

every size and background. The careers of Patricia Harrison and Mark Contreras truly exemplify that mission. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating the service and lasting contributions of Patricia Harrison and Mark Contreras.

HOSPITAL AT HOME PROGRAM

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, last week, the Senate passed legislation to fund the Department of Health and Human Services and other Agencies, including a section reflecting bipartisan, bicameral negotiations on healthcare policies in the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee. This bill takes important steps forward on healthcare priorities like taking on pharmaceutical middlemen, also known as pharmacy benefit managers, and achieving mental health parity by going after insurance companies that mislead seniors in Medicare Advantage with lists of doctors that aren't actually available. Americans have deep concerns about the state of their healthcare, and these reforms represent a down payment on the effort to ensure our system benefits families over giant corporations.

This package also includes a 5-year extension of the Hospital at Home Program, an innovative initiative championed by my friend and former colleague Senator Thomas R. Carper. I want to take a moment to recognize Senator Carper's leadership to advance the Hospital at Home Program. This special initiative allows hospitals to treat patients in their homes, rather than in-patient facilities. The program lets patients receive healthcare services where they want, supports family caregivers, and increases hospitals' capacity.

Through the Hospital at Home Program, hospitals are able to provide acute care to patients in their own living rooms through a combination of telehealth and in-person care along with home-delivered meals, nutrition, and medication. Hospitals are able to set patients up with equipment so they are continuously monitored from the comfort of their own homes.

Senator Carper knows the value of providing Federal support for solutions that help more Americans receive healthcare in the setting they prefer: their own homes. So far, 381 hospitals across 37 States are approved to participate in the Hospital at Home Program, and a long-term extension of the program will give more hospitals the certainty they need to take advantage of this opportunity to help patients receive healthcare in their homes. It will also help researchers evaluate whether the program is lowering out-of-pocket healthcare costs, improving outcomes for patients, and expanding access to services offered by rural and urban safety net hospitals. This data will be invaluable as Congress contemplates the future of the program.

Senator Carper championed Hospital at Home up until his last days serving

the Senate because he knew of the value it delivered to his constituents and its potential to serve Americans across the country, especially in rural and underserved communities. In recognition of his leadership, the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD should reflect that this extension would not have been possible without the leadership, vision, and persistence of Senator Carper.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING COBBLESTONE BALLROOM & EVENT CENTER

• 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 Cobblestone Ballroom & Event Center of Buena Vista County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Originally built in 1929 as part of the historic Cobblestone Inn overlooking Storm Lake, Cobblestone Ballroom & Event Center has long served as a gathering place for celebrations and community events in northwest Iowa. Despite a fire in 1945 that destroyed much of the original building, the ballroom endured and continued to host performances and gatherings for decades. The space remained preserved with original furnishing and memorabilia even after they closed their doors in November 1986. In 2022, Cobblestone entered a new chapter when Natalie and Nathan Schumann, along with Jennifer and Chad Hustedt, purchased the building and began an extensive renovation. After restoring the property, they opened the restaurant in early 2023. That fall, they were able to reopen the ballroom itself, returning a long-standing community landmark to active use. Today, the business is operated by a team of 30 employees, with staffing levels adjusted seasonally to meet demand.

Cobblestone serves as a full-service event venue offering live music, trivia nights, themed events, weddings, and private gatherings. In addition to the main ballroom, the property includes the Mermaid Room, a renovated space frequently rented for business meetings, birthday parties, wedding ceremonies, and receptions. The venue continues to open in stages as renovations progress, with the owners focused on expanding their ability to serve the community. Alongside the ballroom, the owners operate the on-site Cobb Tavern, which serves as the venue's food and beverage space. The tavern's menu features pizza as its primary offering, along with nachos, wings, subs, salads, and a full bar with beer, wine, and liquor. The tavern provides a place for patrons to gather and serves as an integral part of the Cobblestone experience.

Beyond hosting events, Cobblestone is actively engaged in the Storm Lake

community. The business is a member of Storm Lake United, the area's chamber of commerce, where Natalie serves on the board of directors. In 2025, Cobblestone proudly hosted Storm Lake United's annual meeting and awards ceremony, where they received both the Storm Lake United Community Attraction and Tourism and New Business Recognition awards. Through the Schumanns and Hustedts' strong leadership and continued investment, Cobblestone has returned an important gathering place to Buena Vista County.

