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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Compassionate God, overwhelmed, overwrought, or just plain over the circumstances in which we find ourselves today, would that we heed Your counsel not to be anxious about anything, but instead in prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, pause to make our requests known to You.

With consternation over the discordant concerns in this Chamber, in prayer and supplication, may we set aside our differences and in this sacred moment, together make our requests known to You.

With deep disquiet for the countless threats to peace and security across the globe to which we have obligation to attend, in prayer and supplication, may we acknowledge Your direction over our efforts for the work before us, and together make our requests known to You.

With silent petition for our individual grief and pain which know no boundary between work and life, may we in prayer and supplication, yield to Your divine healing, as together we make our requests known to You.

With thanksgiving and with hearts united, if only for this brief moment, may we claim Your peace which passes all understanding and which will transcend the anxieties of this day.

Guard our hearts and our minds that we would bear witness in this place to the sure and certain hope to be found in Your sovereign care and steadfast love.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. HIGGINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HIGGINS of New York led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) at 7 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 20, 2023, at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KUSTOFF, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. CAREY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. CHU, and Mr. WENSTRUP):

H.R. 5988. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States.

By Ms. CARAVEO (for herself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOYLAN, and Ms. SALINAS):

H.R. 5989. A bill to authorize rural health facilities to use certain Federal agricultural credit assistance for the purpose of refinancing debt obligations, updating necessary services, technology, and equipment, and supporting ancillary needs.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 5990. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize Office of Field Operations positions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 5991. A bill to require the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to make certain determinations in enforcing the Jones Act, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. MANN):

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H.R. 5992. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to modify eligibility for prevented planting insurance under certain drought conditions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 5993. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to clarify the funding of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 5994. A bill to provide for full enforcement of oil sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 5995. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that civilian service in a temporary position after December 31, 1988, may be creditable service under the Federal Employees Retirement System, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 5996. A bill to prohibit any direct or indirect United States funding for the territory of Gaza unless certain conditions are met.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 5997. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to further develop and support the adoption of a voluntary streamlined permitting and inspection process for authorities having jurisdiction over the permitting of qualifying distributed energy systems, and for other purposes.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois):

H.R. 5998. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish grants for tuition-free community colleges, student success grants, and grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MFUME (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. PHILLIPS):

H.R. 5999. A bill to enhance the ability of the Office of the National Ombudsman to assist small businesses in meeting regulatory requirements and develop outreach initiatives to promote awareness of the services the Office of the National Ombudsman provides, and for other purposes.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. LUETKEMEYER):

H.R. 6000. A bill to freeze \$6,000,000,000 of Iranian funds held in Qatar, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 6001. A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Chad shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. HILL, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas):

H.R. 6002. A bill to allow participants in the Service Corps of Retired Executives to teach entrepreneurship at community learning centers, and for other purposes.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. CHU, Ms. MENG, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr.

KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. OMAR, Mr. GRJALVA, Mr. POCAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 6003. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the inclusion of medical debt on a consumer report, and for other purposes.

By Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BUSH, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 6004. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for low-income mothers.

By Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 6005. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, to expand the replacement of stolen EBT benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

By Ms. SALINAS (for herself and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon):

H.R. 6006. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a vehicle summer meal delivery pilot program, and for other purposes.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 6007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a micro-employer pension plan startup credit.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMÉR, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. COLLINS, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. OWENS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Mr. TIMMONS):

H. Res. 797. A resolution condemning the Biden Administration for failing to fulfill the United States Government's duty to American citizens left stranded in Israel.

By Mr. OWENS (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BURLISON, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMÉR, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. COMER, Mr. CURTIS, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. DESJARLAI, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. FOX, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. FRY, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. HOUGHIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. LETLOW, Mrs. MCCLAINE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MILLS, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. ROSE, Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. STEIL, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. JAMES):

H. Res. 798. A resolution condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H. Res. 799. A resolution honoring the Virgin Islands National Guard on its 50th anniversary.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. HORSFORD, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H. Res. 800. A resolution congratulating the Las Vegas Aces for winning the 2023 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 5988.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject of this legislation is to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States.

By Ms. CARAVEO:

H.R. 5989.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18)

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I, SECTION 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS

CLAUSE 18

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize rural health facilities to use certain Federal agricultural credit assistance for the purpose of refinancing debt obligations, updating necessary services, technology, and equipment, and supporting ancillary needs.

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 5990.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Creating new positions at CBP.

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 5991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to make certain determinations in enforcing the Jones Act, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 5992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to modify eligibility for prevented planting insurance under certain drought conditions.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 5993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to clarify the funding of the

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 5994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Provides for curtailing Iran's sources of international revenue

By Mr. KILMER:

H.R. 5995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

The single subject of this legislation is:

Grants federal employees who started their careers as temporary workers the opportunity to make catch-up retirement contributions for on time retirement.

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 5996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill will ensure no American taxpayer dollars will be authorized to the territory of Gaza until the President certifies to Congress that these funds can be spent without benefitting terrorist organizations.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 5997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 provides Congress with the power to "lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises" in order to "provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Secretary of Energy to further develop and support the adoption of a voluntary streamlined permitting and inspection process for authorities having jurisdiction over the permitting of qualifying distributed energy systems, and for other purposes.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 5998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Education

By Mr. MFUME:

H.R. 5999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is: Small Business

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 6000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To freeze \$6,000,000,000 of Iranian funds held in Qatar, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 6001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tax benefits for servicemembers in the Sahel.

By Mr. PHILLIPS:

H.R. 6002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. I, §8, cl. 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill directs SBA to develop an entrepreneurship curriculum for SCORE volunteers to teach at 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 6003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the inclusion of medical debt on a consumer report, and for other purposes.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 6004.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would confront maternal and infant health disparities.

By Mr. RUPPERSBERGER:

H.R. 6005.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, §8, cl. 1 and Article I, §8, cl. 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Fairness for Victims of SNAP Skimming Act of 2023 would allow the USDA to reimburse victims of SNAP benefit theft equal to the amount of benefits stolen from the household and would allow for federal reimbursement past September 30th, 2024.

By Ms. SALINAS:

H.R. 6006.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Nutrition

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 6007.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

It would amend Public Law 116-94 to increase the minimum allowable tax credit from \$500 to \$2,500.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 340: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 385: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 547: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 661: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 743: Mr. WALTBURG, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. LUTTRELL.

H.R. 751: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 758: Mrs. HOUCHIN.

H.R. 838: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.

H.R. 905: Ms. BARRAGAN.

H.R. 930: Mr. KILEY.

H.R. 949: Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 974: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 987: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas.

H.R. 1191: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1372: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 1383: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1406: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. ROSS, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, and Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 1453: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1488: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 1491: Mr. CASE and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 1610: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 1619: Mr. MULLIN, Ms. TOKUDA, and Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 1624: Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mrs. SYKES.

H.R. 1668: Ms. BARRAGAN.

H.R. 1680: Mr. FALLON.

H.R. 1705: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 1788: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 1822: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 2534: Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. DELAURO, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 2583: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 2713: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 2739: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 2742: Mr. FITZGERALD.

H.R. 2743: Mr. COMER.

H.R. 2941: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2952: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 3106: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 3148: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3170: Mr. GALLEGRO.

H.R. 3179: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3240: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 3312: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 3382: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida and Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 3413: Mr. FITZGERALD.

H.R. 3419: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 3470: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 3503: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 3537: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 3539: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 3541: Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 3547: Mrs. TORRES of California.

H.R. 3625: Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 3656: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 3774: Mr. BARR, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. LUCAS, and Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 3851: Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

H.R. 3872: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3893: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 3916: Ms. BUDZINSKI.

H.R. 3958: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 3983: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 4138: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 4172: Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 4362: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 4581: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 4701: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 4714: Mr. GALLAGHER.

H.R. 4746: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 4829: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 4851: Ms. BUDZINSKI.

H.R. 4893: Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MENG, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. ROSS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. STANTON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 4968: Mr. HARRIS and Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 4974: Mrs. STEEL.

