

1951, Ted and Ann Nelson assumed ownership and constructed a new chapel, expanding its capacity while preserving its personal, family-focused approach. In 1971, Mike and Erin Boylan continued that tradition, strengthening the chapel's role as a dependable presence for generations of Montgomery County families.

In 2001, Brian LeRette, who had worked at the funeral chapel for years, and his wife Dawn became the fourth family to own the business, renaming it LeRette Funeral Chapel. Under their leadership, the chapel has continued to provide personalized and affordable services, including burial and cremation options, meaningful memorial keepsakes, and dedicated support for veterans and their families. For many in southwest Iowa, LeRette Funeral Chapel is not simply a service provider, but a trusted partner during times of loss, known for treating every family with kindness, patience, dignity, and respect. Though tested by hardship in 2023, when a fire destroyed the chapel's facility, the LeRette family remained steadfast in their mission to serve. With resilience and determination, they rebuilt and reopened a new location in 2025, ensuring Montgomery County families continued to have access to compassionate, professional care.

Beyond their professional service, Brian and Dawn LeRette are deeply invested in the civic life of southwest Iowa and are involved in local organizations, including the Montgomery County Fair, Red Oak Chamber of Commerce, school booster programs, and faith-based initiatives. Brian has served in leadership roles with the Montgomery County Fair Board, City of Red Oak Low Rent Housing, and the Heritage Foundation, while also supporting local arts, youth athletics, and healthcare initiatives. Dawn has spent decades supporting youth and community development through her leadership with 4-H, the Montgomery County Fair, and local service organizations, earning recognition for her long-standing commitment to mentoring the next generation. Together, the LeRettes are known for their generosity and hands-on support of community and school projects across southwest Iowa, reflecting their belief that small businesses succeed best when communities are strong.

It is my honor to recognize Brian and Dawn LeRette and the entire LeRette Funeral Chapel team for their dedication to Montgomery County. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING Z'S PIZZA & DINER

● 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 Z's Pizza & Diner of Bremer County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in early 1972, Z's Pizza & Diner of Waverly, IA, which was formerly named Z's Restaurant & Lounge, is a family-owned and family-style restaurant built on hard work and commitment to quality. For more than five decades, Z's Pizza has served as a gathering place for families, friends, and neighbors, earning a reputation for outstanding hospitality and made-from-scratch food. Z's is especially known for its handcrafted pizzas, featuring dough and sauce recipes passed down through generations, including an Iowa staple: taco pizza. With a dedicated team of 23 employees, the restaurant continues to play an important role in Waverly's local economy.

Christopher and Joy Carney, the current owners of Z's Pizza & Diner, purchased the restaurant from Christopher's uncle Dean Carney in 2018. Since then, they have worked diligently to preserve the restaurant's long-standing traditions while thoughtfully guiding it through new challenges and opportunities. During the pandemic, the Carneys made the difficult decision to relocate from its longtime Waterloo location to its current home in downtown Waverly. After 47 years in Waterloo, Z's proudly reopened in Waverly in 2022, marking a new chapter in its history. Their leadership, resilience, and commitment to customer service ensured that Z's remains a trusted and cherished cornerstone of the community.

Since opening at its current location, Z's has continued to grow. In 2025, the business was awarded Main Street Iowa's Open 4 Business Grant, which supports small businesses investing in new equipment, technology, and expanded services to better meet customers' needs. In addition to its restaurant operations, Z's also offers catering services for family gatherings, corporate events, and community celebrations, further extending its impact throughout Bremer County.

Z's Pizza is a proud member of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Iowa Program and remains deeply committed to giving back. In addition to launching a charitable initiative offering free meal coupons for individuals experiencing food insecurity, the restaurant regularly hosts and supports community events and gatherings to bring neighbors together. Through accessible online ordering and catering services, Z's Pizza continues to serve local families and organizations, reflecting the Carney family's belief that small businesses have a responsibility to care for their neighbors and strengthen the community they call home.

It is my honor to recognize Christopher and Joy Carney and the entire Z's Pizza & Diner 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.●

PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to Committee on Foreign Relation: Laken Rapier, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2027.

On request by Senator CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to Committee on Foreign Relation: Kenneth Jackson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2028.

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-2519. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Business Conduct and Swap Documentation Requirements for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants" (RIN3038-AF38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2520. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriofenone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13069-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2521. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13107-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2522. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards Review for Stationary Combustion Turbines and Stationary Gas Turbines" (FRL No. 11542-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2523. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026;

to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2524. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, 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 Inspector General, Department of the Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2525. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2025 Amendments)" (Docket No. AMS-CN-25-0018) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2526. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Report to Congress on Contract Funding of Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Awards"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2527. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; Definition of Terms" (FRL No. 10563-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2528. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; Replacing Outdated Requirements" (FRL No. 11949-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2529. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to the EPCRA Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting Requirements to Conform to the 2024 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard; Withdrawal" ((RIN2050-AH40) (FRL No. 12698-05-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2530. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: Kentucky; Emissions Inventory and Non-attainment New Source Review for the Henderson-Webster Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 12899-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 836. A bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to

strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and teens, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-99).

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. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3689. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, Louisiana, as the "Rodney C. Hamilton Sr. VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 3690. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove certain age restrictions on Medicaid eligibility for working adults with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 3691. A bill to establish the Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3692. A bill to provide for the inclusion of virtual diabetes prevention program suppliers in the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Expanded Model, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3693. A bill to extend the authorization for a large-scale water recycling and reuse grant program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. 3694. A bill to provide for the development of transportation demand management strategies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 3695. A bill to amend Public Law 96-586 to modernize the authority of the Forest Service to acquire and administer land under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 3696. A bill to amend section 5 of the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act to ensure Member access to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BANKS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MORAN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3697. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of new abortion drugs, to prohibit investigational use exemptions for abortion drugs, and to impose additional regulatory requirements with respect to previously approved abortion drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3698. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance that provide coverage for mental health services and substance use disorder services provide such services without the imposition of cost-sharing from the diagnosis of pregnancy through the 1-year period following such pregnancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3699. A bill to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require all Federal law enforcement officers engaged in or supporting immigration enforcement or related enforcement activities to wear and operate a body camera while on duty to ensure transparency and accountability; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3700. A bill to establish an expert review panel to make recommendations for a comprehensive agency-wide safety management system at the FAA; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 3701. A bill to establish a competitive grant program to provide capital assistance for the maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation needs of commuter rail bridges; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KIM, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 3702. A bill to provide standards for facilities at which aliens in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security are detained, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUSTED:

S. 3703. A bill to amend the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 and the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 to improve the temporary licensure requirements for contract health care professionals who perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 3704. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit threats to a minor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 3705. A bill to provide for the creation of a congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3706. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of produce prescriptions to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3707. A bill to provide for a wage differential program to support new nursing school faculty members; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.