It is my honor to recognize the Schumanns and Hustedts, along with the entire Cobblestone team, for their commitment to restoring and operating this historic venue. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT ANTONIO PARKER

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I often say, "This country owes you one thing—and that's an opportunity." But it is up to you what you do with that opportunity. No one demonstrates making the most of this opportunity better than MGy Sgt Antonio Parker of Montgomery.

Antonio grew up in a small town with humble beginnings in southern Virginia. But his mother instilled in him the values of service and a good education. She practiced what she preached by tutoring those who couldn't read and serving at the local church. Antonio promised her that he would get his own education. And in 1981—1 week after graduating high school—Antonio enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. What began as a way to pay for a college education and keep his promise to his mother led Antonio to 28 years of military service, including more than 10 deployments. During this time, he earned five degrees focusing on business and leadership.

Along the way, he also married his wife of over 30 years—Jean, a Montgomery native. In 1999, they welcomed their son Antwon into the world, who is continuing to follow in his family's footsteps as a two-time University of Alabama graduate and is now pursuing his medical degree in Nashville.

After retiring from the military in 2009, Antonio's focus shifted to empowering those around him in the Montgomery area. He has completed 59 marathons and loves to help others lead healthier lives. Throughout the years, he has planned multiple community health events, including his Fit-4-Life 5k, where all proceeds go toward education for those in need.

Antonio's life after the military hasn't been without its challenges. While training for his 60th marathon, Antonio received the life-altering diagnosis of stage IV cancer. But 5 years later, he is still with us and making the most of every day. He credits his

faith and family as the two most important anchors that have kept him here.

And he is still using his time and talents to help those not just in the River Region, but the entire State. Antonio frequently speaks to students across the Southeast, encouraging them to become leaders in their community. Antonio is also a friendly face to the elderly who need a helping hand, whether it be mowing their lawn or fixing something around their home. He also serves as a deacon at Maggie Street Missionary Baptist Church in Montgomery.

It is no wonder that such an extraordinary person is nicknamed “Superman” by his colleague Officer Benjamin Duffy, who says that Antonio is “truly an exceptional man, great patriot, and an even better Alabamian!” It is my honor to recognize Antonio Parker as the February Veteran of the Month.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 7147. An act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 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-2647. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2648. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in Mali that was declared in Executive Order 13882 of July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2649. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011 with respect to Libya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2650. 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-2651. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of State’s intent to designate Lebanese Muslim Brotherhood as a Foreign Terrorist Organization received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2652. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2653. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Combating Discriminatory Equity Ideology in Foreign Assistance Rules” (RIN1400-AG26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2026; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2654. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Combating Gender Ideology in Foreign Assistance” (RIN1400-AG25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2026; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2655. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Protecting Life in Foreign Assistance” (RIN1400-AG24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2026; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2656. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bonds described in Internal Revenue Code section 149(c)(2)(C)(ii)” (Revenue Ruling 2026-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2657. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safe Harbor Explanations-Eligible Rollover Distributions” (Notice 2026-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2658. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice of Issuance of Revenue Procedure 2026-8 Regarding Group Exemption Letter Program” (Notice 2026-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2659. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Updated procedures for IRS group exemption letter program” (Revenue Procedure 2026-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2660. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Guidance on Additional First Year Depreciation Deduction under 168(k)” (Notice 2026-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2661. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Beginning of Construction Requirements for Purposes of the Termination of Clean Electricity Production Credits and Clean Electricity Production Credits and Clean Electricity Investment Credits for Applicable Wind and Solar Facilities” (Notice 2025-42) received in the Office of the President of

the Senate on January 27, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2662. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Electronic Refunds” (RIN1685-AA36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2663. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Morocco” (RIN1685-AA39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2664. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material of Italy” (RIN1685-AA37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2665. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material of Costa Rica” (RIN1685-AA40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2666. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace & Defense Oxygen Systems SaS (Part of Safran Aerosystems) (Formerly Known as Air Liquide); Amendment 39-23228” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5400)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2667. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-300; Northcentral United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 25-AGL-5)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2668. A communication from the Chief for Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Transportation Fuel for Agricultural Aircraft Operations” (RIN2126-AC59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2669. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Eliminating Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on Fuel Transportation” (RIN2137-AF41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2670. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Specialist, National Ocean