H.R. 4992: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida and Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 5027: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 5030: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 5035: Mr. BEYER.
H.R. 5075: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 5077: Ms. STEVENS and Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 5085: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 5104: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 5141: Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 5295: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 5344: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.
H.R. 5371: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 5399: Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. OMAR, and Mrs. SYKES.
H.R. 5506: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 5526: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 5539: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. HERN.
H.R. 5568: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 5603: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 5631: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 5704: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 5747: Mr. OGLES.
H.R. 5749: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.
H.R. 5754: Ms. CHU, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MULLIN, and Mrs. STEEL.
H.R. 5776: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Mr. MCGARVEY.
H.R. 5798: Mr. BIGGS.
H.R. 5857: Mrs. CAMMACK.
H.R. 5864: Ms. SCANLON.
H.R. 5867: Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 5912: Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. FALLON, and Mr. BOST.
H.R. 5917: Mr. MOOLENAAR.
H.R. 5920: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.
H.R. 5929: Mr. STANTON, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. PELTOLA, and Mr. VALADAO.
H.R. 5933: Mr. WEBER of Texas.
H.R. 5945: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.
H.R. 5947: Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. CLYDE, and Mr. STEEL.
H.R. 5976: Ms. WILSON of Florida.
H.J. Res. 89: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H. Con. Res. 37: Mr. CORREA.
H. Con. Res. 46: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H. Con. Res. 71: Mrs. CAMMACK.
H. Con. Res. 72: Ms. ESCOBAR.
H. Res. 195: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. PHILLIPS.
H. Res. 527: Mr. SWALWELL.
H. Res. 561: Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. HUFFMAN.
H. Res. 596: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
H. Res. 627: Mr. FALLON.
H. Res. 774: Mrs. MCCLAIN and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H. Res. 784: Mr. FOSTER.
H. Res. 786: Ms. ADAMS.
H. Res. 790: Mrs. BEATTY and Mr. TRONE.
H. Res. 793: Mr. LAHOOD and Ms. KUSTER.
H. Res. 796: Mr. NORMAN and Mr. OWENS.



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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has made of one blood all the nations of the world, make us one. Bring unity to our Congress, Nation, and world.

Lord, help us to see that awesome things can be accomplished when we stop worrying about who will get the credit. With this unity, infuse us also with hope, pragmatism, and courage.

Lord, give us realistic expectations about our future, reminding us that many problems that took decades to create will not be quickly solved. Motivate us to make the necessary sacrifices so that the rough places will be made smooth, the crooked places will be made straight, and the stars of hope will shine again in our hearts.

We pray in Your magnificent Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 19, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNOCK thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

ISRAEL

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, yesterday, I joined with Senate colleagues for an all-Senators classified briefing on the Israel-Gaza conflict.

At the briefing, I asked Secretary Austin when he needs emergency funding for our ongoing efforts, and what he said was clear. He said: "We need it," and in very strong terms, he said the word "yesterday." The Israeli leaders we met over the weekend used the same exact word, "yesterday." That means the Senate cannot wait, and we

will not wait. We also talked about the situation on the ground in Israel and Gaza at our briefing.

As was made clear yesterday, the intelligence community assesses that according to the current analysis and available intelligence, Israel is not to blame for the explosion of the hospital in Gaza. As was made clear yesterday—and I checked this, and I was allowed to say it from our intelligence community—the intelligence community assesses that according to the current analysis and available intelligence, Israel is not to blame for the explosion of the hospital in Gaza. Our intelligence believes it was an errant rocket from terrorists aligned with Hamas in Gaza.

Spreading inaccuracies, as Hamas so often does at painful times like this, is supremely risky and only endangers more human life. There is a lot of misinformation circulating in the chaos of this war, and it is incumbent on all of us to ensure that we don't fan the flames and increase tensions, particularly when we are relying on a very, very difficult issue from a source that is known to lie all the time.

We all know, of course, the loss of any innocent life is terrible. The loss of innocent Israeli life, Palestinian life, any innocent life. I saw the pictures of the children in the hospital. I feel very badly about it. We have to condemn that at every turn.

But when seeking the truth, it is imperative—utterly imperative—that people don't merely take the first thing they hear and run with it, particularly when it comes from a group like Hamas, known to spread lie after lie after lie. We should not sprint to believe the word of organizations like Hamas, a terrorist group, while ignoring the facts and findings of our own intelligence.

That is why I was pleased President Biden made clear that our intelligence indicates terrorists in Gaza were responsible for this tragedy. I was also

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glad to see that the President in Tel Aviv yesterday was on point: America will stand with Israel. America will help them defeat Hamas.

But he also said everyone must be deliberate at this moment, and we must unequivocally work to protect civilian life during conflict. That is a really tough job, particularly when Hamas puts hostages in the middle of civilian populations, rockets, military equipment in the middle of civilian populations and uses them as shields.

But even having said how difficult this is, Israel, being a democracy, has to live to a higher standard. And we made that point—all of us—when we visited Israel, as much as we wanted the Israelis to know we stand by them and will give them the equipment that they need.

This morning, the Senate will pass a bipartisan resolution affirming that the Senate stands firmly with Israel and firmly against Hamas. Hopefully, the Senate will speak in one voice that Israel is our friend and that Hamas's attack is reprehensible and that we will stand with our friends to defend themselves.

Our resolution has overwhelming—nearly unanimous—support in the Senate on both sides. We are working with the few who have some problems to solve their problems so we can get this done.

By the end of the week, the President will send the Senate a supplemental request to provide Israel the military intelligence, diplomatic, and humanitarian aid it needs. When the Senate receives this request, we will spring into action and move it as soon as we can.

Secretary Austin was clear: They need these funds yesterday, especially right now as extremists have brought the House of Representatives to complete paralysis. The world needs to see a U.S. Senate united in action. Democrats and Republicans in this Chamber must send an unmistakable message that the work of legislating is not going to stop over here because of chaos in the other Chamber. And if we act with enough bipartisan strength, it is my hope that it could help the House snap out of its delirium and get back to the business of governing, not letting a small hard-right group simply tie the House in a knot because they are not getting their way. Every day counts immensely.

RUSSIA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, on a detained journalist. Unfortunately, yesterday, authorities detained a journalist with dual U.S.-Russian citizenship on specious charges of failing to register as a foreign agent. Alsu Kurmasheva is now the second American journalist detained by Russia this year after Evan Gershkovich of the Wall Street Journal was arrested in March.

We unequivocally condemn Russia's unjustifiable detention of Alsu

Kurmasheva and of Evan Gershkovich, and we demand they be released immediately.

It is no secret that Russia has a long and disturbing history of unjustly detaining U.S. citizens, especially members of the free press. But let me be clear: Journalism is not a crime and should never be met with persecution, intimidation, and suppression.

America stands with Alsu Kurmasheva, Evan Gershkovich, and their families.

BUDGET

Mr. SCHUMER. Now on the minibus, over the course of this week, I have worked closely with Democratic and Republican appropriators to move forward on the bipartisan Senate appropriations process. We have made a lot of progress this week trying to reach an agreement on amendments. We are getting close to an agreement, but we are not there yet, so we will keep working today.

Here in the Senate, unlike the chaos of the House, most Members on both sides want to see bipartisanship because that is the only way things move forward in a divided government. And the Appropriations Committee, under the leadership of Chair MURRAY and Ranking Member COLLINS, have done a very good job passing out all the bills with overwhelming bipartisan majorities, many of them unanimously.

But there is one crucial point: When we came to agreement to move these bills, both sides committed to stopping poison pill amendments because that would risk ending the process. Sadly, a small group on the other side have tried adding poison pills, and we have been dealing with them over the last few weeks. I am optimistic that we will work through these poison pills and pass these bipartisan bills soon.

Democrats made a commitment to our Republican colleagues to pursue regular order as much as possible because we want to get these appropriations bills done. We have committed to having debates and votes on relevant, non-poison pill amendments. I think there are 39 or so lined up. But while we are getting close, the work is not done.

We are going to keep working today. If people want to know why it is moving slowly, it is because of Republican insistence on poison pill amendments. But that is not going to stop us. We are going to keep moving forward, and we are going to try to vote on amendments soon.

