

products containing sodium nitrite, CBO estimates that the cost of the mandate would not exceed the private sector threshold established in UMRA (\$206 million in 2025, adjusted annually for inflation).

S. 389, the Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act, would impose a private-sector mandate as defined in UMRA by requiring manufacturers of electric mobility devices, including bicycles and scooters, to comply with a prospective Consumer Product Safety Commission safety standard related to the risk of fire in lithium-ion batteries. Based on voluntary compliance with the specified standard by domestic manufacturers and current state and local laws requiring compliance, CBO estimates that the cost of the mandate would not exceed the annual private-sector threshold established in UMRA (\$206 million in 2025, adjusted annually for inflation).

S. 414, the ADS for Mental Health Services Act, would require certain digital advertising platforms to report to the FTC on their public service advertisements for mental and behavioral health. That requirement would impose a private-sector mandate as defined by UMRA. CBO estimates the cost of the mandate would be small and not exceed the threshold established in UMRA (\$206 million in 2025, adjusted annually for inflation) because the mandated entities generally already possess or collect the information required to be reported under the bill.

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CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAM KIMMITT

Mr. MORENO. Madam President, I would like to congratulate William Kimmitt on his confirmation as the next Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. This is an outstanding appointment not just for the Department of Commerce, but also for the American people.

Mr. Kimmitt's life has been defined by service, both of his own and that of his family. His grandfather Stan Kimmitt, a decorated war veteran who served in World War II and in Korea, devoted his career to Senator Mike Mansfield and ultimately served as Secretary of the Senate from 1977–1981. His uncle Jay Kimmitt spent decades on the Appropriations Committee as a professional staff member. His aunt and godmother Judy dedicated nearly her entire professional life to serving six different Senators. This is a patriotic family who clearly values the dignity of public service. I trust that William will continue the family tradition as the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

However impressive Mr. Kimmitt's family might be, his personal career

speaks volumes to the type of man he is. He served as counselor to then-United States Trade Representative Bob Lighthizer and helped implement the historic USMCA. William defended our steel and aluminum industries and worked tirelessly to ensure that America's trade policy put our workers, farmers, and manufacturers first—and not the other way around. While working for the USTR, he navigated the complex intersection of law, diplomacy, security, and commerce, while always advancing President Trump's America First agenda.

Mr. Kimmitt also brings over a decade of private sector experience as a partner at Kirkland & Ellis, where he represented U.S. companies in cases before the International Trade Commission and advised on supply chain issues. He understands, from the boardroom to the factory floor, how trade policy impacts “Forgotten Americans,” real businesses, and our long-term competitiveness against geoeconomic rivals like China.

As Under Secretary, Mr. Kimmitt will lead the International Trade Administration and will be responsible for: No. 1, promoting market access for American goods and services; and No. 2, enforcing our trade laws to combat unfair practices. Both functions are critical to our safety and prosperity.

On market access, when American farmers and manufacturers have a fair chance to compete against international firms, they always win. Whether it is automobiles from Ohio, refined chemicals from Pennsylvania, or soybeans from Iowa, our products are second to none. ITA ensures that foreign markets are open to those goods by cutting through redtape and breaking down trade barriers. That means more exports, more jobs, and stronger communities here at home.

On enforcement, ITA plays a vital role in confronting dumping practices, countering illegal subsidies, and ensuring that foreign competitors play by the rules. For too long, American workers were undercut by countries exploiting loopholes, manipulating markets, and ignoring labor standards. Under Mr. Kimmitt's leadership, we will have an Under Secretary committed to using every tool available to level the playing field and bring justice to American workers.

Mr. Kimmitt has pledged to use America's trade tools strategically, enforce our laws vigorously, and give our exporters the support they need to succeed globally. I know he will deliver on these promises. His deep understanding of how trade policy intersects with our national interest will serve this Nation well.

