

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, on September 11, 2025, the spokeswoman for the U.S. Agency for International Development, USAID, confirmed to the *New York Times* that \$9.7 million worth of contraceptives being stored in a warehouse in Belgium had been destroyed at the direction of the Trump administration. These contraceptives were intended for people in poor countries with high rates of morbidity and mortality for pregnant women, infants, and children.

Just 1 day later, the spokeswoman rescinded her previous statement, claiming that there had been a "miscommunication" and that the contraceptives in question had not yet been incinerated. This was confirmed by Belgian officials who visited the warehouse where the materials were being stored.

Although Belgium prohibits the destruction of reusable medical devices, aid workers worry that the Trump administration will run down the clock until these contraceptives expire. Most of the products expire in 2028 or 2029, with some expiring as early as April 2027. Destination countries often have rules for importing medical supplies based on remaining shelf life. The administration may exploit these rules to stop their distribution.

Destroying these contraceptives would have cost American taxpayers an estimated \$167,000, on top of the \$9.7 million already spent to purchase them. At the time of this incident, three African countries had reportedly already run out of contraceptives completely, and 13 more were on the verge of running out due to President Trump's and Elon Musk's reckless destruction of USAID and cuts to foreign aid.

Seeking to destroy safe, lifesaving contraceptives is emblematic of the Trump administration's approach to foreign aid. Destroying these birth control products would exacerbate an already dire problem and would lead to more unwanted and high-risk pregnancies, unsafe abortions, and higher maternal mortality rates. The administration's other drastic cuts to foreign aid have already reduced or eliminated food aid for many families, forcing parents to remove their young daughters from school and into child marriage, increasing sexual violence and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths.

This administration's ideologically driven disregard for global public health worldwide is appalling. Contraceptives are legal and widely used in America. They prevent unwanted pregnancies and abortions. They enable women to choose when to have a child and grow their families, by doing so increasing the chances their children will survive beyond the age of 2.

I urge the White House to put the lives of women and children above politics by allowing these contraceptives, purchased with funds agreed to by a large majority of congressional Repub-

licans and Democrats, to be made available to those who need them most. Women and girls in dozens of the poorest countries are depending on these commodities to take control of their lives. Destroying them is antithetical to America's long-held values and reputation of safeguarding public health around the world.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## RECOGNIZING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF DERBY, CONNECTICUT

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 350th anniversary of Derby, CT. It may be our State's smallest city by square mileage, but Derby's role in our Nation's history is truly larger than life.

The city was first established as a trading post in 1642 and was officially named Derby in 1675. Derby was incorporated as a city on May 13, 1775.

The city is home to many significant moments in our Nation's history and played a vital role in our foundational years. Derby was integral in defending our Nation during the War of 1812, helping to repel British invaders along the coast of Connecticut and the Thames River. In addition, during this conflict, Derby native Isaac Hull distinguished himself for his command of the USS *Constitution* and to this day is renowned for his naval excellence and fearlessness.

Derby has made notable contributions to Connecticut, New England, and our country. The city had the first electric trolley system in New England—only the second in the United States—and is also home to the first electric locomotive in our history to be built and successfully used for commercial freight hauling. This locomotive, built in 1888, is kept in running condition to this day by the Shore Line Trolley Museum. Derby is also the hometown of such notable figures as Ebenezer Don Carlos Bassett, the first African-American diplomat; Harry Haugh, who invented the "electromatic traffic signal" in 1928 and revolutionized traffic control; Clara Louise Kellogg, who was recognized as the Nation's first prima donna opera singer; and Mary Portis, who became the first female executive of Scouting America in 1990.

Today, Derby is known for several annual events, including parades and farmers' markets, as well as a collection of museums and a vibrant restaurant culture—especially for chicken wings, New Haven-style pizza, and craft breweries. It is a lively small city with a thriving commercial district.

The residents of Derby have kept their history incredibly well-preserved; in fact, there are currently six locations in Derby that are on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Birmingham Green, the Derby Public Library, and the Howe House.

The city officially celebrated their 350th anniversary on May 13, 2025, and held a gala on October 17, 2025. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating the city of Derby and all of its residents and community leaders, as well as its remarkable place in our Nation's history.●

## TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. ROY L. MANNING, SR.

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Roy L. Manning, Sr., a devoted spiritual leader, educator, and community advocate from Saginaw, MI, as he retires after 33 years as pastor of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church. For more than three decades, Reverend Dr. Manning has shaped the spiritual and academic lives of generations through his commitment to faith, education, and service.