So, once again, thank you to the whole Appropriations Committee on both sides. I am optimistic we can get this done.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY K. KOED, SENATE HISTORIAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally on our wonderful Senate Historian. An old quote goes:

To study history means submitting yourself to chaos, but nevertheless retaining your faith in order and meaning.

That is a great quote, very relevant today in this Congress. I don't imagine that the author of that line was thinking about the U.S. Senate, but I cannot think of a more apt description of the duties of the Senate Historian.

For the last 8 years, the Senate has been blessed with the wonderful erudite Historian, Betty Koed—only the third Historian ever and the first woman to hold the position.

Sadly, this week marks the end of Betty's remarkable tenure in the Senate, which dates back to her earliest days as Assistant Historian in 1998. So she began in the Senate Historical Office the same year I began running for the Senate. I didn't know her at that point, but I am sure glad I have gotten to know her now.

It is a great undertaking to chronicle the history of an institution so unique, so rich with significant events, so influential in the landscape of our Nation. But for the last 25 years, Betty has done that with the utmost professionalism, devotion, and a bit of a flair.

Every week, she gives us a little history lesson at our Tuesday lunches, and every Member looks forward to hearing what she has come up with, and it is amazing. We learn a lot, and we enjoy it.

As Senate Historian, Betty was tasked with the extraordinary responsibility to preserve, protect, and promote the history of the Senate and the multitudes of Members who served in this Chamber. She has not only been a student of Senate history but a teacher of it as well. Thanks to her work developing education programs and exhibits, generations of Americans will have the means to learn about the Senate and the U.S. Capitol.

I was proud to lead a resolution with Leader MCCONNELL and all other 98 Senators commemorating Betty's decades of service and officially designating her—congratulations, Betty—as "Historian Emerita" of the United States Senate.

So on behalf of a grateful Senate, a grateful country, and a very grateful majority leader, I thank Betty for her service and wish her the best moving forward.

Congratulations, Historian Emerita.
I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

ISRAEL

Mr. MCCONNELL. There is evil in the world, and for the better part of the last century, America and our allies were squarely in the crosshairs. Unfortunately, we tend to forget that.

On September 12, 2001, George Will coined a phrase, saying that the free

world's "holiday from history" was over. When Russia escalated its lawless invasion of Ukraine last year, many observers, including former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates, invoked the same idea.

The West is at a crossroads. Increasingly, fringe voices on the left and right are insisting that it is not America's business to lead. They seem willing to accept American decline and to assume that their lack of interest in history means history won't be interested in them. Meanwhile, many of our allies are waking up to their own commitments to collective defense.

As the world was reminded last February in Ukraine and again on October 7 in Israel, some of our friends and fellow democracies have never had the option of taking a holiday from history. Israel has no choice but vigilant self-defense because murderous theocrats and terrorists have vowed to wipe it off the map. Ukraine has no choice but all-out resistance because an authoritarian thug with delusions of Soviet glory has spent years butchering its people and carving up its sovereign territory. Half a world away, the free people of Taiwan have no choice but to stare down the threat from a communist superpower intent on bringing their island to heel.

It is hard to ignore the growing strategic alignment between these authoritarian forces. They share an interest in one another's violent pursuits and in undermining the West—especially America.

Take the growing strategic partnership between Russia and Iran. The Obama administration foolishly welcomed Putin's intervention in Syria, and it gave Russia influence in the Middle East it hadn't had since the 1970s—mostly at America's expense. Iran and its terror proxies were glad to see Putin prop up Bashar Assad. Under Russian protection, Syria became a training ground and logistics superhighway from Tehran's terror network. And as terrorists challenge America and Israel in the region, Russia is the beneficiary.

It is a symbiotic relationship for the bad guys, and it has only continued to grow. Russia defends Iran at the U.N., and Iran is now providing the same lethal drones its terrorist proxies use to attack American forces in Syria and Iraq directly to Russia for use against Ukraine.

The world's largest state sponsor of terror—with American, Israeli, and Arab blood on its hands—is also sponsoring Russia's war against our friends in Europe.

As one good analysis put it recently, "When Hezbollah terrorists, Hezbollah mercenaries, and Iranian theocrats chant 'Death to America' after murdering Israelis, they're not confused." And it is hardly surprising that Putin has aligned his regime with this terror, given the devastation his forces inflict on civilians in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, China isn't just keeping a close eye on the West's resolve to resist

Russian aggression and Iran-backed terrorism; they are actually getting more directly involved. Just yesterday, for example, a summit of the PRC's so-called Belt and Road Initiative—a massive influence operation aimed at bringing more parts of the world under Beijing's thumb—featured Vladimir Putin as the guest of honor—yet another sign that Russia and China are serious about their "friendship without limits."

Beijing has released a flurry of statements responding to terrorist savagery by condemning Israel's self-defense operations and conspicuously avoiding any mention of Hamas.

The PRC is stepping up its coordination with and support for Iran. It is no surprise that the regime that wants to break the will of the free people of Taiwan is eager to see its fellow travelers in Tehran and Moscow do the same to Israel and Ukraine.

Our adversaries know the challenges they pose to us are linked. The belief that we can abandon allies in one part of the world and not hurt allies elsewhere simply doesn't hold water. In fact, it is naive and dangerous.

The people of Israel have a right to defend themselves, and the United States has an interest in our closest ally in the Middle East rooting out terrorists like Hamas.

Ukraine has a right to sovereignty, and the United States has an interest in Europe—our largest trading partner and strongest ally—not facing an emboldened thug at its gates.

Taiwan and other Asian democracies have a right to self-determination, and the United States has an interest in helping Asian partners stand up to Chinese aggression.

We need to remember America is a superpower. Our interests are global, and with global interests come global responsibilities. Our alliances matter. Our credibility matters. Our friends on the frontlines of authoritarian aggression and terrorist savagery don't have the opportunity to take a holiday from history, and America can't afford to either.

In the coming days, it will be the Senate's responsibility to take strong and decisive action to put maximum support behind Israel's self-defense, equip Ukraine for victory as it defines it, and help Taiwan deter growing threats.

The prosperity America has known for the better part of a century is the direct product of our leadership. Preserving it means standing with our friends and investing in our own strength.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY K. KOED, SENATE HISTORIAN

Mr. MCCONNELL. Now, one final matter, I would like to take a minute to thank an all-star member of the Senate community as she departs on a well-deserved retirement.

For the past 25 years, recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of the

U.S. Senate has been Betty Koed's top responsibility. As Senate Historian, Betty has immersed herself more than pretty much anyone in the lore of this remarkable institution.

Betty joined the Senate as Assistant Historian in 1998, in time to witness history with the impeachment trial of President Clinton. And her intelligence and determination came in handy immediately as the Historian's office phones rang off the hook with questions about the complex rules, procedures, and precedents that surrounded the first such event in more than a century.

But as much as Members of this body are prone to make history, Senators also tend to like consuming history. I myself am no exception. So back in 2009, when former Senate Historian Richard Baker retired, I invited Betty to start visiting the Republican conference lunches to deliver weekly presentations on Senate history.

By all accounts, Betty's "History Minutes" were the highlight of many a lunch. In fact, they were always so popular that we asked her to turn these stories into a book, and I am glad to say that an impressive volume illustrating some of the most dramatic and significant events in the Senate's history was actually published earlier this year.

Over her time in the Senate, Betty has been a fierce advocate for the preservation of Senate records. Her colleagues describe her as a role model and mentor who is highly knowledgeable, considerate, and persistent. It would be no exaggeration to call Betty Koed's tenure as Senate Historian a historic milestone in its own right.

So I would like to thank Betty, with heartfelt thanks for her loyal service to this institution, and I know our colleagues join me in wishing her all the best.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, yesterday, I came down to the floor to discuss the importance of military preparedness to our national security. The most basic requirement of national security is a strong military, but it is not the only requirement. Maintaining our Nation's strength and our ability to deter threats and discourage our enemies from tangling with us also involves things like a strong economy, energy security, and border security.

And, today, I want to spend a few minutes talking about border security. Border security is an essential part of

keeping our Nation secure. Porous borders are an invitation to criminals, terrorists, and other dangerous individuals. And let us be very clear: There are dangerous individuals out there right now who would like to enter and harm our country. Porous borders are an invitation to those types of individuals.

