

from 3C Roofing & Construction were first on site to help and later worked to raise funds to support the family's recovery.

They have continued this spirit of generosity by donating goody bags to Kiron Speech Path, providing playground equipment to Immanuel Lutheran Church, and supporting the Cortez family after their home was lost in a late-September fire. In another heartwarming project, the Allards teamed up with Arrick Clausen to help the preschool students at Immanuel Lutheran Preschool in Schleswig create Mother's Day planter boxes. The children used power tools and wood glue to assemble and paint the boxes, which were later engraved with their handwriting, giving them a chance to contribute to something lasting while enjoying hands-on learning.

While many contractors focus solely on the job, Brendan and Amanda have built 3C Roofing & Construction around empathy and service. They regularly use their platform to share local fundraisers and highlight community needs, reflecting their belief that small businesses play a vital role in sustaining rural life. As they continue to grow, the Allards remain committed to pairing high-quality craftsmanship with meaningful contributions to their community, proving that strong businesses don't just build structures, they help build hope.

It is my honor to recognize the Allard family and the entire 3C Roofing & Construction team for their outstanding work and dedication to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

#### RECOGNIZING PAULLINA HARDWARE

● 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 honor Paullina Hardware of O'Brien County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In May 2018, Eric and Heidi Brown purchased Weidaman's True Value Hardware, now Paullina Hardware, in Eric's hometown of Paullina, IA. From day one, their mission has been rooted in community pride, providing essential hardware goods, trusted service, and convenience right in their hometown. In 2025, they expanded that mission by acquiring the former Shea's True Value in Primghar, IA, and ensuring that O'Brien County continues to benefit from locally-owned hardware stores. Their belief that "every little community needs a good hardware store" isn't just a slogan, but the guiding philosophy behind their work.

For more than 50 years, the Paullina store has stood as a cornerstone of the community, and under the Browns'

leadership, it has reached new heights. They expanded product lines, modernized inventory systems, and shaped the store to reflect the needs of the people they serve. Today, their two locations operate with a dedicated team of eight employees, whose friendly and reliable service helps maintain the welcoming atmosphere customers value. They have enhanced their toy and seasonal departments and even partnered with independent suppliers to remain flexible and responsive. Long known as "coffee people," the Browns have woven one of their personal passions into the store and now offer coffee equipment and teach customers how to brew quality coffee at home, part of their commitment to bringing neighbors together in meaningful ways.

Eric and Heidi's impact extends well beyond hardware supplies. Thanks to Eric's knowledge of and enthusiasm for biking, Paullina Hardware has also become a trusted regional bike repair shop. They have also expanded into recreational rentals, offering kayaks, paddleboards, and splash mat rentals at Mill Creek State Park. These services help families enjoy the outdoors and support local tourism. During Paullina's 2024 Gemboree celebration, the store proudly sponsored the Paddler Olympics, further demonstrating their commitment to community spirit.

The Browns' dedication to serving rural communities, improving local quality of life, and supporting economic growth is a testament to the power of local ownership. They have partnered with the O'Brien County Economic Development Corporation to expand their business and are members of both the Paullina and Primghar Chambers of Commerce. Eric and Heidi have built more than hardware stores; they have built service hubs and pillars of smalltown resilience. Their innovation, passion, and unwavering commitment to their neighbors make Paullina Hardware and their new Primghar location shining examples of what small businesses can accomplish.

It is my honor to recognize Eric and Heidi Brown and the entire Paullina Hardware team for their outstanding work and dedication to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, 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.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT TO ADVISE THAT HE IS EXERCISING HIS AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY—PM 41

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am hereby notifying the Congress that I intend to designate Christian Schrank (Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General) as Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, James Lisle. Such designation will be effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

The Constitution vests "the executive Power" in the President, who has a duty to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." U.S. Const., Art. II, §1, cl. 1; *id.* at §3. In exercising that power and duty, I have determined that, based on the qualities outlined in 5 U.S.C. 403(a) and the confidence I must place in my appointees, Mr. Schrank is the best available person to serve as Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency at this time. In my judgment, Mr. Lisle can better serve the Nation performing other duties (i.e., returning to his position as the Federal Housing Finance Agency's audit director).

