

For more than 20 years, Mr. Clark served as a store manager for Lowe's in Clarksville, TN, always looking for ways to give back to the community, including to the brave men and women who serve at Fort Campbell. Over the years, he spearheaded several major improvement projects on the base, including the complete restoration of the Night Stalker Remembrance Trail, which honors the fallen warriors of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; the revitalization of Gabriel Field, the sacred ground honoring the fallen of the 5th Special Forces Group; and the transformation of the Survivor Outreach Services building, a place of solace and support for families who have lost loved ones in service to our Nation.

For his dedicated support for our servicemembers, Mr. Clark was honored with the titles of Tennessee Colonel Aide de Camp, Kentucky Colonel, and Champion of Fort Campbell.

On behalf of all Tennesseans, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Clark's family, including his wife Marcia and their children Madison, Montgomery, and Callie. While our State has lost a great leader, Mr. Clark's legacy will endure in Clarksville and at Fort Campbell for generations to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING KINETIC TECHNOLOGIES

● 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 Kinetic Technologies of Kossuth County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2021 by Mark and Betsy Barglof, Kinetic Technologies began as a small custom manufacturing and fabrication shop in Algona, IA. Initially focused on machining, custom tooling, and prototype development, the company quickly earned a reputation for practical, reliable solutions to everyday production challenges. Their early commitment to craftsmanship and problem solving laid the foundation for its evolution into a trusted manufacturing partner.

Under the leadership of founder and president Mark Barglof, an experienced engineer and Small Business Administration-certified veteran business owner, Kinetic accelerated its growth and sharpened its focus. Mark's technical expertise, hands-on industry experience, and the discipline and integrity shaped by his military background helped define the company's culture. His vision guided Kinetic's transition from a traditional fabrication shop to an advanced automation firm built for modern manufacturing needs, supporting greater efficiency. Working alongside him, business manager Betsy Barglof strengthened the company's

operational backbone with a people-centered approach that positioned Kinetic for sustainable growth. Her leadership in business operations, customer relationships, and internal processes has ensured that the company's drive for innovation is matched by stability, reliability, and exemplary service.

Today, Kinetic Technologies is recognized for innovative robotic welding systems and custom automation solutions and is proud to serve as a FANUC Authorized System Integrator. Backed by a dedicated team of 15 employees, the company provides end-to-end services, including design consultation, simulation, custom fixtures and tooling, system installation, and on-site employee training. Whether manufacturers need complete robotic work cells, automated welding solutions, or specialized equipment integration, Kinetic delivers systems engineered to address real production challenges and bring measurable improvement.

Kinetic Technologies also remains deeply committed to its community as a member of the Algona Chamber of Commerce, by supporting a robotics class at the local high school, and through providing job shadowing and internship opportunities for students interested in engineering. The company also partners with the local Future Farmers of America chapter, helping inspire the next generation of skilled professionals.

From its origins as a small fabrication shop to its role as a modern automation integrator, Kinetic Technologies demonstrates how innovation, adaptability, and strong leadership can propel a small business into a nationally respected industry player, shaping a lasting impact on the manufacturing landscape.

It is my honor to recognize Mark and Betsy Barglof and the entire Kinetic Technologies 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.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT NARCOTICS UNIT AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS

● Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Kansas City, KS, Police Department Narcotics Unit and Task Force officers for their exemplary service in protecting others from dangerous, illicit substances.

On December 30, 2025, the KCKPD conducted one of the largest drug busts in the city's history, seizing 120 pounds of methamphetamine, 8 firearms, and arresting 4 individuals.

This marked the culmination of a successful year for the Kansas City, KS Police Department, during which officers seized 1,305 pounds of methamphetamine, 3,540 pounds of marijuana, 673 pounds of cocaine, 1.5 pounds of heroin, 30 pounds of powder fentanyl, 12,761 fentanyl pills, 375 firearms, and \$1,224,507.

Under the leadership of Chief Karl Oakman, the KCKPD has adopted an effective approach to responding to the rampant fentanyl epidemic. By responding to every overdose incident, whether fatal or nonfatal, the police department is able to identify and dismantle drug trafficking networks at their source.

As part of the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas—HIDTA—program, the KCKPD coordinates with Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement partners to combat drug trafficking in critical regions of the United States.