Since the beginning of the month, four Iranians considered to be “special interest aliens”—individuals, that is, who may pose a threat to the United States—have been apprehended at the southern border in Texas. Now, all told, thousands of special interest aliens—a number of them from Middle Eastern countries—have been apprehended at our southern border in the past 2 years.

During fiscal year 2023, 151 individuals on the Terrorist Watchlist were apprehended attempting to illegally cross our southern border—151. As a recent news story noted, “that figure is more than the total of the previous six . . . years combined.”

That same story also notes:

In the first two weeks of the fiscal year, the CBP sources told Fox News that agents had apprehended more than 30 Iranians, nearly 60 Syrians, 35 Pakistanis, more than 100 Russians, 285 Afghans and nearly 2,000 Chinese migrants at the southern border.

“[M]ore than 30 Iranians, nearly 60 Syrians, 35 Pakistanis, more than 100 Russians, 285 Afghans and nearly 2,000 Chinese migrants at the southern border”—now, it is likely that many of those individuals are simply in search of the promise the United States offers of a better life. But it is also entirely possible that some of these individuals—some of them from intensely hostile countries like Iran—had more malign intentions. And while Customs and Border Protection apprehended the individuals I have mentioned so far, it is not only possible, but likely, that similarly concerning individuals have entered our country undetected.

Since President Biden took office, there have been more than 1.5 million known “got-aways” at the southern borders. Those are individuals that Border Patrol saw but was unable to apprehend. And we can only imagine the number of unknown “got-aways” who have sneaked into the country. Those are people they didn’t see. They have no idea.

How many of those individuals are from hostile countries or are on the Terrorist Watchlist or are members of cartels that target literally every State in the Union and are fueling the fentanyl epidemic? The truth of the matter is we just don’t know, but it is a good bet that, among the “got-aways” were dangerous individuals who should not be entering our country.

Now, I don’t need to tell anyone that the situation at our southern border right now is disastrous. All signs point to fiscal year 2023 being the third record-breaking year of attempted illegal crossings at the southern border under

the Biden administration’s watch. The number of attempted illegal crossings at the southern border last month alone has been estimated to be somewhere in the range of 270,000 people, which would make it the highest monthly number ever recorded.

Customs and Border Protection is overstretched—to put it mildly—and has been for pretty much the entirety of the Biden administration. We could scarcely be sending a more welcoming signal to criminals, terrorists, and other dangerous individuals if we put out a welcome mat. Why wouldn’t dangerous individuals like this take advantage of the chaos at the border to slip into our country undetected?

The Director of the FBI recently warned of copycat attacks in the United States after Hamas’s deadly attack on Israel, and a September threat assessment from the Department of Homeland Security noted:

Terrorist and criminal actors may exploit the elevated flow [of migration] and increasingly complex security environment to enter the United States.

If we want to keep our country secure, we are going to have to get the situation at our southern border under control now. I am glad that President Biden has finally conceded that a border wall is part of the solution, but it must be backed up with the willingness to fully enforce our laws.

In the coming weeks, I expect that we are going to take up a supplemental spending bill to address support for our allies and to provide additional funding that our military may need. I hope—and will work to ensure—that that legislation also includes measures to help secure our southern border.

I have said it before, and I will say it again: If we don’t get national security right, the rest is conversation. And securing our border is an indispensable part of national security.

The terrorist attack on Israel on October 7 should be all the reminder we need of the importance of being constantly on guard against those who would seek to ruin our Nation and to do us harm.

And I hope that, in the wake of this attack, President Biden and congressional Democrats will join Republicans to make both strengthening our military and securing our border a priority. I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL G. WHITAKER

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to speak about the nomination of Michael Whitaker of Vermont to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Yesterday, as you know, his nomination was reported unanimously out of the Senate Commerce Committee in

which we both serve. That was by voice vote, with all the Members of the Commerce Committee overwhelmingly agreeing in a bipartisan fashion that Mr. Whitaker should lead the FAA. This is welcome after 18 months of having no one leading the FAA.

It is not surprising that he had such strong support. Why? Michael Whitaker is immensely qualified, with over 30 years of experience in aviation, both in the public sector and in the private sector. His background and knowledge of the industry is formidable.

First, Michael is a longtime aviator, so he has practical concern about safety in the air and personal experience about flying.

Second, he has real experience running large and complex systems. During his time as the Deputy Administrator at the FAA from 2013 to 2016, Mike helped the FAA upgrade to satellite-enabled surveillance technology. He managed cybersecurity threats and chaired an interagency committee coordinating safety and security enhancements in our airspace. He made flying safer.

Third, he has relevant private sector experience. While in the private sector, Mike has worked on strategy operations for some of the world’s largest travel companies. They include United Airlines, InterGlobe Enterprises, and Trans World Airlines. He will bring those management skills—that capacity to build a team and organize systems in his forward-thinking vision—to the FAA.

Fourth, Mike’s focus is on performance, and his commitment to safety is absolute. That is something that the FAA is primarily responsible for, and it is an awesome responsibility that Mr. Whitaker has taken seriously every day of his life while he has served in both private and public positions in aviation.

Mike is a Vermonter—a small-town person who lives in a small town in Vermont, but he has got big-time experience. He understands the importance of ensuring that everyone is represented, and he knows the realities of what the industry and the FAA needs to succeed.

With Mike in the cockpit of the FAA, our skies will be safer, and he will work tirelessly to ensure that Americans across the country can fly safely and seamlessly wherever they please with as few disruptions as possible. We urgently need a full-time FAA administrator, and Michael Whitaker of Vermont is the ideal candidate for that role.

I urge my colleagues to support his nomination.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ISRAEL

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, more Jews died on October 7 than have died since the Holocaust. As the war in the Middle East wages on, the world is learning more details about the horrors being unleashed by Hamas, which, as the world now knows, is a U.S.-designated terrorist organization. This has been going on for a long time.

Over the past week and a half, we have heard horrifying stories of atrocities committed against the Israeli people. Last week, I met at Temple Emanu-El, a synagogue in Dallas, TX, and talked to a mom named Kim who has two sons who were born in Dallas. They are native Texans, American citizens, and are now fighting in the IDF, the Israeli Defense Forces.

Another woman had been a teacher of a kibbutz in Israel but had recently relocated to the United States. She recounted watching her phone all of a sudden becoming deluged with messages from that kibbutz about Hamas killers coming in and indiscriminately killing babies, children, and other civilians.

These terrorists have no conscience. They have no moral standards. They not only murdered babies and children, they raped, tortured, and beheaded other innocent civilians. They dismembered the bodies of their victims and captured hostages to use as human shields or human bargaining chips.

It gives me no pleasure to recount the horrific evil that we are seeing played out in real time on our TV screens and in social media. But it is important that we acknowledge the reality of this evil because, if we don't—if we brush it under the rug and we act like, well, there is really some moral equivalency between the Palestinian cause and the Israeli nation and that somehow Hamas is justified in committing these acts—we will have bought the propaganda of Hamas hook, line, and sinker.

Of course, we all know that Hamas is a proxy for the Supreme Leader in Iran and that the IRGC, the Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps, and the Quds Force has helped equip and train Hamas and Hezbollah in Lebanon in the northern part of Israel, and that this is part of a long-term effort to extinguish the Jewish State and to eliminate it from the map.

This is not a spontaneous act. I know that written in many of the newspapers the news media has said: Well, Iran didn't know about this.

Well, they may not have known the timing and they may not have known the scale of these attacks, but there is no question they enabled them. And it was their joint cause between Hamas and Iran to commit these atrocities against the people of Israel as part of their desire to extinguish them from the face of the planet.

These terrorists were carrying documents that explicitly outlined the mission's objective: Kill as many individuals as possible and capture hostages. Those were the orders given to the Hamas terrorists. Other documents included detailed plans to target elementary schools—target elementary schools and a youth center in Israel, and specific plans to target the most vulnerable population—women and children.

In an interview on CNN, Israeli President Isaac Herzog provided even more details about the instructions given to these killers. He showed a booklet that was found on the body of a terrorist. It is a pocket-sized pamphlet that provides step-by-step instructions on how to torture and kidnap innocent people.

