

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:

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; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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-1238. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1239. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 278. A bill to prohibit users who are under age 13 from accessing social media platforms, to prohibit the use of personalized recommendation systems on individuals under age 17, and limit the use of social media in schools (Rept. No. 119-33).

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 93. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-34).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. PAUL for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be National Cyber Director.

*James Percival, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

*James Woodruff II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2032.

*Robert Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

*Kevin Rhodes, of Florida, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 2206. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on distributions from 529 accounts for qualified higher education expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LUMMIS:

S. 2207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the treatment of digital assets; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 312. A resolution recognizing June 2025, as "LGBTQ Pride Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 107

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 107, a bill to amend the Lumbee Act of 1956.

S. 646

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to carry out Executive Order 14160.

S. 1397

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to require the Secretary of State to establish a quantum cooperation program to enhance international cooperation in quantum information science.

S. 1989

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1989, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase transparency and expand coverage options with respect to home and community-based services, and for other purposes.

S. 2195

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms.

CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2195, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 2197

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2197, a bill to permit legally married same-sex couples to amend their filing status for tax returns outside the statute of limitations.

S. 2198

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2198, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Department of Defense and other Federal law enforcement personnel to support civilian law enforcement activities, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 295

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 295, a resolution supporting the designation of the week of June 23 through June 29, 2025, as "National Women's Sports Week" to celebrate the anniversary of the enactment of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the growth of women's sports.

AMENDMENT NO. 2378

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2378 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 2379

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2379 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 2382

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2382 proposed to H.R. 1, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 2396

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2396 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 2407

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2407 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 2411

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from New