

public lands to Foreign Entities of Concern (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea).

12. Motion to commit the bill to Energy and Natural Resources to ensure that they prohibit the sale of leases for oil and gas on public lands to any company that has an existing and unused lease.

13. Motion to commit the bill to Energy and Natural Resources to ensure that any public land sales are not used for homes above \$500k or secondary/vacation homes.

14. A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services to prohibit the use of any funds made available under title II of the bill to upgrade a plane gifted by the government of Qatar for use by the United States Government in the Air Force One fleet.

15. Motion to commit the bill to the Commerce Committee to ensure that Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment funding is used to connect every home, business, library, and school to high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband before that funding can be used for artificial intelligence infrastructure

16. Motion to commit the bill to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with changes that would provide permanent, mandatory investments in the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, which uses Federal funding to leverage private funding in support of cutting-edge agriculture research.

17. Motion to commit the bill to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with changes that would make strong investments in specialty crop farmers, including improved risk management options, protections against invasive pests and diseases, increased funding for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and investments in research, including mechanization and automation research.

18. Motion to commit the bill to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with changes that would prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from using any funding to create a system of personally identifying information of supplemental nutrition assistance program household information, as described in the notice published by the Department of Agriculture entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records" (90 Fed. Reg. 26521 (June 23, 2025)).

H.R. 1

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, it is my intention to make the following motion to commit the bill:

A motion to commit the bill to the committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, with instructions to report H.R. 1 back to the Senate with changes that strikes provision that limit Federal Pell Grant recipients' ability to access additional Federal, State, or private student aid.

H.R. 1

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, Senator Jon Ossoff of Georgia, Senator John Hickenlooper of Colorado, Senator Michael Bennet of Colorado, and Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey support the Motion to Commit bill H.R. 1 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and make changes that would protect clean energy manufacturing jobs in the United States.

H.R. 1

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, it is my intention to make the following motions to commit the bill:

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to make strong investments in rural communities, including improvements to water and wastewater infrastructure, housing assistance, energy efficiency, business development, and high-speed internet access.

H.R. 1

Mr. KIM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the following four motions to commit be printed in the RECORD.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance to strike provisions that would increase the health insurance premiums or out-of-pocket costs under the Medicaid program, the Children's Health Insurance Program, or the private insurance marketplaces established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for middle class individuals or families.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance to make changes to the bill to prevent children, individuals with disabilities, or seniors from becoming uninsured.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance to eliminate provisions that would force the closure of hospitals or otherwise reduce access to affordable health care.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate to ensure that no provision of the bill would displace staff from the National Science Foundation or otherwise reduce the agency's ability to carry out its mission.

H.R. 1

Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, I strongly oppose this cruel bill, which will unduly harm Marylanders and people across our country. The Congressional Budget Office has found that this bill would kick a million more people off of their healthcare coverage compared to the House bill. That means this bill—a bailout for billionaires—will come at the cost of 17 million losing their healthcare coverage. More specifically, the bill would kick 246,000 Marylanders off of their health coverage. Senate Republicans are making a policy choice to harm millions of Americans to benefit the wealthiest Americans.

Altogether, the Senate bill cuts more than \$1 trillion in healthcare for Americans. These cuts would hurt my home State of Maryland. In Maryland, Medicaid covers nearly 1.5 million people. That is a quarter of our population. This bill could cause over 160,000 Marylanders to lose coverage over the next 10 years. It is not beautiful to them.

More veterans live in Maryland than any other State. Thousands of veterans depend on Medicaid to cover gaps in VA coverage for essential services like mental health care and long-term serv-

ices and support. It is not beautiful to them.

Undoing enrollment policies will also increase Medicare premiums for over 1 million seniors. And because they won't be able to afford essential medications, death rates among seniors will rise.

New redtape requirements in Medicaid will terminate health coverage for up to 1.5 million children nationwide, and another 400,000 children will lose coverage because of these cuts that undo improvements to enrollment processes.

I heard the fear and concern in a townhall this week. I have looked into the eyes of Marylanders terrified about losing their coverage.

The immediate coverage losses are not the only thing in this heartless bill that will imminently harm Marylanders. This bill will cause hospitals to close. Specifically, it will cause rural hospitals, children's hospitals, and hospitals that serve low-income populations across the State of Maryland to close.

Thus, this bill will have long lasting, and devastating impacts to my State of Maryland. I hereby enter into the record a motion to commit, which is very simple. It would prevent Medicaid cuts to children's hospitals, disproportionate share hospitals, and rural hospitals—protecting the most vulnerable among us and preserving the access to care for my State of Maryland.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING CONTINUUM AG

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. 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 Continuum Ag of Washington, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2015, seventh-generation farmer Mitchell Hora founded Continuum Ag to help fellow farmers better understand and capitalize on their soil health. Mitchell launched Continuum Ag with a mission to empower farmers to improve their land, profitability, and sustainability through data-driven decision-making. What began as a local agricultural consulting company specializing in the Haney Soil Health Test has now evolved into a cutting-edge soil health intelligence business.

Today, Continuum Ag operates a software-as-a-service platform, offering a proprietary tool called TopSoil and supports farmers in 43 U.S. States and over 20 countries. The company's platform helps producers earn the Carbon Intensity—CI—Certification, an innovative credit that rewards the production of low-carbon grain. From low-carbon biofuels to regenerative agricultural practices, Continuum Ag helps farmers navigate emerging markets

while advancing sustainability and profitability. Through TopSoil, farmers are now able to monetize their data, manage soil health, and engage directly with supply chain partners.