So the evidence is crystal clear. This is an evil terrorist group whose only goal is to eliminate Israel and the Jewish people and if they can't do that, to kill as many Jews as they possibly can.

In the wake of these attacks, we have seen an overwhelming show of support—certainly here in Congress and across America—for the Israeli people and a powerful condemnation of Hamas.

Here in the Senate, where disagreement seems to be the rule these days, I am glad this is an issue that has garnered overwhelming bipartisan support. In the coming days, I expect the Senate to pass a resolution affirming Israel's right to self-defense—literally its right to exist—and committing American support.

I want to thank Leader SCHUMER, Leader MCCONNELL, Chairman CARDIN, and Ranking Member RISCH for introducing this resolution in the Foreign Relations Committee. I am proud to be one of the 99 Senators who has cosponsored the resolution, and I hope we can advance it formally soon. It is important that the United States is the leader of the free world. It is important that we voice our clear and unwavering support for Israel in the face of this evil. It is important not only what we say, but it is important what we do.

The administration, we know, is preparing a supplemental funding request to give Israel the weapons and the humanitarian relief they need to sustain themselves. I expect this will include weapons, intelligence support, humanitarian aid, and other various and sundry items. Given the constant threats they face from Hamas terrorists and the threat from a potential enlargement of the war if Hezbollah were to join in, it is absolutely critical that we treat this request with urgency. Israel is our closest ally in the Middle East, and it deserves our full support both in words and in action.

While support for Israel has been overwhelming, a small but loud minority has tried to establish some false equivalency between Hamas's attack and Israel's defense. These individuals have offered bogus assessments that somehow Israel is to blame. Sadly, many of these individuals cannot even

offer ignorance as an excuse because they are students and leaders at some of the most prestigious universities in America.

A coalition of students at Harvard issued a statement, claiming that Israel is "entirely responsible for all unfolding violence."

The president of New York University's Student Bar Association falsely claimed that "Israel bears full responsibility for this tremendous loss of life." It is no surprise that this young woman's peers denounced this statement and her future employer rescinded its job offer.

Leaders at Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Stanford, and other elite schools have faced fierce and much-deserved backlash over their responses to this war.

Fortunately, these views do not constitute a majority, and it is important that those who have the evidence to back it up speak out and call it what it is, which is Iranian propaganda.

One prominent voice of reason among college administrators is our own former colleague Ben Sasse, who now serves as the president of the University of Florida. In a letter to Jewish students and alumni, he pointed out the truth, which is what his colleagues in "elite academia" could not bear to say. He called Hamas's actions evil, and he said there is no defense for terrorism.

It is embarrassing that many students, faculty, and administrators at some of America's most prestigious universities cannot even acknowledge that simple fact. It is no wonder people begin to wonder what is being taught in our colleges and universities. Are our children who are attending these colleges and universities being brainwashed? being only told one side of the story? intimidating people who have different points of view and silencing them from speaking out and telling the truth? Unfortunately, I think that is happening on a regular basis at some of these most elite colleges and universities. Our kids are being brainwashed.

While the rhetoric alone is deeply concerning, it is horrifying to see that some of this has turned into actual violence. An Israeli student at Columbia University was assaulted with a stick outside the university's library. Synagogues in Utah were forced to evacuate after receiving bomb threats, which, thankfully, were not credible but were disturbing nonetheless. Swastikas and Nazi flags have been spotted in cities across the country from California to New York.

Let's just state the truth: There is no space, no room, no argument for hate or anti-Semitism in the United States, period.

Now, we do believe in free speech. We do believe that those who have different points of view deserve the right, at some point, to speak their mind. But those of us who know better, who know what the facts are, who have the courage and backbone to stand up and tell

the truth, need to speak out as well and just as forcefully so the American people can know the truth and our actions can follow the evidence.

This is a time for moral clarity. We are watching a battle of good versus evil, and there can be no ambiguity about where America stands. President Biden traveled to Tel Aviv yesterday to affirm America's unyielding support for Israel as it defends itself. Good for him. I am glad he made the trip, and I hope the Israeli people can find some comfort and some confidence in the message of solidarity.

If Israel needs weapons, which it does, particularly for the Iron Dome, which is the anti-rocket defense weapon that is designed to knock out these hundreds of rockets being launched from Gaza into Israel—they need the Iron Dome in order to stop those rockets from hitting innocent civilians. But, of course, they need increased access to our intelligence capabilities to supplement their own, humanitarian aid, diplomatic support. Whatever it is, the United States will provide it. Israel has our complete and unwavering support.

As each of us knows, support for Israel is only part of the equation. America cannot relinquish its leadership role in the world, which means we cannot simply replenish Israel's arsenal or bolster its efforts to defend itself. We must also adopt a new approach to deal with those who are spreading terrorism in the Middle East—namely Iran. Iran is the leading state sponsor of international terrorism, and it has bankrolled and trained Hamas.

Again, I am troubled by this idea that somehow Iran was not involved in this attack. Of course, they were, by sending \$100 million a year to Hezbollah and Hamas with which to train them and then by providing weapons, with the objective of wiping Israel off the map. The blood is on Iran's, including the Supreme Leader's, hands, and he is proud of it because his goal is to wipe Israel off the map by any means necessary. Iran has provided Hamas and other terrorist proxies in the region, as I said, with funding, weapons, and training to enable the types of attacks we have witnessed.

We should be absolutely clear. President Bush, some 20 years ago, made a fairly controversial statement at the time by identifying the axis of evil—he called it—which included Iran, Iraq at the time, which was under the rule of Saddam Hussein, and North Korea; but, today, that axis should include not only Iran but also Russia, which is more than happy to have its ally Iran distract the world from what they are doing in Ukraine, and, of course, the Chinese, who are more than happy, in exchange for the oil that they import from places like Iran and Russia, to provide support for their evil aims.

The Supreme Leader of Iran once labeled the United States as Iran's "No. 1 enemy." There is no doubt that Iran

has serious skin in this game, and it has a lot to gain from Hamas.

President Biden needs to reassess his approach in dealing with Iran. Rather than appeasement, which has allowed them to circumvent the sanctions that we put on, for example, oil exports, they are now back in business, and their economy is booming as a result of the oil they are selling to countries like China and others. And the idea that President Biden would accept anything, any kind of deal—even a bad deal—on the Iranian nuclear weapon development is giving them the confidence that they can continue not only to negotiate a weak agreement but also continue to sell drones to Russia with which to kill Ukrainians. Eventually, they will be able to succeed in their No. 1 goal, which is to develop a nuclear weapon.

Can you imagine, given the death and destruction in the Middle East now that has been caused by Iranian-sponsored proxies like Hezbollah and Hamas, if that same country—the No. 1 state sponsor of terrorism—got a nuclear weapon? That cannot happen. That must not happen. So I hope these events have caused the administration to reconsider its approach.

The series of missteps has projected an image of weakness to our adversaries, who are eager to exploit any cracks in our defense. Appeasement, as we learned from World War II, is not a viable strategy because countries like Iran, led by the Supreme Leader and this theocracy which is bent on the destruction of Israel, can't be reasoned with. There is not really a cost-benefit analysis. They are not rational actors; they are ideologues determined to accomplish their goal, which is to wipe out countries like Israel.

So we need to get to work and work together to confront the threats that Iran and its proxies present and reestablish a credible deterrence in the Middle East. Until that happens, we can expect assaults on Israel and other pro-democracy movements in the Middle East. They will be under constant and increased assault.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ISRAEL

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, on September 11, 2001, even while smoke was still billowing from the wreckage of the Twin Towers, I knew deep within me that that attack on American soil would change not just my Nation's future but my own, and it did.

I rushed back to the assault helicopter company I commanded at the time, ready to seek out the terrorists

who attacked my Nation and slaughtered civilians. I did it willingly, without hesitation, because every fiber in my being felt the need to defend my country when she was threatened.

So, today, let me be very clear. As a soldier and as someone who has always supported Israel, I strongly believe in Israel's right to defend herself and her people, especially when under attack from a terrorist organization like Hamas—a group that redefines the word "cruelty," that seems to take pleasure in bloodshed, that refuses to adhere to the rule of law or international norms.