So today, I congratulate William Kimmitt on his confirmation as our next Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. I thank him, his wife Heather, and their four children—Kaitlyn, Kevin, Will, and Abby—for once again answering the call to serve. I am certain that he will make the ITA

a tireless champion for the American worker.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam President, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 439, confirmation of David Wright, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 440, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 110, Earl Matthews to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN CALDWELL

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, cross-country skiing is a sport enjoyed by tens of thousands of Vermonters, including several Vermont Olympians. Just about every Vermont ski area today has groomed cross-country trails, and most schools and communities have cross-country ski programs. Where I live in Norwich, VT, cross-country skiing is as popular as riding a chair lift and skiing down. From our front door, my wife Margaret and I can put on our skis and head out across a field and into the woods, breaking our own track or following a snowmobile trail.

Many Vermont cross-country skiers today are not old enough to know how the sport got its start because, before John Caldwell—often referred to as the “father” of cross-country skiing—it was something people did in Scandinavia that hardly anyone in America knew about. That was until Caldwell wrote “The Cross-Country Ski Book.” It was published by the Stephen Greene Press in Brattleboro in eight editions from 1964 to 1987 and became one of the most widely distributed skiing books published in the United States.

John Caldwell is an Olympian himself, competing in the 1952 Winter Olympics in both cross-country and ski jumping. After graduating from Dartmouth College, he went on to coach U.S. Olympic cross-country ski teams in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, and 1984. Although born in Michigan and currently living in New Hampshire to be close to children and grandchildren, for all intents and purposes Caldwell has been and will always be a Vermonter; his ancestors arrived in the State in the 1740s. He attended the Putney School in Putney, VT, where he met his future wife Hep, and for more than three decades taught mathematics and coached skiing at Putney, finally retiring in 1989.

To train for ski racing his students would run cross-country in the fall and split firewood. He was demanding, but he was also a master of dry humor, and his students were devoted to him. Above all, his goal was to show them that learning the technique to be able to glide on skis under one's own power

could be great fun. Several of them went on to ski in the Olympics, including Bill Koch and his eldest son Tim who competed in four Olympic games. His granddaughter Sophie won medals in multiple World Cup races, and she and grandson Patrick competed in the Olympics. His son Sverre served for nearly four decades as Nordic director at Stratton Mountain School. His daughter Jennifer was the fastest woman of thousands who competed in the country's largest cross-country ski race in 1983.

John Caldwell's contribution to cross-country skiing in Vermont and the United States knows no equal. He brought the sport to Vermont, and from there, it spread across the country. Just a few hundred yards from where he lives today, in the winter, scores of elementary school students can be seen practicing their cross-country technique on trails around the old Dartmouth golf course.

Everyone who puts on a pair of cross-country skis today owes a debt of gratitude to John Caldwell. Cross-country skiing isn't just a sport. For those who love it, it is a passion—even a way of life. As Caldwell describes in "The Cross-Country Ski Book," it is a simple, graceful way for just about anyone of any age to have fun gliding almost silently across snow-covered fields and through woods and getting in shape in the process. All Vermonters should be proud that, thanks to John Caldwell, our State was the birthplace of cross-country skiing in America.

I ask unanimous consent that an April 11, 2025, article in the Brattleboro Reformer, entitled "John Caldwell: He wrote the book—literally—on cross-country skiing," be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Brattleboro Reformer, Apr 11, 2025]

JOHN CALDWELL: HE WROTE THE BOOK—
LITERALLY—ON CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
(By Bill LeConey)

Hanover, N.H.—As the winter chill begins to fade and the snow recedes from the slopes and trails of Southern Vermont, it's a good time to look back on the history and legend of one of the areas favorite sports and recreational activities: cross-country skiing.

And that legend begins and ends with John Caldwell, who has been hailed by cross-country ski enthusiasts as the "father," "god-father," even "guru" of their sport. After all, he wrote the book on it: 1964's "The Cross-country Ski Book." It was the first time anyone had ever written a guide in English.

"It's out of print now—it went through seven or eight editions. It was a bestseller," John, now 96, said last week. "I think it sold over 500,000 copies. It's the only reason I'm not in the poorhouse."

Caldwell competed in the 1952 Winter Olympics and coached the U.S. cross-country Olympic teams in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, and 1984. He also coached at the Putney School from the mid-1950s until his 1989 retirement. Among the Putney students and others that he coached were Olympians Bob Gray, Martha Rockwell, Mike Gallagher, his son Tim Caldwell, and Brattleboro's Jim Galanes,

Stan Dunklee and Bill Koch, the first American to medal in cross-country skiing.

Another son, Sverre, followed in his father's footsteps, setting up the Stratton Mountain School (SMS) cross-country program and the SMS Elite Team.

Caldwell, a longtime Putney resident, now lives in a retirement community in Hanover, N.H., just up the road from Dartmouth College, the school that he and all four of his children attended and competed in cross-country skiing.

Caldwell says his first skiing recollections go back nearly 90 years, to the mid-1930s when his family lived in Somerset, Pennsylvania.

"My folks gave me a pair of skis for some reason—wood, no edges, and with toe straps. There was not a lot of snow in town and I knew of no other skiers. I stepped into the skis and started down this long hill in some fairly deep powder. I coasted to a stop, fell out of the toe straps, picked up the skis and climbed back up the hill. Next time down I went farther because the trick was to follow the original tracks and so I went faster. Fell down, found my skis, climbed back and probably did one more trip. That was the end of the start of my skiing career."

In 1941, the family moved to Southern Vermont, where John's father had gotten a job as a business manager at the Putney School, a progressive boarding school that sits on a hilltop dairy farm. Basketball had been John's sport of choice, but Putney didn't have a team. It did have a downhill ski team, which John's dad convinced him to join. The team went to a state ski meet in the winter of 1945-46 and needed a cross-country skier.

"I volunteered, got hold of my sister's five foot wooden Alpine skis, adjusted the bindings to my very flexible downhill boots (which also doubled as jumping boots) and I was ready to go. We went off to the state meet and did well enough to qualify for the New England Championships the next weekend. I thought I should get serious about training for cross-country and went out one day in the week preceding the New England's. I got tired after a few minutes of thrashing around and quit, went to the New England's and finished 48th out of 52. Those three days on my sister's alpine skis were the end of my high school cross-country career."

Like many Vermont kids at the time, Caldwell learned the four winter sports: alpine and cross-country skiing, ski jumping and biathlon, and competed in all four when he went on to Dartmouth. For the first time, he got a real pair of cross-country skis and a bit of instruction. As a senior, he went to a Nordic combined ski meet, a mix of ski jumping and cross-country. He beat some guys who'd made the Nordic combined world championship team. "So I tried Nordic combined the next year and made the Olympic team in '52."

Caldwell said he was not well-prepared for his first Olympic experience. His last-place finish (out of 22 competitors) at the Games in Oslo, Norway gave him the incentive to make sure no American would ever suffer that kind of disappointment again.

Over the next 20 years, after returning to the Putney School as a math teacher and coach, he pulled together a legendary cross-country team that included his son Tim, as well as Bill Koch. In 1972, Caldwell's team pioneered the use of one-piece uniforms. In 1976, Koch won Olympic silver in the 30 kilometer race and still holds the speed record for that event. "In the 1980 Olympic relay, we had my son Tim, Bill Koch and two Brattleboro boys, Stan Dunklee and Jim Galanes. At the time, there were only 37 members of the Putney Ski Club and membership was \$1."

Caldwell also helped coach U.S. biathlete and two-time Olympian Willie Carow of Putney, Dan Simoneau and National Geographic explorer Ned Gillette. "I always tried to make it fun," he said. "One summer I got together a group of skiers (including Gillette) and we hiked the Long Trail, end to end, in nine days—hiking out to friends' houses to stay overnight then back to the trail so we wouldn't have to carry gear."

Galanes, a three-time Olympian and 12-time national champion in cross-country and Nordic combined, said Caldwell was a "really great coach, not so much being a hands-on coach, but working on technique skiing, thinking differently about training, trying new things. Bill Koch was a great innovator, but part of that innovation stems from Bill's relationship with John Caldwell and Bob Gray and all the other people around. It fostered in us an ability to really think and question and challenge what we were doing. We certainly didn't always get it right but we were always thinking about it."

John and his wife Hester—"Hep," for short—naturally made cross-country skiing a big part of family life, putting their four children on skis even before they started walking. "They would ski around on the rugs in the living room. They liked that."

Sverre says it was never a high-pressure thing—even with a high-profile dad.

"I don't remember going, 'Oh, my dad's a big deal skier,'" said Sverre, 70, who now lives in Peru, Vermont. "We just kind of all did it as a family. In elementary school, he built a trail so we could ski down to school. It was probably about 10 kilometers, but mainly downhill. And back then we really didn't race much at all. I'm sure I never beat my older brother (Tim) in a race. My younger brother Peter and I would go back and forth, but I don't remember it as being a big stress point at all."

"I'm lucky in that I never felt any pressure or anything," says Sverre, who is now retired from coaching and teaching at Stratton. "It was just like I was brought up doing it. I enjoyed doing it. I actually was not a great competitor, but then in college I started helping coach a little, and I loved it, so I learned coaching. The sport's been good to me. I've enjoyed it all."

Tim Caldwell would go on to compete in four Olympics, finishing sixth at the 1976 Winter Games in Austria. Sister Jennifer, who passed away in 2011, won the American Birkebeiner, the largest cross-country skiing race in North America.

John's nephew, Zachary, is the founder of Caldwell Sports and a leader in cross-country ski training and equipment. Zach and his wife, Amy, operate West Hill Ski Shop in Putney.

But no one has kept the Caldwell Olympic connection going more than Sverre and wife Lilly's daughter, Sophie, who graduated from Stratton in 2012 and became the third Caldwell to ski in the Winter Olympics, in 2014 in Sochi, Russia. She was in position to contend for a medal midway through the final of the freestyle sprint when she collided with a fellow competitor, causing her to crash and finish sixth.

Sophie got her first victory in the World Cup during the 2016 edition of the Tour de Ski. She won the classic sprint in Oberstdorf, Germany in 2016, becoming only the second American woman with a World Cup victory, and the only one with a classical win.

It's all very gratifying to the matriarch of the family. "It makes me feel good," says John, who is working with Sverre and Zach on an "addendum" of sorts to his book, detailing changes in equipment and techniques over the last 25 years. "And I'm happy that my kids and grandkids and nieces and nephews have taken up the sport."

He's also happy that they've stayed true to his "main pitch" about cross-country skiing, as outlined in page 7 of the third edition of his "bible":

"Cross-country skiing should be fun for everyone," Caldwell wrote. "The range of possibilities for enjoyment is unlimited. You can ski anywhere there's snow, you can use a wide variety of equipment, you can ski alone or with a group, you can use the very best technique while wearing the clothes you just picked up from the local rummage sale, or you can wear the latest styles and invent your own technique. So pick out and use anything you want from this book—but most of all, have fun skiing x-c. Make it be your thing."

It certainly has been Caldwell's—and his family's—"thing" for nearly a century.

RECOGNIZING HENRY'S DINER

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of an iconic Vermont institution, Henry's Diner. Henry's Diner has provided delicious food, welcoming ambience, and classic consistency to the Burlington, VT, community since 1925.

Henry's Diner was founded in 1925 by Henry Couture, a beloved Burlingtonian and entrepreneur. At the time, diners were perceived as lower-class, and women hardly ever ate at them. But Mr. Couture dedicated himself to building an institution that was welcoming to everyone. He included special touches to attract female patrons, and the diner grew into a place frequented by all. Today, you can find anyone from day laborers to college students to politicians enjoying a meal under the original railroad cart ceiling.

Henry's 100-year tenure has not been without its challenges. A fire in 1969 necessitated a months-long closure and heavy renovations to the business. Still, care was taken to preserve as much of the original diner as possible, and Henry's successfully reopened the following year.

In the early 90s, a McDonald's opened directly across the street from Henry's. Some feared this signaled a cultural shift and could spell the end of the historic diner. However, the McDonald's closed years ago while Henry's remains standing proudly on Bank Street. During COVID-19, like many other Vermont businesses, the diner weathered staffing shortages and temporary closures.

In the face of all these difficulties, Henry's has persevered. For a century now, Henry's has remained a place where people from all walks of life can gather over hearty food and a hot cup of coffee. The values that characterize Henry's—community, kindness, and acceptance—are Vermont values, and our state would not be the same without Henry's sitting in the heart of Burlington.

Henry's has changed ownership multiple times across its history and was most recently bought by Patricio Ortiz in 2024. Despite changing hands, each owner has carried on the quality service that has made Henry's so beloved. I wish the Ortiz family nothing but suc-

cess in continuing Henry's legacy and look forward to another 100 years of good food and great company.