Fentanyl alone has killed tens of thousands of Americans, and it is the leading cause of death for young adults. By seizing these lethal substances, the KCKPD Narcotics Unit and Task Force officers have prevented the deaths of countless individuals. Keeping these drugs off the streets is crucial to public safety, and I commend the police department's commitment to protecting the health of its community.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the KCKPD Narcotics Unit and Task Force officers for their outstanding service and tireless efforts in combating the flow of deadly drugs into our Nation.●

#### RECOGNIZING DR. RICK WAITLEY

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO, Congressman MIKE SIMPSON, and Congressman RUSS FULCHER to honor Dr. Rick Waitley for his 32 years of dedicated service as the executive director of Leadership Idaho Agriculture, LIA, and more than half a century of advocating for the State's farmers and ranchers.

Founded in 1985, LIA has provided countless Idahoans with hands-on learning and experience to help keep the Gem State's agricultural communities strong. Since taking the reins in 1993, Rick has led the organization to resounding success, overseeing 37 classes and facilitating the graduation of over 1,093 individuals. Many current and former members of the LIA Board of Trustees and other industry leaders credit Rick with influencing their personal and professional journeys. Under Rick's stewardship and vision, LIA has sparked tremendous growth in the number of leaders developed within Idaho's agriculture industry, creating a lasting impact felt throughout the State.

Outside of LIA, Rick's commitment to public service is evident in his creation and involvement with organizations that advance Idaho agriculture, including Food Producers of Idaho, the Idaho Coop Council, Idaho Ag in the Classroom, and the Idaho Ag Summit. As a member of the Food Producers of Idaho, Rick plays an integral role in facilitating meetings during the State's annual legislative session and connecting local farmers and ranchers

with elected officials to discuss issues affecting the industry. Rick's efforts have also opened doors to other crucial initiatives for many aspiring leaders, including State and international exchange tours and the Washington, DC, experience.

Rick's dedication extends beyond his professional life. He is a steadfast partner to his wife Dorita, a father of two daughters, and an active member of the Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church in Meridian.

As Rick assumes his new role as executive director emeritus, we are confident that he will continue to provide invaluable support and guidance as his daughter Kendra Dustin takes the helm as executive director.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, we extend our sincere appreciation to Rick for his dedication and exemplary service to Leadership Idaho Agriculture and to our great State. His legacy will undoubtedly inspire future generations of leaders in Idaho and across the West. Thank you, Rick, for your years of service, and congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 975. Resolution that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

#### 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-2405. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-215, "Green Housing Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2406. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Financial Report: Fiscal Year 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2407. A communication from the Deputy Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2408. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-216, "Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2409. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-238, "Private Vehicle-for Hire Operator Clarification Temporary Amend-

ment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2410. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-237, "Avanti Real Estate Services, LLC Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2411. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-218, "Juvenile Curfew Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2412. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-217, "D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2413. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2414. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescinding Portions of Department of Justice Title VI Regulations to Conform More Closely With the Statutory Text and To Implement Executive Order 14281" (RIN1190-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2415. A communication from the Acting Deputy Division Chief, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Selection Process for Registrants and Petitioners Seeking to File Cap-Subject H-1B Petitions" (RIN1615-AD01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2416. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2025 calendar session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2417. A communication from the Acting Deputy Division Chief, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Bars and Processing; Confirmation of Effective Date; Partial Withdrawal" ((RIN1615-AC57) (RIN1125-AB08)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 3584. A bill to amend the definition of aggravated felony in the Immigration and Nationality Act to include certain serious drunk driving offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 3585. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to exempt consumer-regulated electric utilities from Federal regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3586. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require small business development centers to assist small business concerns with the use of artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 3587. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for interest paid to taxpayers by the Internal Revenue Service following an audit or litigation in which the taxpayer prevailed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3588. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide funding for trained school personnel to administer drugs and devices for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3589. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 3590. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the clean water infrastructure resiliency and sustainability program, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain resilience and sustainability programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. BANKS):

S. 3591. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop a notice detailing benefits available to veterans, and to require employers to display such notice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3592. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to parole into the United States certain relatives of current and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 3593. A bill to increase the penalties for health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJAN:

S. 3594. A bill to provide additional funds to States for administration of certain nutrition programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3595. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for the deployment of United States military