

that ignored working families and fighting against tens of billions of dollars being funneled to the President's rogue agencies. Staff includes: Ben Ward, Mike Jones, Jill Harrelson, Josh Smith, Tyler Evilsizer, Melissa Kaplan-Pistiner, Misha Rafiq, Brian Lyons, Anna Barnes, Connor Jennings, Ethan Rosenkranz, Andrew Cobian, Anirudh Srirangam, Fiona Forrester, Lauran Pauley, and Hilary Gelfond-Gross.

WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. President, I rise today to thank guest Chaplain Dr. Gurwant Kaur for delivering the Sikh prayer to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Nation's independence and commitment of Sikh Americans to protect our Nation's freedom. In addition to being a practicing physician, Dr. Kaur also serves as an additional granthi (priest) at the Blue Mountain Gurdwara near Allentown, PA.

Sikhism is the world's fifth-largest religion with nearly 30 million followers worldwide, including hundreds of thousands in the United States. It was founded by Guru Nanak born in West Punjab (Pakistan) in 1469. Sikh soldiers fought in both World Wars along with Allied forces to protect the free world. Sikhs began migrating to the United States over 150 years ago and have since established large Sikh communities in several U.S. States, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Historically, Sikhs have showcased a commitment to serving individuals from all religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, demonstrating their generosity and deep sense of community and are very proud and patriotic Americans.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION FOR DIPLOMATIC STUDIES AND TRAINING'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, ADST. ADST is an educational organization dedicated to immortalizing the stories and experiences of former American diplomats.

ADST was founded in 1986 by then-Director of the Foreign Service Institute Steven Low and Ambassador Richard Parker. That same year, freshly retired Foreign Service Officer Charles Stuart Kennedy began recording oral histories of retired American diplomats to capture their lived experience and insight. In 1988, Ambassador Parker invited Mr. KENNEDY to incorporate his oral history program into ADST's work, creating the association we know today.

In 1995, ADST inaugurated its book program to support diplomatic practitioners and scholars in their efforts to

spread awareness of American diplomacy. Under the leadership of publishing director Margery Boichel Thompson, the program blossomed into an inspiring source of knowledge on diplomacy and the Foreign Service with over 120 books published. The program established a joint partnership with Diplomats and Consular Officers, Retired—DACOR—to form the Diplomats and Diplomacy Book Series, established the Memoirs and Occasional Papers series, and founded their very own Arlington Hall Press.

For decades, ADST's Foreign Affairs Oral History Program has remained its cornerstone. Rich in historical insights, the archive is a treasure for congressional offices, current and aspiring diplomats, scholars, educators, students, and the American public.

Today, ADST has collected over 3,100 oral histories spanning over 100 years of the American diplomatic legacy. Through their efforts, the ADST team has helped preserve the invaluable experiences of our foreign service officers—whether that be through archiving oral accounts, editing and publishing book manuscripts, sharing our history with the American public, or supporting the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, NFATC.

Since its inception, ADST's work has grown from the vision of two men into a dedicated and professional foreign affairs organization, and I am confident that they will continue to carry their mission forward. I invite my colleagues to join me in applauding ADST's tremendous work in preserving our legacy.●

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 1:45 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. 254. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and marine mammal ivory products, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 2680. An act to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7618. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain costsharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7726. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from noncompliant States under such Act.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 7618. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain cost-sharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 7726. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from noncompliant States under such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2860. An act to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, 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-3732. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3733. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, 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 Director, Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3734. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3735. A communication from the Assistant Chief, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Regulations for Horses; Pre-Export Examination" (RIN0579-AE88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3736. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Development Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visual Post Mortem Inspection in Swine Slaughter Establishments" (RIN0583-AD99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3737. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Protective Services" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3738. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2025 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3739. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FAST-41 Permitting Best Practices Agency Best Practices Report"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3740. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3741. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program Revision; District of Columbia" (FRL No. 13044-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3742. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of the Nonattainment Designation for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards and Clean Data Determinations for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards; Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware" (FRL No. 12994-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3743. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conditional Approval; Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Ozone Standard; San Joaquin Valley, California" (FRL No. 12118-04-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3744. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Hazardous Waste Combustors: Residual Risk and Technology Review" (FRL No. 10654-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 563. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-124).

S. 564. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-125).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Michael Kavoukjian, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway.