I am providing this notification as a courtesy, a show of comity and respect between the executive and legislative branches. It should not be interpreted as a concession that the Congress can limit my power to remove any officer. "Because no single person could fulfill [the President's] responsibility[ies] alone, the Framers expected that the President would rely on subordinate officers for assistance." *Seila Law LLC v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*, 591 U.S. 197, 203–204 (2020). And the Constitution gives the President "the authority to remove those who assist him in carrying out his duties." *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, 561 U.S. 477, 513–514 (2010). "Without such power, the President could not be held fully accountable for discharging his own responsibilities; the buck would stop somewhere else." *Id.* at 514.

Ultimately, I have determined that the priorities of my Administration will be better implemented with this individual in this office. Therefore, I

am apprising you of my intention to designate Mr. Schrank as Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 1, 2025.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:18 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, without amendment:

S. 616. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 176. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise the attacks against Israel.

H.R. 225. An act to require the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to testify before the Congress annually, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1262. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1949. An act to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas.

H.R. 2066. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to exclude from the limit on leverage certain amounts invested in smaller enterprises located in rural or low-income areas and small businesses in critical technology areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2159. An act to direct the Attorney General of the United States to submit to the Congress a report on Federal criminal offenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3174. An act to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3716. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require reports on the use of the systemic risk authority applicable to winding up a failed insured depository institution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4313. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend acute hospital care at home waiver flexibilities, and to require an additional study and report on such flexibilities.

H.R. 4323. An act to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

H.R. 4423. An act to continue the pause on disbursements and new financing commitments to the Government of Burma.

H.R. 4429. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the definition of a qualifying investment, for purposes of the exemption from registration for venture capital fund advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, to include an equity security issued by a qualifying portfolio company and to include an investment in another venture capital fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4430. An act to lower the aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common equity necessary for an insurer to qualify as a well-known seasoned issuer.

H.R. 4431. An act to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 with respect to the defi-

nition of qualifying venture capital funds, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4491. An act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to implement certain recommendations relating to information technology modernization, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4495. An act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4549. An act to amend the Small Business Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Office of Rural Affairs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5284. An act to require the Social Security Administration to make changes to the social security terminology used in the rules, regulation, guidance, or other materials of the Administration.

H.R. 5345. An act to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft.

H.R. 5346. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform certain penalty and interest provisions.

H.R. 5348. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised.

H.R. 5349. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve services provided to taxpayers by the Internal Revenue Service by providing greater judicial review.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 176. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 225. An act to require the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to testify before the Congress annually, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2066. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to exclude from the limit on leverage certain amounts invested in smaller enterprises located in rural or low-income areas and small businesses in critical technology areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 2159. An act to direct the Attorney General of the United States to submit to the Congress a report on Federal criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3174. An act to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3716. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require reports on the use of the systemic risk authority applicable to winding up a failed insured depository institution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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ments to the Government of Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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H.R. 4430. An act to lower the aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common equity necessary for an issuer to qualify as a well-known seasoned issuer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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H.R. 5349. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve services provided to taxpayers by the Internal Revenue Service by providing greater judicial review; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 91, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan, John R. Curtis, Josh Hawley, Ted Cruz, Jon Husted, John Hoeven, David McCormick, Eric Schmitt, Cynthia M. Lummis, John Cornyn, Mitch McConnell, Bill Hagerty, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Lee, Ron Johnson, Lindsey Graham, Roger F. Wicker, James E. Risch, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Bill Cassidy, Thom Tillis, Pete Ricketts, Tom Cotton, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, John Boozman, Markwayne Mullin, Kevin Cramer, John Thune.