Born in Lamont, MS, Reverend Dr. Manning's journey was defined early by excellence in athletics, scholarship, and leadership. At Lane College, he earned NAIA All-American honors in basketball in 1968 and received the J.A. Cooke Award, the school's highest athletic honor. His success led to rare dual selections by both the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association and the San Diego Rockets of the National Basketball Association.

After earning his bachelor of science from Lane College and a master of arts from Central Michigan University, he served 34 years in Saginaw Public Schools as teacher, coach, attendance counselor, and vice principal of Central Middle School. His exceptional influence on students was recognized when the school gymnasium was named in his honor following his retirement from education.

While shaping young minds, Reverend Dr. Manning also answered the call to ministry under the late Reverend Dr. James L. Dorsey. Beginning as assistant pastor of Greater Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, he later became pastor of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, where he faithfully served for 33 years. His ministry reached beyond his congregation through leadership as past moderator of the Saginaw Valley Baptist District Association, past president of the Wolverine State Missionary Baptist Convention, and as a certified instructor for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Reverend Dr. Manning's community impact extended far beyond the pulpit. As past president of the Saginaw Valley District Congress of Christian Education and instructor at the Wolverine State Pastors and Wives Retreat, he mentored future leaders. For 7 years, he edited the CMBC Informer quarterly newsletter without missing an issue, reflecting his hallmark discipline and dedication. He also championed civil rights and social justice as a Silver Life Member of the NAACP, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and

an active participant in the Concerned Baptist Pastors of Saginaw.

Throughout his lifetime, Reverend Dr. Manning has been recognized for his leadership and dedication to both education and ministry. In 1979, he received the Governor's Award from the State of Michigan. In 2007, he was honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award, connecting his work to the broader legacy of civil rights and justice. In 2015, he was awarded a doctor of humane letters from the Tennessee School of Religion, acknowledging his scholarly contributions to faith and community.

Reverend Dr. Roy L. Manning, Sr., exemplifies the power of faith-led leadership. From NAIA All-American athlete to dedicated educator and spiritual shepherd, his influence continues through the students he taught, the parishioners he guided, and the leaders he inspired. I ask the Senate to join me, his wife First Lady Beatrice Manning, their children and grandchildren, and the Saginaw community in celebrating his extraordinary career and enduring legacy.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 998. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices.

H.R. 2316. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to provide that interest on obligations held in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund shall become unavailable for apportionment at the beginning of fiscal year 2033.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2318. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to require the periodic update to the strategic plan to guide the Manufacturing USA Program to align with the mandatory updates to the National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing (Rept. No. 119-91).

By Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 287. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 225 South Pierre Street in Pierre, South Dakota, as the "Marcella LeBeau Federal Building," and for other purposes.

S. 2082. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify the definition of "production facility" to exclude an equipment or device capable of reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in a manner that does not separate plutonium from other transuranic elements.

S. 2110. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prepare a report on reuse and refill systems, and for other purposes.

S. 2235. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program.

S. 2319. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 300 West Congress Street in Tucson, Arizona, as the "Raúl M. Grijalva Federal Building".

By Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 2741. A bill to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2878. A bill to reauthorize funding to monitor, assess, and research the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes.

S. 3022. A bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to reauthorize certain Environmental Protection Agency programs, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. CAPITO for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Mitch Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2029.

\*Jeff Hagood, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2029.

\*Randall Jones, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2028.

\*Arthur Graham, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2026.

\*Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2029.

\*Douglas Troutman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*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. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 3069. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to protect Americans from harmful CCP products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNER, Ms.

HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3070. A bill to provide Federal student loan borrower relief for Federal employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUJAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, 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, 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, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3071. A bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 3072. A bill to prohibit the imposition of additional tariffs on coffee imported from countries to which the United States has extended normal trade relations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 3073. A bill making continuing appropriations for the United States Capitol Police with respect to a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. 3074. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse State agencies for costs incurred in carrying out the supplemental nutrition assistance program during a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S.J. Res. 94. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring Members of Congress to forfeit their compensation during Government shutdowns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 472. A resolution supporting the designation of October 30 as the "International Day of Political Prisoners"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KIM, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WYDEN):