If I were an Israeli soldier—if I woke up two Saturdays ago to the sights and sounds of massacre like they did—I, too, would be desperate to defend my nation and my neighbors; I, too, would want to make sure that those who turned my children's playgrounds into battlefields, who turned the grass under my daughter's swing set from a rich green to blood red, were never able to inflict such horrors again.

I grieve for every Israeli life that was upended or, in too many cases, ended in such a horrific fashion.

There is never an excuse or justification for terrorism, none. And I will stay on this floor for as long as it takes, vote as many times as I have to, to ensure that our Israeli allies have the resources and support they need in time of war.

I am also clear-eyed about the fact that there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding just miles away in Gaza, and I recognize the urgent need to help the innocent Palestinians, who are also suffering as a result of Hamas's brutal attacks.

It is this simple: We should all be able to agree that no child deserves to starve to death or die of thirst. We should all be able to agree that no child deserves to be brutalized or burned alive, whether they live in Gaza or Tel Aviv. We should all be able to agree that no child deserves to be terrorized, whether their home is on a kibbutz or in Plainfield, IL, or behind a blockade.

Every time I have gone home from work since that awful Saturday morning, I have held my little girls as tightly as I could. I have given them one more squeeze than usual and held on to them for a couple more seconds than normal. My daughters are just 8 and 5. They don't understand why I am so upset. So I just tell them that Mommy's heart is hurting, that she is really sad right now, and that all she wants in that moment is just to hold them a little closer for a little longer.

I am haunted by the faces of the Israeli children whom Hamas terrorists abducted, just as I am by the conversations I have had with parents desperate to get their children home from the captivity of a terrorist organization.

I am haunted by the stories of the Palestinian children who have been buried in rubble, just as I am by the images of 6-year-old Wadea Al-

Fayoume, who was brutally murdered by his landlord over the weekend in my home State of Illinois because he just happened to be a Muslim—a 6-year-old who loved playing with his LEGOs, a 6-year-old who could have been any one of ours.

I know many others in this Chamber, across the country, and around the world are haunted, too.

So we must—must—act with urgency to secure the sustained flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza.

We must—must—restore essential services like water as quickly as we can.

We must—must—ensure hostages being held in Gaza receive urgent medical treatment and are safely brought home as soon as humanly possible.

Innocent life needs to be protected consistent with the laws of armed conflict. These actions mark both moral imperatives by helping innocent civilians but also are steps toward ensuring Israel's security.

I am grateful that the administration has been working around the clock on these priorities, and I will continue to do everything in my power to support them because, during a crisis that is almost always defined by lose-lose outcomes, this could be the rare step that would actually benefit all innocent parties. It would help to get those trapped innocent Palestinian families who are mourning their own lost loved ones and who have been living with no access to basic necessities. It would get assistance to the hostages from Israel, the United States, and other nations whom we are all praying for so desperately. It would send the message that the global community is unified in ending the suffering of innocent human souls.

As someone who was shot down by an insurgent in the Middle East, I know all too well that these are the kinds of moments when the next generation of insurgents get radicalized, as groups like Hamas thrive when people are suffering the most. They take advantage of the despair and the hopelessness that they themselves manufacture, that they themselves manipulate, and they use it to recruit more to their cause.

We cannot let Hamas succeed. We cannot let the blast of missiles drown out the voices of our better angels because our hearts are big enough and our perspectives wide enough to know that Hamas's reign of terror terrorizes the little girls and boys of not just Israel but Gaza, too, as they use them as human shields.

In this moment, it is hard not to feel the darkness weighing down upon us. But for all of those in harm's way, we must channel our devastation into motivation. We must use our voices to lift up the humanity of innocent civilians, not to dehumanize those who may look or pray differently than us. We must work as hard as we can to bring about a tomorrow for both Israelis and Palestinians alike, where their skies won't

be marred with missiles, and their streets won't be scarred with blood.

That is exactly what I am going to do. I am going to roll out of this Chamber, head back to my office, and keep fighting to get our hostages home. I will fight to get our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, the aid and support they need, and I am also going to work to get basic humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Then, tonight, when I go home, I am going to hold my daughters in my arms until they wiggle free, and every moment that that hug lasts, I am going to be more aware than ever how lucky I am just to be able to squeeze them tight.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 417, submitted earlier today; that at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote on adoption of the resolution; that if the resolution is agreed to, the preamble be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

STANDING WITH ISRAEL AGAINST TERRORISM

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 417) standing with Israel against terrorism.

Ms. DUCKWORTH. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). Without objection, it is so ordered.

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. We have been honoring that month ever since. We are attempting to ensure that Americans have had the opportunity to celebrate and recognize individuals with Down syndrome and those individuals' contribution to our world.

Since 2015, I have served as the co-chair of the Congressional Down Syndrome Task Force, a bipartisan, bicameral caucus dedicated to promoting policies that enhance the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome.

Last September, the task force partnered with leaders in Down syndrome advocacy groups and the medical research sector to host a roundtable discussion on recent scientific advances in Down syndrome research. During the roundtable, self-advocates brought awareness to the issues important to their communities, such as work and education opportunities, policies to improve independent living, support for their loved ones and caretakers, and medical research.

Hearing the firsthand testimonies from individuals of Down syndrome and medical professionals who have dedicated their careers to the understanding of Down syndrome in order to better care for the community was meaningful to me, and it helped us better understand the needs of the Down syndrome community.

Through my interactions on the task force, I have also had the privilege to meet amazing parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, advocates, and caregivers who support individuals with Down syndrome in living successful and fulfilling lives. The dedication to improving the lives of those in the Down syndrome community is appreciated not only this month of October, but in every month, every day, every year.

As a cochair of the task force, I have worked to advocate for Federal resources for the Down syndrome community to support medical research and enable individuals with Down syndrome to live a full and independent life.

Through congressional commitment to expand Federal resources, Down syndrome research has improved significantly in recent years. In May of 2022, the National Institutes of Health report stated Federal investment in Down syndrome research had increased from \$18 million in fiscal year 2014 to around \$124 million in fiscal year 2022. This increase in funding is a recognition of the gaps in our medical research and works to make certain that we prioritize learning more about Down syndrome.

As we take this month to celebrate the Down syndrome community and their families, I look forward to building on recent successes and urge Congress to renew its commitment to pursuing policies that support the Down syndrome community and improve the quality of every American's life.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

ISRAEL

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, first, I know that we will be voting on shortly the resolution showing our support for the State of Israel from the horrible attack by Hamas. I just really want to thank our colleagues for the cooperation in getting this resolution before us. Right after this horrific attack, I worked with Senator RISCH to show bipartisan support to draft the resolution that would express our strong support for Israel, that we had their back, that

we stand shoulder to shoulder with them, and that it enjoyed the support of the U.S. Senate.

I want to thank Senator SCHUMER and Senator MCCONNELL for their leadership in being able to bring this up for a vote today. It is a clear message that the United States stands with the State of Israel; that Israel has the right to defend itself; that it has the obligation to defend itself. We certainly have made it clear that if any of the enemies of Israel try to take care of this situation, they better think twice because the United States has made it clear that we will not tolerate such actions. And we have also made it clear that the hostages need to be released safely, immediately.

So it is a clear message, and we know that President Biden's presence in the Middle East was also a clear message. I want to thank the President for what he has done, and we are now hopeful that we are going to get some humanitarian assistance in to the innocent people who are being affected by this campaign.

And I must tell you, we are working very hard to make sure that we maintain the efforts toward normalization. We know that Hamas is trying to derail that. We are working very energetically to get back on track the Saudi-Israeli normalization talks. But today, we have a chance in the U.S. Senate to speak with one voice.

I am proud of the action we are going to be taking this afternoon. I want our brothers and sisters in Israel to know they are not alone, that America is with them.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 418

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas invaded the State of Israel. Terrorists killed 1,400 Israeli civilians, including women and children, people asleep in their beds. They went door to door. They shot Israelis in their homes. They shot soldiers as they were asleep, unawares in their barracks. They wounded more than 3,700 civilians. That includes 31 Americans at least. Over a dozen Americans have been taken hostage and many, many more Israelis.