Nominee: Michael E. Kavoukjian.

Post: Norway.

Nominated: January 13, 2026.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Michael E. Kavoukjian (Nominee)

Jana L. Kavoukjian (Nominee's Spouse)

Contributions (from 1/1/22), amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: Emmer for Congress, \$2,900, 4/25/22; Republican Party of Florida, \$500, 5/10/22; Cotton Victory, \$5,000, 5/17/22; Republican Party of Florida, \$200, 7/14/22; Republican National Committee, \$104,000, 9/30/22; Republican National Committee, \$109,500, 9/30/22; Republican National Committee, \$36,500, 9/30/22; Republican Party of Florida, \$100, 10/26/22; Cotton Victory, \$5,800, 4/12/23; Republican Party of Florida, \$100, 9/12/23; Cotton Majority Committee, \$10,000, 6/4/24; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$844,600, 7/23/24; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$80,000, 10/30/24; Cotton Majority Committee, \$10,000, 12/2/24; Republican Party of Florida, \$250, 7/7/25; Cotton Majority Committee, \$10,000, 12/30/25.

Spouse: Jana L. Kavoukjian: None, None, N/A.

*Darrell Owens, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Secu-

rity and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Darrell Owens.

Post: OSCE.

Nominated: 3/9/26.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Darrell Owens: \$260, 8/26/2024, Rob Mercuri for Congress (PA); \$3,000, 8/8/2024, DO Wins PAC; \$250, 7/12/2024, Friends of Glenn Thompson (PA); \$250, 7/11/2024, Mike Kelly for Congress (PA); \$250, 6/24/2024, Brian Fitzpatrick for Congress (PA); \$250, 6/5/2024, Brian Fitzpatrick for Congress (PA); \$250, 4/10/2024, Friends of Glenn Thompson (PA); \$227, 4/9/2024, DO Wins PAC; \$3,000, 12/15/2023, DO Wins PAC; \$2,000, 8/25/2023, DO Wins PAC.

1. Brooke Owens: \$5,000, 8/8/2024, DO Wins PAC; \$5,000, 12/15/2023, DO Wins PAC.

*William Trachman, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Nominee: William Edward Trachman.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Tanzania.

Nominated: March 9, 2026.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

Self: \$15, 10/30/22, WinRed for Mike Lawler; \$25, 10/27/22, WinRed for Don Bolduc; \$10, 08/24/22, WinRed for Jennifer-Ruth Green; \$10, 07/22/22, WinRed for Cassidy Garcia; \$15, 07/06/22, WinRed for Matthew Foldi; \$550, 04/25/22, Joe O'Dea for Senate; \$25, 04/16/22, WinRed for Matthew Foldi.

Spouse: Ellen Trachman: \$250, 09/15/25, Manny Rutinel for Congress.

*Michelle Steel, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Korea.

Nominee: Michelle Steel.

Post: Republic of Korea.

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Contributions, Amount, date, and donee:

Shawn Steel: \$44,300.00, 11/13/2025, Republican National Committee; \$3,500.00, 9/10/2025, Friends of Todd Young, Inc.; \$3,500.00, 9/10/2025, Young Victory Committee; \$3,670.00, 8/29/2025, California Republican Party Federal Acct.; \$1,750.00, 8/21/2025, Brian Fitzpatrick for all of us.

Michelle Steel: \$1,750.00, 8/21/2025, Brian Fitzpatrick for all of us; \$3,500.00, 8/4/2025, Whatley for Senate.

Shawn Steel: \$2,295.00, 8/4/2025, Whatley for Senate; \$2,295.00, 7/22/2025, California Republican Party Federal Acct.; \$2,295.00, 7/22/2025, California Republican Party Federal Acct.

Michelle Steel: \$415.00, 7/21/2025, Republican National Committee.

Shawn Steel: \$2,295.00, 7/21/2025, California Republican Party Federal Acct.

Michelle Steel: \$7,000.00, 6/30/2025, Mast for Congress; \$7,000.00, 6/30/2025, Mast for Congress.

Shawn Steel: \$7,000.00, 6/30/2025, Mast for Congress; \$7,000.00, 6/30/2025, Mast for Congress; \$1,150.00, 6/25/2025, California Republican Party Federal Acct.; \$7,000.00, 6/16/2025,