Thank you, Henry's Diner, for feeding the hearts and souls of so many Vermonters.

RECOGNIZING DAN & WHIT'S GENERAL STORE

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the 70th anniversary of one of Vermont's most iconic general stores. Dan & Whit's has been the beating heart of the Norwich community for 70 years.

Dan & Whit's is a third-generation Vermont family business, nestled on Main Street in Norwich, VT—my hometown. The store is so integral to the people of Norwich, it is often used as a landmark: "Turn right at Dan & Whit's." The building itself is historic, too, having served as a townhall and post office before being converted into a general store. Dan Fraser and Whit Hicks, longtime friends, bought the store from its previous owners in 1955 and renamed it Dan & Whit's. The store has been run by the Fraser family ever since.

Dan & Whit's is known for their huge inventory. The store is deceptively large inside, and endless aisles are lined with a vast selection of goods, rumored to number into the hundreds of thousands. They stock everything from general store necessities, like cold beer and sandwiches; to Vermont necessities, like maple sugaring equipment; to the downright unexpected, like chicken feed and sushi. Their slogan, "If we don't have it, you don't need it," is stamped on their custom merchandise and attested to by anyone who visits.

The business is an anchor in the Norwich community. Generations of high schoolers can trace their first job back to Dan & Whit's. Customers stop by for milk and end up chatting with so many familiar faces they forget what they came in for. The store is also a leading participant in charitable giving around town. They were a pioneer of 19 Days of Norwich, an annual holiday drive where businesses donate a portion of their December sales to the local food shelf. During the rest of the year, they put on numerous fundraisers—selling creemees, pizza, and wine tastings, all to benefit local nonprofits.

The store prides itself on the Vermont values of respect and acceptance. They have made a point to be inclusive in their hiring, giving second chances to Vermonters who are exiting homelessness or incarceration. A sign hanging outside, surrounded by community notices and posters, proudly reads "Hate Does Not Grow In the Rocky Soil of Norwich, Vermont."

When faced with staffing shortages during COVID-19, it seemed likely Dan & Whit's would have to close its doors for the first time in history. The store put out a cry for help, and the call did not go unanswered. Dozens of commu-

nity members offered to pick up a shift or two. The new workers were often older Vermonters who had been retired for years, but they stocked shelves, checked out customers, and prepared sandwiches with enthusiasm. They pitched in not because they had to—many donated their salaries to charity—but because they felt the store's survival was essential to their community.

Despite the challenges they face as a small business—staffing shortages, supply chain issues, competition from online retailers—Dan & Whit's endures. The store represents the best that Vermont has to offer: a place where the person ringing up your groceries knows your name and where those running the store care more about their community than their bottom line.

I extend my deepest thanks to the Fraser family and every Dan & Whit's employee for their service to Norwich. I wish Dan & Whit's nothing but success and another 70 years of business.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER RICHARD DUCHAINE

Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to commend the lifesaving service and unwavering dedication of Officer Richard DuChaine of Kansas City, MO.

While on duty for the Kansas City Police Department, Officer DuChaine swiftly responded to a critical emergency call on Highway 71. Rushing to the scene, Officer DuChaine quickly assessed the situation alongside Detective Jacob Shroyer and helped diagnosed the urgent need for CPR, actions that played a key role in preserving a woman's life until advanced medical support could arrive.

This was not the first time Officer DuChaine's decisiveness saved an American life. Two years earlier, he received a distress call regarding a 1-month-old infant. Without hesitation, he sprinted from his patrol car, bursting through the door and taking the small child into his arms. His quick and effective actions resuscitated the infant and saved her life. He celebrated the girl's second birthday with her grateful parents, a testament to Officer DuChaine's service and impact in his community.

Officer Richard DuChaine is truly a Champion of Missouri. His actions embody dedication to the protection of the public. His consistent commitment and ability to save lives has left an indelible mark on the Kansas City community, and I wish him the best in his career.

TRIBUTE TO RAY ELDER

Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Captain Ray Elder of Kansas City, MO, for his dedication to recognizing and honoring all fallen KCPD firefighters on the city's firefighter memorial.

Captain Ray Elder served with the Kansas City Fire Department for 35