It is the worst attack on the Jewish people and the State of Israel in 50 years. It is truly an existential threat to the State of Israel and, really, to the safety of Jewish Americans and Jewish people all across the world.

Perhaps incredibly disturbing—maybe almost as disturbing as the facts of these terrible attacks them-

selves—is the response of some people in this country, on our college campuses in this country, who promptly took to the streets, to the courtyards of these campuses, to the airwaves to broadcast their support for this genocide against the people of Israel. That is right. I said their support for the genocide against the people of Israel. Listen to what these students said.

At Harvard University, students wrote that they “hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible”—“entirely responsible”—“for all unfolding violence.”

Think about that. They hold the Israelis, the Jewish people, responsible for their own deaths and massacres. They hold the Jewish people responsible for their babies’ heads being chopped off. They hold the Jewish people responsible for the homicidal maniacs who came to their doors and gunned them down in cold blood. They hold them responsible.

Students at New York University’s School of Law wrote that they believe “Israel bears full responsibility for this tremendous loss of life”—“full responsibility.”

Students at Ohio State praised the “heroic resistance in Gaza.” “Heroic”? It is now “heroic” to massacre Jews in cold blood. It is now “heroic” to try and carry out a genocide against Jewish people.

Students at the University of North Carolina said:

It is our moral obligation to be in solidarity no matter the pathway to liberation—their word— they choose to take. This includes violence.

“This includes violence.” This is an out-and-out endorsement by American students for violence against Jewish people and the State of Israel.

You know, it is not just Jews in Israel who are threatened by these outrageous remarks. Jewish Americans on our campuses have been threatened. Columbia University had to close their campus temporarily when an Israeli student was physically assaulted and Jewish American students threatened. Jewish American students have been threatened across the country in all sorts of settings, not the least on our college campuses. And, in the wake of this, campus leaders have been silent. They have refused to condemn this violent, virulent, genocidal, anti-Semitic rhetoric for what it is.

Now, I want to be clear. I believe in our Constitution. The Constitution has the First Amendment. The First Amendment protects the right to free speech. As I have said on this floor before, the First Amendment is the right to be wrong. So these students can say this kind of virulent, moral idiocy if they want so long as they don’t themselves encourage violence. Although, I would just say, when you say that this includes violence, that there ought to be violence, they are coming pretty darned close—pretty darned close.

But let’s just assume that their remarks are protected speech. That

doesn’t mean we have to endorse them. That doesn’t mean we have to say: Oh, yes, that is fine. It is just another opinion.

No, it is not just another opinion. Calling for the death of Jewish people is not just another opinion. Calling for the genocide and celebrating the genocide of Jewish babies is not just another opinion. Celebrating the assaults on Jewish people in this country is not just another opinion.

The Senate should be clear and stand with moral clarity and say: This is wrong.

Can you say it in this country? I guess you can, but it is wrong, and, frankly, it shouldn’t be hard. It shouldn’t be hard to say: “We condemn this rhetoric. We recognize the right of Israel to exist”—talk about basic, basic principles here—“and we recognize the right of Israel to defend itself”—things, by the way, that the President has said.

It shouldn’t be hard for this body to say it, but it is vital—morally necessary—in this moment of attack, in this moment, frankly, of danger for Jewish people in Israel, around the world, and, sadly, on our college campuses.

That is why I have offered this resolution, along with my cosponsors, that condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas; that denounces this violent rhetoric here in the United States against Jewish people, Jewish Americans, and, of course, the State of Israel; and recognizes the right of Israel to defend itself. It is a pretty simple amendment, and I can’t imagine what the objection to it would be.

So I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 418, which is at the desk. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. The Senator from Missouri is absolutely right about the horror of the Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel.

I was at the Kfar Aza kibbutz at the end of June. That was the site of one of the massacres—50 people gunned down, killed: dads, moms, kids. We have to condemn the horror of the Hamas attack in the strongest of terms. And we will, as a body, make sure that we stand by our ally and partner Israel as it prosecutes its fight against Hamas. Not only does Israel have the right to defend itself, it has an obligation and duty to its people to defend itself.

I am confident that in the coming days, the U.S. Senate will provide more than just words of support—those are very important, and I want to applaud the President of the United States for what he has been doing—but also tangible support.

This resolution is not about condemning Hamas’s attacks on Israel.

What this resolution does is condemn certain speech around the country.

Now, let me just say to my colleague from Missouri: I stand with anybody and second to none when it comes to condemning anti-Semitism, whether in words or in actions. And I have stood up throughout my time in public service to do exactly that. If the Senator from Missouri wants to bring to the floor of the Senate a resolution condemning anti-Semitism, a resolution that points out what we just saw from the most recent FBI statistics about the rise in anti-Semitism, I will join with him in that effort. But what this resolution does is attempts to smear students, many of whom engaged in anti-Semitic remarks but many who did not.

My view is that when you come to the Senate floor to pass such a resolution and you are talking about freedom of speech, it is very important not to paint a broad brush and condemn everybody engaging in speech.

This is what this resolution does. It is an attempt to say, even to those who had legitimate—legitimate—statements to make about war and peace, to smear them all as making anti-Semitic remarks.

I would also say to my colleague that there have been a lot of other anti-Semitic remarks around the country, from radio show hosts to others. And if we want to make it a practice of regularly coming to condemn remarks—hateful remarks—whether anti-Semitic or racist or anti-gay or whatever it may be, then the U.S. Senate is going to have to think long and hard about doing exactly that.

I heard you mention violence. Most of these protests—as repugnant as some of them were in terms of the words—were not violent. The one terrible violent hate crime we have seen in the United States since Hamas's awful attack was the 6-year-old Palestinian-American Muslim boy in Chicago stabbed 27 times.

You mentioned here, "Whereas Columbia University was forced to close its campus to the public after an Israeli student was violently assaulted," I ask whether my colleague from Missouri wants to also include in the resolution violent acts. They were hate crimes. The police have said these were hate crimes. He was attacked because he was a Muslim. I don't see any condemnation of that in this resolution. Nothing.

So I would stand with my colleagues in standing up to hateful rhetoric, condemning anti-Semitism. But what this resolution does—what this resolution does—is not that.

Mr. HAWLEY. Would the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I would be happy to yield.

Mr. HAWLEY. What of the rhetoric that is cited specifically in the resolution—you talked about legitimate concerns. What, specifically, do you think is legitimate?

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I am not suggesting to my colleague that any particular statement that he took out from these protests was a legitimate statement. No. No. But what you are doing here—what you are doing here—is smearing all of the students who engage in these protests—yes, you are—and that is wrong.

I would just invite you, again, to join with me—if we are going to get in this practice—and I don't suggest it; this is one of the reasons I am here—of when there are terrible, hateful remarks made against any group, whether they be Blacks or other minority groups, the U.S. Senate maybe will weigh in, but—

Mr. HAWLEY. Senator, what is the smear? What is the smear?

Mr. VAN HOLLEN.—on this issue—

Mr. HAWLEY. What is the smear? Point me to the language.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. There are student groups that may have legitimate concerns, for example, about—just a minute—legitimate concerns about the loss of innocent civilian life in Gaza.

Mr. HAWLEY. They are not condemned by this resolution.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. No. No. No.

But what you are doing is saying—you are questioning—based on certain remarks made by some students, you are questioning them all.

Mr. HAWLEY. Senator, we are condemning—

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President,

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, if I may, I have to—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri has the floor.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I have got another meeting, but I object.

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, it is hard to believe what we have just heard on this floor. Defense of the most vile, anti-Semitic rhetoric under the excuse that to call out specifically the specific statements, and denounce them one at a time and say this is wrong, that that is somehow a smear, what that is, is a failure of moral nerve. What it is, is a failure of moral clarity. What it is, is, frankly, sympathizing with this rhetoric.

I don't know why it is so hard, but I guess we have now found out why college presidents won't come out and say this is wrong.

We cite the specific words. Why is it wrong to say "It includes violence"? Why is it wrong to condemn this?

When students say the heroic resistance in Gaza should be praised, they are not referring to something in general. They are talking about the attack on Israel, the slaughter of innocent Israelis, and that is perfectly fine? Those are legitimate concerns?