Under Mitchell's leadership, Continuum Ag has gained national attention for its innovation. Mitchell was featured in *Forbes'* 30 Under 30 in 2021 and *AgGrad's* 30 Under 30 in 2020. He also received the Iowa Department of Agriculture's Environmental Excellence Award in 2023. Mitchell is a member of the Washington County Farm Bureau Board and the Global Farmer Network and was recognized as a Soil Health Champion by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Mitchell is also an active member of the Entrepreneurs' Organization and hosts the TopSoil Podcast and CI Chit Chat, where he shares insights on sustainability, carbon intensity scoring, and regenerative agriculture trends. Continuum Ag hosts an annual TopSoil Summit that unites farmers, partners, and industry experts around the future of agriculture.

I want to congratulate Mitchell Hora and the entire Continuum Ag team for their entrepreneurial leadership, commitment to innovation, and bold vision for the future of American agriculture. Their work is helping to strengthen the sustainability of farming communities across Iowa and around the world. I look forward to seeing their continued success in the years ahead.●

REMEMBERING FREDERICK W. SMITH

● Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor the remarkable life of an extraordinary American, a Marine Corps veteran, titan of industry, and friend to me and many others here in the U.S. Senate and across the legislative and executive branches of our government Frederick W. Smith. Fred is best known for being a pioneer in the transportation, logistics, e-commerce, and express delivery industry, the founder and CEO of FedEx for nearly half a century. Fred was that and much more.

Fred Smith led an All-American life. Born in Marks, MS, he was raised in Memphis, TN. There, he attended elementary school at Presbyterian Day School and high school at Memphis University School. In 1962, he entered Yale University to study economics where he would conceive of an idea for an integrated air-to-ground transportation and logistics business, which would eventually become Federal Express.

After graduating Yale, he served our country through two tours of duty in the Vietnam war. For his service, Fred received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts. An excerpt from Fred's Silver Star citation provides some insight to the man Fred was—the Fred I knew: "By his courage, aggressive leadership and unfaltering devotion to duty at great personal risk,

Lieutenant Smith upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service." Fred was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1973 with the rank of captain.

Fred Smith's leadership was found throughout his private life, too. Through his tenacity, he built FedEx to become one of the largest private employers of Americans and the global leader in transportation and logistics. On April 17, 1973, Federal Express began operations in Memphis, TN, with 389 employees; 14 aircraft delivered 186 packages to 25 U.S. cities during that first day. Today, FedEx employs more than 370,000 Americans, operating in over 220 countries and delivering over 17 million shipments per day.

Fred believed in his hometown of Memphis and chose to make his city the headquarters and logistical center of FedEx. He saw the potential for Memphis. Today, Memphis is a major center in global logistics because of Fred's hard work and determination. Fred served as CEO of FedEx until 2022 and served as executive chairman until his passing.

Fred Smith's commitment to Memphis was also demonstrated through his philanthropic support of education, healthcare, sports, the arts, and community development in the city. Fred served on the board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Mayo Foundation. He demonstrated his love for the city through his actions.

And even more important than his military career, his accomplishments in business, and philanthropy, Fred Smith was a loving husband to Diane, father to 10 children, 31 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. I am fortunate to know many of Fred's family members, and in them, I see Fred's patriotism and commitment that will extend his legacy for generations to come. Fred has left a lasting impression on those who knew him and those who did not. Those who did will miss him dearly. Every American should be thankful for the life of Fred Smith.●

TRIBUTE TO ALANA NICHOLS

● Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and share the inspiring story of Alana Nichols, a six-time Paralympic medalist across three sports and one of New Mexico's greatest athletes and advocates. Alana is being inducted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame this year as part of the class of 2024 for her outstanding accomplishments. Alana grew up in Farmington, NM, and was an avid snowboarder throughout her youth. When she was 5 years old, her grandmother introduced her to T-ball which sparked her interest in sports, along with a competitive nature. Growing up, Alana played basketball, volleyball, and softball with hopes of playing for the University of New Mexico's softball team.

Her story of resilience began at 17 years old when she sustained a spinal

cord injury snowboarding. This traumatic event would leave her paralyzed from the waist down. In an instant, her life had changed forever, and the future she had in mind would be altered. Yet this moment was not the end of her athletic journey, it was the start of a new one.

While studying at the University of New Mexico, Alana was introduced to wheelchair basketball. This gave her a spark of hope, and she quickly rose to become a member of the U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team in 2008, where she helped bring home gold at the Beijing Paralympics Games in 2008. She didn't stop there, going on to medal in alpine skiing at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games and later representing Team USA in paracanoe at the 2016 Rio Games.

Alana became the first American woman to win gold in both Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, she is a three-time gold medalist winner, a national leader in adaptive surfing and a passionate advocate for women and athletes with disabilities. Alana was inducted into the inaugural Superman Hall of Heroes in 2014, celebrating real-life heroes.

Alana's journey is an incredible story of resilience and perseverance. I am honored to have the opportunity to share her experiences with you all today. We are very proud of Alana and the shining example she is for our State. We look forward to the wonderful things she will accomplish next.●

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

As 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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:21 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3944. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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