

period, the Port of Virginia has been consistently cited by customers and industry observers as one of America's best ports. Recent economic impact studies from the College of William & Mary have documented that, in FY 2022, the Port of Virginia and Virginia's maritime industry helped support approximately 565,000 jobs, more than \$124.1 billion in spending, and \$63 billion in gross State product, and those numbers have grown since then.

Stephen Edwards brought more than two decades of international experience leading major port and terminal operations to the Commonwealth and provided the Port of Virginia with a global perspective on port competitiveness, maritime logistics, and infrastructure delivery. Mr. Edwards advanced a \$450 million dredging and widening initiative that upon completion will give the Commonwealth the deepest and widest commercial shipping channels on the East Coast. During his tenure, the Port of Virginia executed the \$1.4 billion Gateway Investment Program, and delivered it on time and on budget, to expand capacity, modernize operations, and position Virginia to handle the next generation of ultra-large container vessels. The Port also completed major modernization efforts at Norfolk International Terminals, the Virginia Inland Port, and Richmond Marine Terminal. It doubled its port-wide rail lift capacity to 2 million rail lifts per year, significantly strengthening Virginia's intermodal reach into the Midwest. Finally, it concluded the \$220 million transformation of Portsmouth Marine Terminals into a major staging and logistics platform for offshore wind development, supporting Virginia's position as a national leader in clean energy infrastructure.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Edwards has been widely recognized for his global maritime expertise, his commitment to operational excellence, his stewardship of public resources, and his dedication to strengthening Virginia's position as a premier gateway for international commerce. His staff was also a reliable source of helpful information on the impact of Federal policy changes on the port and quick-turnaround information that helped me and my team advocate effectively for Federal infrastructure resources to come to Virginia.

On behalf of myself and Senator WARNER and our colleagues in the Virginia congressional delegation, we wish Stephen A. Edwards well in his future endeavors and thank him for his contributions to Virginia's economic success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MCCARDLE

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Elizabeth McCardle, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of

South Dakota. Ms. McCardle is a graduate of Mitchell High School in Mitchell, SD. She is currently attending the University of South Dakota, where she studies criminal justice. Ms. McCardle is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. McCardle for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLEZTON WARD

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Charlezton Ward, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. Ward is a graduate of Milbank High School in Milbank, SD. He is currently attending Augustana University, where he studies government and international affairs. Mr. Ward is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ward for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MEDSHORE AMBULANCE

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Medshore Ambulance as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of exceptional service to the people of South Carolina.

For five decades, Medshore has served South Carolina communities with distinction, providing medical transportation, special event coverage, and community support services. What began as a singular vision has grown into an organization providing comprehensive health services that has touched countless lives across our great State.

Medshore's commitment to excellence has been recognized repeatedly through prestigious awards and achievements. The organization received three American Heart Association Mission Lifeline Awards, and they have been honored as South Carolina's Large EMS System of the Year multiple times. In 2001, Medshore became the first ambulance service in South Carolina to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. Medshore's adherence to the highest industry standards and unwavering commitment to continuous improvement embodies the values of quality, reliability, and community service every day.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Medshore Ambulance on this remarkable milestone and in

thanking all those who have contributed to its success over the past 50 years. Their dedication ensures that South Carolina residents receive the highest standard of emergency medical care and transport when they need it most.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JULIE ANN FREISCHLAG

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the exceptional career of Dr. Julie Ann Freischlag, a nationally respected surgeon, educator, and healthcare leader whose service has transformed Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and strengthened medical care across North Carolina.

Dr. Freischlag arrived at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in 2017 after a distinguished career as a vascular surgeon, professor, section chief, and academic leader, including service as dean of the school of medicine at the University of California, Davis. Since coming to North Carolina, she has guided a period of significant growth, including the addition of High Point and Wilkes medical centers, the creation of the Birth Center, and the expansion of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine to Charlotte.

She also played an important role in the 2020 integration of Wake Forest Baptist and Atrium Health and later in the formation of Advocate Health, where she became the system's first chief academic officer. Under her leadership, research funding at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine has nearly doubled, reflecting her deep commitment to scientific discovery and innovation.

Throughout her career, Dr. Freischlag has been a national leader in academic medicine, including service as president of the Society of Vascular Surgery, president of the American College of Surgeons, and chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges Board of Directors. She has published extensively, delivered hundreds of presentations and lectures, and mentored generations of students, residents, and faculty.

While her accomplishments are extraordinary, she is equally admired for her warmth, optimism, and the support she provides to colleagues and students. In recognition of her profound impact, the medical center board named its newest care tower the Julie Ann Freischlag Tower as a lasting tribute to her leadership and legacy.

Dr. Freischlag has dedicated her career to improving health and helping others, and North Carolina is grateful for her remarkable service. I extend my sincere appreciation to her for all she has done for our State, our medical community, and the many patients whose lives have been touched by her work.●

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

## ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 5:08 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 bill and joint resolution:

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

H.J. Res. 131. 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"

MEASURES DISCHARGED  
PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 84, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Market Integrity and Affordability", and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Mark R. Warner, Charles E. Schumer, Jon Ossoff, Ron Wyden, Angela D. Alsobrooks, Tammy Baldwin, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Cory A. Booker, Tammy Duckworth, Richard J. Durbin, Ruben Gallego, Margaret Wood Hassan, Martin Heinrich, John W. Hickenlooper, Mazie K. Hirono, Tim Kaine, Angus S. King, Jr., Amy Klobuchar, Ben Ray Lujan, Edward J. Markey, Jeff Merkley, Gary C. Peters, Jack Reed, Jacky Rosen, Brian Schatz, Adam B. Schiff, Tina Smith, Chris Van Hollen, Raphael G. Warnock, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher A. Coons.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 86, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period," and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Sheldon Whitehouse, Kirsten Gillibrand, Brian Schatz, Cory Booker, Angus King Jr., Jack Reed, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Christopher Coons, Maria Cantwell, Tina Smith, Jeff Merkley, Mark Warner, Martin Heinrich, Andy Kim, Tim Kaine, Elizabeth Warren, Adam Schiff, Peter Welch, Jeanne Shaheen, Mazie Hirono, Chris Van Hollen, Jacky Rosen, Ruben Gallego, Ron Wyden, Patty Murray, Edward Markey, Tammy Baldwin, John Hickenlooper, Gary Peters, Maggie Hassan, Angela Alsobrooks, Amy Klobuchar, Elissa Slotkin.

## MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 86. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period".

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 84. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Market Integrity and Affordability".

MEASURES PLACED ON THE  
CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 504. An act to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2701. An act to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, and for other purposes.

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-2215. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2216. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Public Work and Economic Adjustment Act Grant Rate Regulations" (RIN0610-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2217. 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; Arizona; Yuma 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Redesignation Request and Main-

tenance Plan" (FRL No. 12125-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2218. 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; New Jersey; Northern New Jersey and Southern New Jersey Counties' Second 10-Year Limited Maintenance Plan for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 Standard" (FRL No. 12047-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2219. 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; Montana; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 12875-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2220. 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; Connecticut; 2014 and 2017 Periodic Emissions Inventory for 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 12861-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EL-2221. 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; Vermont; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period" (FRL No. 12778-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2222. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 12557-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2223. 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; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Beaver County Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan for the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 12500-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2224. 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; AK, Fairbanks North Star Borough; 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Serious Area and 189(d) Plan" (FRL No. 12391-04-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2225. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection