

trust and confidence placed in him by the people he served. His strength while battling his illness resonated deeply with his colleagues and his constituents.

Beyond his legislative accomplishments, Mike Clampitt will be remembered as a man deeply connected to his community: a neighbor, a friend, and a public servant who cared deeply about western North Carolina.

To his family, friends, colleagues, constituents, and his legislative assistant Young Bae, we extend our deepest condolences. His life of service leaves a lasting legacy in the mountains of North Carolina.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

● Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a significant milestone in Raeford, NC's history. This year, the city celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Raeford's history began long before its municipal incorporation in 1901. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the Gaelic-speaking Highland Scots settled in the region, and their heritage is still proudly celebrated today at historic sites like the Mill Prong House. The city's namesake is tied to its early pioneer spirit. In 1885, two influential residents, John McRae, a turpentine distillery operator, and A.A. Williford, a general store owner, established the name for the local post office by combining their names, "Rae" and "ford."

In 1899, the community's population grew as the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad was extended. This growth paved the way for Raeford's official municipal incorporation 125 years ago. Then, in 1911, the city of Raeford was rightfully designated as the county seat of the newly formed Hoke County.

In 1918, Camp Bragg was established in Raeford during World War I. Today, Fort Bragg serves as America's 9-1-1 military force and is home to the elite 82nd Airborne Division and our Nation's Special Operations Forces. The military installation now occupies one-third of the land in Hoke County, and the city of Raeford remains a steadfast support system for our men and women in uniform and their families.

Over the past 125 years, Raeford has built a storied history as a metropolitan hub with a smalltown feel and a tight-knit community. Residents of Raeford have gone on to proudly represent their city, their State, and their country as world-class athletes, Olympians, and, of course, military heroes. There is no doubt that the city of Raeford represents the best of North Carolina's spirit, driven by hard work and united by a deep sense of community.

Please join me in celebrating 125 years of Raeford, NC's rich heritage and patriotic service.●

#### RECOGNIZING SIEVERT'S FURNITURE & FLOORS

● 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 Sievert's Furniture & Floors of Emmet County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1970, John Raymond "Doc" Sievert and his wife Judy opened Sievert's Refrigeration, an appliance store that they ran out of their garage. After years of hard work, the Sieverts grew and expanded the business into a furniture and flooring store, adopting their current namesake Sievert's Furniture & Floors. Through Doc's entrepreneurial tenacity and support from his family, he created a successful business in Estherville that has steadily evolved into a trusted local institution, and his legacy lives on today.

In 2015, Doc and Judy's son Jeff became the full owner of Sievert's Furniture & Floors after serving as co-owner for 14 years. Jeff takes pride in running his family business because it allows him to work with his children and grandchildren, just like his parents did. Today, Sievert's Furniture & Floors is occupying its fourth location after moving to a bigger store to meet rising demand for their flooring services. The business offers a wide selection of mattresses, furniture, recliners, sofas, flooring, and decorative home furnishings. A dedicated team of 12 employees provides exemplary customer service, making customers feel like a part of the family. Under Jeff's leadership, the business has continued to grow while maintaining its family-centered approach, ensuring that each generation continues the values that built the company.

Sievert's Furniture & Floors is also active in various communities within Emmet County. They are members of the Estherville Chamber of Commerce, consistent donors to local sports teams, the Special Olympics, and Pheasants Forever. Every year, Sievert's sets aside funds for 10 charitable causes. This continued investment in local organizations highlights their commitment not just to their business success, but to giving back to the community that has supported them for decades.

It is my honor to recognize the Sievert family and the entire team at Sievert's Furniture & Floors for their outstanding contributions and presence in their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST GRADE STUDENTS AT CAMPTON ELEMENTARY

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the first grade

students at Campton Elementary as April's Granite Staters of the Month. The Campton students are learning American Sign Language to help communicate with and include one of their classmates Ben, who is deaf.

Ben is the only deaf student at Campton Elementary and participates in class with the help of a teacher's aide and Cheryl Ulicny, who is a certified teacher of the deaf. As Ben's classmates have gotten to know him, some of his friends wanted to learn how to sign as a way to better include Ben and grow closer to him. Quickly, the entire class decided to take on the challenge and started to learn American Sign Language, through a mix of lessons from Cheryl and everyday conversations with Ben. The practice has spread beyond first grade too, and staff throughout the building meet up at what they call ASL Club, to learn and practice their signing skills. Today, almost every student and staff member at Campton Elementary knows at least a sign or two.

The first grade students at Campton Elementary embody the Granite State spirit of valuing the contributions of all our citizens and working to fully include everyone in our communities. Their work to learn American Sign Language is why I am glad to name them April's Granite Staters of the Month.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 98. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding.

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

H.R. 1343. An act to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a plan for the Assistant Secretary to track the acceptance, processing, and disposal of certain Form 299s, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1681. An act to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications

and Information to establish an interagency strike force to ensure that certain Federal land management agencies, including the organizational units of such agencies, prioritize the review of requests for communications use authorizations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5200. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7022. An act to provide for the transmission of emergency alerts by satellite, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7386. An act to amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 29. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1343. An act to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a plan for the Assistant Secretary to track the acceptance, processing, and disposal of certain Form 299s, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolution was discharged from the Committee on the Budget pursuant to Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2026 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2027 through 2035.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1689. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status.

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

H.R. 5200. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, 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-3186. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority and Definitions-Secretary's Supplemental Priority and Definitions on Advancing Artificial Intelligence in Education" (34 CFR Part 75) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3187. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority and Definitions-Secretary's Supplemental Priority and Definitions on Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness" (34 CFR Part 75) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3188. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14257 with respect to regulating imports with a reciprocal tariff to rectify trade practices that contribute to large and persistent annual United States goods trade deficits; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3189. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2026 through 2030; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3190. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Sunset Rule-Aircraft Impact Assessment" (RIN3150-AL63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2026; 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. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 4350. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish the Southeast New England Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 4351. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act and the Natural Gas Act with respect to the enforcement of certain provisions, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 4352. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study on conduct related to oil and gas prices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARSHALL:

S. 4353. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for health savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. REED):

S. 4354. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow certain funds to be used for incremental costs of incorporating art into facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNER, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 4355. A bill to require the Department of Health and Human Services to release documents, communications, and other information relating to most favored nation pricing agreements and other private or confidential drug pricing deals struck with manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4356. A bill to protect Moms and babies against climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4357. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for emergency grants to safeguard essential health care workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4358. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of medically necessary home resiliency services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4359. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to ensure services for home modifications under part B of title III of such Act may be used for certain purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 4360. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that the Employee Benefit Security Administration make annual reports to Congress on investigations relating to enforcement and on adverse interest agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

S. 4361. A bill to modify the reasonable requirements that may be imposed on pet owners living in public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 4362. A bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to eliminate certain deductions for annuities under the Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.