

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING TOPLOFT CLOTHING

• 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 Toploft Clothing of Carroll County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2014 by Stephanie Hackfort, Toploft Clothing began as an online women's clothing boutique built on Stephanie's passion for fashion and her desire to create a flexible business model balancing entrepreneurship with family life. What started as a small online retail operation has grown into a thriving business serving customers throughout Iowa and beyond.

Toploft opened its first physical location in 2015 before moving to the current downtown Carroll location in 2019. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the business pivoted from boutique apparel to custom clothing, branded merchandise, and webstore services tailored to serve businesses, schools, sports teams, and community organizations. Today, the company works with more than 300 organizations nationwide and ships to customers in 48 States.

Toploft Clothing has established itself as a trusted provider of custom apparel and branded merchandise solutions while maintaining the personalized customer service and entrepreneurial spirit that helped launch the business over a decade ago. Their specialty "always open" services help organizations strengthen their branding and community presence through customized products and merchandise solutions. Supported by a dedicated team of six employees and the occasional family member that jumps in when an extra hand is needed, Toploft contributes to local economic activity while upholding the innovation and flexibility required to remain competitive in an evolving retail marketplace.

Beyond its business operations, Toploft Clothing is actively engaged in the local community. All the folks on the management team are current or former members of the Carroll Chamber of Commerce. Stephanie currently serves as the chamber retail committee leader, her husband Matt is the chamber agriculture representative, and the business' chief operating officer is chamber president. Through participation in chamber initiatives, community events, and merchandise collaborations, Toploft demonstrates an ongoing commitment to promoting local businesses and fostering community pride.

Additionally, the business is committed to supporting charitable endeavors. In 2025, the team helped raise \$28,000 for nonprofit organizations, medical needs, local sports activities, and school events. In recognition of its

growth and impact, Toploft Clothing was honored with the 2025 Carroll Chamber of Commerce New Business Award.

I am pleased to recognize Stephanie and Matt Hackfort, along with the entire team at Toploft Clothing, for their dedication to Carroll County and customers across the United States. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representative MIKE SIMPSON to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the city of Blackfoot.

Officially incorporated on January 16, 1901, the city of Blackfoot has helped shape the agricultural heritage that has defined Idaho for generations. Located along its namesake, the Blackfoot River, the city was established with an eye toward the future. Surrounded by a key freight corridor and the historic Tilford Ferry, Blackfoot was also developed near an anticipated telegraphy route, making the area a perfect corridor for growth.

Blackfoot's rich soil quickly made it a hub of agriculture, attracting travelers from across the Nation. As more families moved in, Blackfoot's demand for irrigation rose. Early residents went to work, transforming the area into productive farmland by building irrigation ditches and canals that drew water from the Blackfoot River. The beautiful outdoor spaces that resulted from these efforts later inspired Blackfoot's nickname, the "Grove City," which lives on in the Grove City Cemetery.

Following the construction of Interstate 15 in the 1960s, Blackfoot experienced significant commercial growth and became a beloved destination. Today, the city is home to the Idaho Potato Museum and the Eastern Idaho State Fair, a tradition dating back to 1902 that now welcomes more than 250,000 attendees each year.

As the seat of Bingham County, Blackfoot has produced several leaders who have helped shape Idaho's future. The city was home to Idaho's first U.S. Senator following statehood, Fred Dubois, and the Blackfoot City Council was the first chapter in Congressman MIKE SIMPSON's remarkable career as a public servant.

Congratulations to the city of Blackfoot on 125 exceptional years. We are proud to recognize the city and its contributions to the great State of Idaho and its strong path toward future success.●

RECOGNIZING THE MEAT AND POTATO COMPANY

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, Idaho's small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our communities.

These small businesses not only employ our friends and neighbors but also provide invaluable goods and services that showcase Idaho's creativity and values. Idaho small businesses are an intrinsic element of the Gem State and deserve to be celebrated.

I am proud to launch my seventh annual Support Local Gems, a statewide initiative, on June 12 to encourage Idahoans to support the small businesses that make our State special. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor Meat and Potato Company in Twin Falls during Support Local Gems as one of Idaho's Small Businesses of the Month for June 2026.

Founded by Magic Valley native Travis Dixon in 2018, Meat and Potato Company was created to provide Idahoans with convenient access to locally sourced, high-quality food while supporting the farmers, ranchers, and producers who make our communities strong.

With more than 30 years of experience in grocery retail and food service operations, Travis saw a gap between the meats and food products used in restaurants and what was accessible to Idaho families in grocery stores. He had long dreamt of starting a direct-to-home business model that would bring premium goods straight from local producers to Gem State kitchen tables.

Dixon brought his idea to reality, launching an online storefront that has since grown into a thriving retail operation with nationwide delivery. Today, Meat and Potato Company has a brick-and-mortar store in Twin Falls with a large selection of goods grown and produced right here in the Northwest.

Congratulations to Travis Dixon and the entire Meat and Potato Company team for being selected as an Idaho Small Business of the Month for June 2026. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING THE OWYHEE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Owyhee County Historical Museum, celebrate the opening of its new Mike Hanley Wagon Barn, and mark the beginning of the Outpost Days.

Founded in 1961 by a dedicated group of local men and women determined to preserve Owyhee County's rich history, the museum was originally located in a small room within the county courthouse before moving to the old Murphy School House. As its collections grew, the community came together in 1971 to build a new museum, and the old schoolhouse was converted into an artifact. Over time, the museum welcomed the Marsing train depot, a replica stamp mill, and equipment from Silver City. By the early 2000s, the museum expanded to include a new exhibit

hall, gift shop, meeting hall, kitchen, library, and archives space.

Today, the museum displays many eras of Owyhee County's history, from the frontier days and early mining projects to modern-day ranching and farming practices. Home to the only operating print shop with 100-year-old equipment, the museum also offers rides in a 1915 Model T and provides visitors with a unique opportunity to learn more at the moments that shaped the American West. Each year during the first weekend of June, that history comes to life during the annual Outpost Days celebration, a beloved community tradition featuring art vendors, entertainment, and the world-famous Horney Toad Races.

Now, the museum is expanding again to include the Mike Hanley Wagon Barn. The Wagon Barn will be filled with more than 35 wagons, buggies, and stagecoaches, many of which are more than 150 years old. With the new facility, the Owyhee County Historical Museum will have the largest collection of wagons in Idaho, strengthening its ability to tell the story of how pioneers settled the West.

As we celebrate the opening of the Wagon Barn and another successful Outpost Days, we also recognize the Owyhee County Historical Museum for its many years of dedication to the community and preserving the legacy of Idaho's early founders. Thanks to their efforts, generations of Idahoans will continue to learn and be inspired by our State's history.●

RECOGNIZING THE SUBMARINE 1ST GENERATION WESTING- HOUSE PROTOTYPE

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representative MIKE SIMPSON to recognize the significance of the Submarine 1st Generation Westinghouse, also known as the S1W prototype plant, and commend the crews who safely demolished it.

Created under the leadership of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, the Father of the Nuclear Navy, the S1W has stood as a symbol of American innovation, scientific achievement, and national determination for decades. Constructed at what is now the Idaho National Laboratory in 1951, S1W became the Nation's first land-based nuclear submarine prototype and inspired a new era of naval power.

The scientists, engineers, and operators who worked on the S1W later went on to develop the USS *Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, and contributed to technologies that have fueled American naval dominance for generations.

Over S1W's 35 years of operation, more than 12,500 U.S. Navy and civilian personnel were trained at the site, laying the foundation for a highly skilled nuclear workforce that remains critical to our national security today.

Over the past 3 years, the Idaho Environmental Coalition has diligently and

successfully dismantled this historic facility. Throughout the demolition, IEC crews demonstrated the same spirit of innovation by those who built the S1W, implementing creative solutions to complete the project ahead of schedule and millions of dollars under budget.

Today, we honor the legacy of the S1W, the crews who safely demolished it, and the undeniable future of nuclear innovation in America.●

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS GANNON

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, today, I wish to honor Dennis Gannon, a truly remarkable public servant. Over the years, Dennis has led an incredible life marked by an unshakeable commitment to serving others. After retiring from years in the U.S. Army with the rank of major, he set out to establish his own business and has served two terms as county executive for Jefferson County, MO. During his years in this role, the county has experienced significant growth and completed several major projects, including efforts to bring overseas jobs back to Missouri and the county's landmark work to improve infrastructure at the Jefferson County Port Authority, transforming the county's place as a regional trade hub, an effort I was very proud to support. He has also volunteered his time to various organizations serving the greater St. Louis area and has served on the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and REJIS Commission leadership boards.

The Gannon family's story is also uniquely American and defined by the same spirit of service. When he was a child, his father Jack worked as a butcher before later being elected to the Missouri State Senate, and his wife Elaine served 12 years in the Missouri General Assembly. Currently, his son also serves as the board president for Chelsea Football Club in the United Kingdom and played a key role in the development and opening of SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.

This fall, Mr. Gannon will begin his well-deserved retirement from public service to spend more time with his family. I wish him all the best as he begins this new chapter and am proud to call him a fellow Missourian.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 22, 2026, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1003. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order providing that a shark attack is an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted, and for other purposes.

S. 2393. An act to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3490. An act to require the Government Accountability Office to produce a report on esophageal cancer, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the enrolled bills were signed on May 26, 2026, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. HAWLEY).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 4632. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, to establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on May 21, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 4530. An act to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize an increase of the retirement age for members of the Capitol Police.

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-3566. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Chief Counsel, Small Business Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2026; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3567. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3568. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank,