas City, KS. For 125 years, St. John the Baptist has stood as a beacon of faith, culture, and community service, offering spiritual guidance, preserving Croatian heritage, and fostering a welcoming environment for generations of families.

The parish's steadfast dedication and perseverance in ministering to one another and the broader community exemplify the values that define both Kansas and our Nation. Their legacy of faith and cultural preservation has enriched countless lives across Wyandotte County and beyond, and their story rightly belongs in the pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I commend the clergy, parishioners, and all those who have contributed to the growth and success of St. John the Baptist. Their commitment to service and tradition is both admirable and inspiring, and I am confident their parish will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact for generations to come.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable milestone. May the celebration of 125 years inspire continued joy, gratitude, and renewed commitment to the enduring values that make St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

such a treasured part of the Kansas City community.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in honoring St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish for 125 exceptional years of service and devotion.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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 which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, 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. 884. An act to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.

H.R. 2096. An act to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated: