hometown. He has also served the community through leadership roles with the Mazzini Charitable Foundation, the Erie Community Foundation, Team Pennsylvania, the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, the Pennsylvania Society, and the Robert Irvine Foundation.

Alongside his wife Lisa, Mr. NeCastro has been a devoted supporter of causes across the region, leading the campaign that raised $18.5 million to renovate and expand the expERIEnce Children's Museum and currently cochairing United Way of Erie County's Uniting for Education endowment campaign to support local students. Following his retirement as CEO, he will continue to serve the Erie community as president of the Erie Insurance Foundation.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania, I congratulate Tim NeCastro on a remarkable career and thank him for three decades of service to Erie Insurance, his tireless work to revitalize his hometown, and his lasting commitment to Pennsylvania. I wish him and Lisa the very best in retirement.●

RECOGNIZING COL. BILL NEWSOM'S AGED KENTUCKY COUNTRY HAM AND NEWSOM'S OLD MILL STORE

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, as a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I enjoy highlighting Kentucky businesses that represent the very best of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Today, I am proud to recognize Col. Bill Newsom's Aged Kentucky Country Ham and Newsom's Old Mill Store of Princeton, KY.

Western Kentucky has a tradition of doing things the old-fashioned way, and you would be hard-pressed to find a better example than Newsom's Old Mill Store in Princeton. The shop opened its doors on New Year's Day back in 1917, founded by H.C. Newsom. More than a century later, it is still right where it started—serving the local community and curing some of the finest hams in the country.

Today, the shop is run by H.C.'s granddaughter Nancy Newsom Mahaffey, though most folks around Caldwell County simply know her as The Ham Lady. Nancy learned the trade directly from her father Colonel Bill Newsom, and she hasn't varied the original blueprint. In an era where most food production is rushed, Newsom's still does it by hand: pork, salt, brown sugar, slow hickory smoke, and the patience to let the seasonings do the heavy lifting.

In 2009, one of Nancy's 2-year-aged hams was invited to hang in Spain at the famous Jamon Museum, the first and only American country ham ever given that distinction. Their dry-cured ham and prosciutto have fed guests at Presidential inaugurations and earned praise from food critics across the country.

When you walk into the store at 208 East Main Street today it feels like stepping back in time. The shelves are packed with local sorghum, homemade chow-chow, jams, and candies. More importantly, when you call to ask a question or place an order, Nancy and her team still pick up the phone themselves. Her guiding rule has always been simple: ''We make service personal.''

Congratulations to Nancy Newsom Mahaffey and everyone at Newsom's Old Mill Store. Thank you for keeping a great Kentucky tradition alive, and I wish you many more years of success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Buckner, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 240. An act to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

S 283. An act to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

S. 2403. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide a clear definition of adequate consideration for certain closely held stock, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 732(a) of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board: Mr. Eric Gottwald of Baltimore, Maryland.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 5602. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the planning and construction of any structure or monument at Memorial Circle at Columbia Island/Lady Bird Johnson Park in the District of Columbia.

S. 5603. A bill to prohibit the demolition of Presidential memorials.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 29, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 195. An act to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes.

S. 766. An act to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule.

S. 2398. An act to reauthorize the Kay Hagan Tick Act, 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–4900. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft bill entitled, ''Veterans Health, Benefits, and Administration Programs Act of 2027''; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–4901. A communication from the General Counsel to Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General's budget request for fiscal year 2028; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–4902. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d)(3) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed authorization for the re-export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Ukraine in the amount of $50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 26–090); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–4903. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, the notification of enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability (RSAT Case 26–1J); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–4904. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Air Force's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost $101 million (RSAT Case 26–86); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–4905. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–4906. A communication from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Softwood Lumber Board Assessment Rate Clarification and Changes to Membership'' (Docket No. AMS–SC–25–0023) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.