

When I asked Danby's colleague of more than 20 years, editorial page editor Susan Young, about Danby and his career, she had this to say: "Through his long and ongoing career in Bangor and beyond, George has never lost his keen sense of what matters in Maine, and to Mainers. He uses his artist's eye to urge us all to be better leaders, citizens and neighbors. Maine is lucky for his long career in his beloved home state."

Thank you, George, for your long-lasting service to our State. We are better off because of your work, your vision, and your continued commitment to truth, insight, and humor. And for that, we will be forever grateful.●

RECOGNIZING SANDERS CANDY

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Sanders Candy as they celebrate 150 years of confectionery arts in the State of Michigan. Since 1875, Sanders has touched the hearts and taste buds of Michiganders through their delicious, handcrafted treats, a staple of special occasions, and gift giving across the State of Michigan. It is a privilege to recognize such a significant milestone for a Detroit institution.

Frederick Sanders Schmidt opened his first candy shop with a "passionate dream and a borrowed barrel of sugar" on June 17, 1875, on the corner of Woodward and Gratiot Avenue. Visitors were dazzled to find a breathtaking variety of sweet treats, such as chocolates, caramels, cakes, and pies. The company expanded at a rapid pace across southeast Michigan, opening new locations like the aptly named "Palace of Sweets," known for its ornate and spacious interior and wide array of confections, including new desserts like their iconic bumpy cake.

Over its 150 years, Sanders has gone through many changes, but their values and innovative spirit have never wavered. To accommodate increased demand, their factory became one of the first in Detroit to install an electric motor, a novel technology at the time, and hired a then unknown mechanic named Henry Ford to service it when it inevitably broke down. They were also recognized as an early pioneer in carryout services and the use of dry ice for safe food storage.

In recent years, the company has continued this innovative spirit by altering their business strategy to adapt to changing consumer habits, including expanding their online presence and offering delivery directly to customers' homes. In 2021, they launched the Second Nature Brands Innovation Center at their factory in Clinton Township as part of a new initiative to expand research and development. Visitors to the Innovation Center meet the artisans behind Sanders' treats and indulge in the creation of new desserts.

Today, Sanders continues to delight customers at their locations in Rochester and Clinton Township and be-

yond. On Mackinac Island, their vast selection of fudge is a vital part of what makes the location so memorable to visitors from around the world. And their expansion into national supermarket chains means that customers no longer need to live here in Michigan to enjoy the treats that have delighted Michiganders for now 150 years.

Given their renowned history and their legacy of innovation and excellence, I ask you to join me in recognizing Sanders as they celebrate their 150th anniversary. Since their founding, they have grown from a small Detroit candy shop to a Michigan icon, and I wish them all the best as they continue to satisfy the sweeter tastes of customers all around the country.●

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN LILIUOKALANI KEIKI HULA COMPETITION

● Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, this month marks the 50th anniversary of the Queen Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition. Since its founding in 1976 by the Kalihi-Palama Culture and Arts Society, this annual event has brought together thousands of young dancers from across Hawaii and the world to celebrate the legacy of Queen Liliuokalani through hula (dance) and oli (chant).

This year, more than 600 children ages 6 to 12 will showcase their talent, discipline, and connection to Hawaiian culture as participants in this competition. Through traditional hula kahiko and contemporary hula auana, these young dancers embody the stories, values, and spirit of Hawaii. They grow up immersed in the Native Hawaiian traditions and cultural practices that help create a sense of community and identity. The related cultural demonstrations and exhibitions from local artisans and the Hawaii State Archives help share some of that knowledge and history with both the participants and attendees.

This milestone marks not only five decades of excellence in Hawaiian dance and chant but also an enduring commitment to revitalization of the Hawaiian culture. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Queen Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition and in recognizing its contribution to the preservation and celebration of Hawaiian culture.●

TRIBUTE TO E. CLEMENT "CLEM" SHUTE, JR.

● Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to E. Clement "Clem" Shute, Jr., as he receives the 2025 Dianne Feinstein Lake Tahoe Award. For over 50 years, Mr. Shute has been a fierce advocate and champion for the environmental protection of Lake Tahoe.

After graduating from the Boalt Hall School of Law in 1964, now known as

the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Mr. Shute dove into environmental law and advocacy. Mr. Shute helped pioneer California environmental law, initially through his position as the assistant attorney general in the California Attorney General's Office, where he was responsible for the environment and consumer protection section, and later through his law firm. As assistant attorney general, he was legal advisor to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and counsel to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, where he led innovative environmental litigation that safeguarded the Bay Area's natural beauty and environment.

In 1980, Mr. Shute joined fellow environmental lawyers Marc Mihaly and Mark Weinberger to establish Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP law firm, where upon cofounding the business, he represented the town of Tiburon in the groundbreaking decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold open space zoning against claims of inverse condemnation.

With Mr. Shute's particular expertise in wetland regulation, solid waste regulation, airport expansion, and other issues affecting Lake Tahoe and the San Francisco Bay area, he is a valued and consistent environmental law advisor not only in the northern California area but also throughout the State. He served on the California Advisory Board of the Trust for Public Land, helping preserve, expand, and increase accessibility to green spaces across the State. Mr. Shute is also credited for helping launch the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, where he served as a board member for nearly a decade and played a vital role in negotiating the regional plan update.

Mr. Shute notably has also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Lawyers Association for his contributions to environmental law, the Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award from the Marin Conservation League, and has been named a California Super Lawyer for several years, among other honors.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Clem Shute for over half a century of dedicated service as one of Lake Tahoe's greatest advocates and congratulate him upon receiving the Dianne Feinstein Lake Tahoe Award.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 6:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. Bergman of Michigan, Mr. Stauber of Minnesota, Ms. Tenney of New York, Mr. Finstad of Minnesota, Mr. Langworthy of New York, and Mr. Baumgartner of Washington.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. Aderholt of Alabama, Mr. Hudson of North Carolina, Mr. Murphy of North Carolina, Mr. Ellzey of Texas, Mr. Cohen of Tennessee, Mr. Cleaver of Missouri, Mr. Veasey of Texas, and Mr. Doggett of Texas.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mrs. Kiggans of Virginia and Mr. Strong of Alabama.

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-1286. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Supplementary Grant Regulation" (RIN0610-AA77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1287. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Environment Regulation" (RIN0610-AA87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1288. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of National Environmental Policy Act Regulations" (RIN2125-AF80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1289. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reconsideration of the Dust-Lead Hazard Standards and dust-Lead Post-Abandonment Clearance Levels; Correction" ((RIN2070-AK91) (FRL No. 8524.1-02-OCSP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1290. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Control of Emissions During Petroleum Liquid Storage, Loading, and Transfer" (FRL No. 12732-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1291. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Manage-

ment Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Louisiana; Nonattainment Plan for the Evangeline Parish 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 12753-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1292. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities Technology Review: Interim Final Rule" (FRL No. 5919.4-03-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1293. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Aerosol Coatings: Interim Final Rule" ((RIN2060-AW62) (FRL No. 12710-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1294. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries; Residual Risk and Technology Review, and Periodic Technology Review" (FRL No. 8471.1-03-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1295. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Moderate Attainment Plan Elements for the Cleveland Area for the 2015 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 11757-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1296. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 12162-02-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1297. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period" (FRL No. 12175-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1298. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Oklahoma; Control of Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" (FRL No. 12425-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1299. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Florida; Revisions to Stationary Sources - Removal of Clean Air Interstate Rule Provisions" (FRL No. 12620-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1300. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Louisiana; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS" (FRL No. 12681-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1301. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period" (FRL No. 12731-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1302. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; Revised Format for Nonregulatory Provisions" (FRL No. 12792-01-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2264. A bill to improve the emergency management capabilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 2265. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and the 2034 Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2266. A bill to provide for automatic renewal protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BUDD):

S. 2267. A bill to establish the Payroll Audit Independent Determination program in the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. FETTERMAN):