I mean, this is—the moral equivalency that has seeped into our college campuses and, I guess, to the floor of the U.S. Senate is unbelievable.

Let there be no mistake. What has happened today is one Senator has

blocked this body from condemning the attacks against Jewish people in Israel, Jewish Americans in this Nation, and pretended that there is some moral equivalency here between this and what?

The State of Israel is under existential threat. We have students in this country who are specifically calling for and celebrating the killing of Jews, and we can't condemn that on the floor of the Senate? To say I am disappointed is an understatement. But I will say this: It is a revealing moment.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have two cloture motions, and then I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to address the Senate before we vote on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, first, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 364.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 364, Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Charles E. Schumer, Maria Cantwell, Christopher A. Coons, John W. Hickenlooper, Sherrod Brown, Richard Blumenthal, Tim Kaine, Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Christopher Murphy, Alex Padilla, Gary C. Peters, Chris Van Hollen, Brian Schatz, Jeanne Shaheen, Patty Murray, Catherine Cortez Masto.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 116.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 116, Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Charles E. Schumer, Bernard Sanders, Christopher Murphy, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Richard J. Durbin, John W. Hickenlooper, Tina Smith, Sheldon Whitehouse, Catherine Cortez Masto, Brian Schatz, Gary C. Peters, Jacky Rosen, Alex Padilla, Michael F. Bennet, Jeff Merkley.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, October 19, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

STANDING WITH ISRAEL AGAINST TERRORISM—Continued

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have a brief statement on this very important resolution we are about to vote on.

Mr. President, October 7, 2023, will go down as a day of infamy. As Israel faces the darkest hour of its 75-year history, the bipartisan resolution we are about to vote on proclaims that so long as there is a United States of America, the people of Israel will never stand alone. So long as there is a United States Senate, the people of Israel will never stand alone.

Today's bipartisan resolution shows exactly where the United States Senate stands. We stand firmly with Israel and her right to defend herself. Today's bipartisan resolution shows exactly where the United States Senate stands. We condemn the heinous, vicious attacks by the terrorist group Hamas. It is rare that all 100 Senators agree on anything, but every one of the 100 of us is here today, united, saying that we are behind Israel. Today's bipartisan resolution shows where we stand.

We demand Hamas stop their attacks and release all hostages, including American hostages. We urge the world to unite against Hamas and against nations like Iran that support global terrorism.

This resolution is not the end; it is the beginning. The Senate will back up this resolution with real, swift, decisive action and resources.

Let the entire world see that today Democrats and Republicans alike stand in total unity. We support Israel's absolute right to defend itself.

To the Israeli people, we say: We stand with you, we feel your pain, we ache with you, and we will act.

To any actor that seeks to take advantage of Israel, the United States Senate says with one unified voice: Don't.

The resolution also does what everyone in this country in elected office and the press should do: condemn Hamas as a heinous terrorist organization.

This resolution is momentous. The entire Senate today is unified in our support of the Israeli people and against Hamas. And again, to repeat, this resolution is just the start. We will follow it up with swift action and get Israel the help and resources she needs.

In conclusion, I want to thank Leader McCONNELL for joining me in this statement and championing the measure. I want to thank Chairman CARDIN of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as well as Ranking Member RISCH, for helping draft this resolution. I thank every Senator, all 99 of my colleagues, for supporting this. We needed to stand united, and today, we are. In the Senate, we will not waiver in our friendship with the Israeli people.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

VOTE ON S. RES. 417

Under the previous order, the question is on adoption of S. Res. 417.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 261 Leg.]

YEAS—97

Baldwin	Hagerty	Reed
Barrasso	Hassan	Ricketts
Bennet	Hawley	Risch
Blackburn	Heinrich	Romney
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Boozman	Hoeben	Rubio
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Britt	Johnson	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schmitt
Budd	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Capito	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sinema
Carper	Lankford	Smith
Casey	Lee	Stabenow
Cassidy	Luján	Sullivan
Collins	Lummis	Tester
Coons	Manchin	Thune
Cornyn	Markey	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Marshall	Tuberville
Cotton	McConnell	Van Hollen
Cramer	Menendez	Vance
Crapo	Merkley	Warner
Cruz	Moran	Warnock
Daines	Mullin	Warren
Duckworth	Murkowski	Welch
Ernst	Murphy	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Murray	Wicker
Fischer	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	Young
Graham	Paul	
Grassley	Peters	

NOT VOTING—3

Butler Durbin Scott of (SC)

The resolution (S. Res. 417) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ). Under the previous order, the preamble is agreed to, and motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. SCHATZ. The President pro tempore.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. MURRAY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO MATT SQUERI

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote: The purpose of life is . . . to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well. It is not the length of life, but the depth of life that matters.

In that spirit, I rise today to bid farewell to a member of my team, Matt

Squeri, who is one of the most useful, honorable, compassionate people I have ever worked with, and his public service has made a difference in the lives of so many, including the lives some of the most vulnerable people around the world.

Not only do I want to thank him for the length of his service in the Senate, I want to thank him for the depth of his service. Matt joined my team in 2019 after several years working for our former colleague Senator Heidi Heitkamp and, before that, the Department of Defense and the Center For Strategic and International Studies.

His legislative skill and his policy expertise were immediately evident. What took a little longer to emerge was his encyclopedic knowledge of college football—especially for our shared alma mater, Stanford—not to mention his love for watching boxing.

For those of you who know Matt, that might sound surprising. But if you have worked with him, it makes perfect sense because, if the cause is worthwhile, if it is for democracy, if it is for justice, if it is for human rights, then Matt loves a good fight. He doesn't crash in, like a brawler. He works methodically, like a boxer.

A great example of that was early on, when negotiations on a bill had been stuck in a stalemate with the House for months and months. We had gone round and round with the House, and then Matt went to work. He floated over conflicts, he parried the problems, and, within 2 months, he knocked it out and passed it into law.

He has taken on much bigger fights since then. After joining my team he set out to cultivate working relationships with the staff of Members on both sides of the aisle of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. His goal was simple: to turn the CECC's—Congressional-Executive Commission on China—research, advocacy, and awareness-raising into bipartisan legislation and new laws that would make a real difference for real people.

In 2019, as the Chinese Government began its brutal crackdown on Hong Kong, Matt led our successful efforts to protect Hong Kong's people by banning the export of crowd control equipment to the Hong Kong police.

Soon, he took on an even more ambitious project: tackling the problem of the genocide of the Uighur people and their forced labor in Xinjiang Province.

He helped coordinate with the CECC the release of a landmark report in March 2020. That report became the launching point for passing some of the most ambitious human rights legislation the United States has ever considered, the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act.

The premise of the bill was quite simple: The American consumers have the right to know if their products are made with forced labor in China, and they have the right to choose not to do business with those companies.

Matt officially joined the CECC staff in 2021, and he was central to the negotiations that began in committee in January and continued all the way to final passage in December.

And he didn't stop there. He pushed the Olympics and the NBA to stop using uniforms made by—or made from materials made by—forced labor in China.

China, multinational corporations, the Olympics, the NBA—you see what I mean about him not shying away from a fight. And, since then, he has helped us hold hearings, introduce legislation, and improve policies to protect the people of Hong Kong, the people of Tibet, the Uighur people, and to stand up to the Chinese Government's transnational repression.

There is a lot more I could say about Matt's work on legislation. What stands out to me though and to everyone who knows Matt is just how wonderful he is to work with. As one of my senior staff said about starting in our office, "Matt was the person I looked up to, the person I wanted to emulate."

He is fun, he is unflappable, he is morally clear, and he is legislatively masterful. And he is generous with his time, whether he is helpful to those new to our team in learning their way around or helping them understand complex human rights issues in far corners of the world. We will miss having him as part of our team.

I quoted Emerson at the start of these remarks. Later, in the same piece, Emerson wrote:

[T]o leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded.

Countless people around the world who have never met Matt Squeri have breathed easier because of his work.

So it is with gratitude that Team Merkley, the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, and I thank Matt Squeri for his service to this institution, his service to this Nation, and his service to human rights around the world. We wish him all the best as he moves on to his next assignment.

RECESS UNTIL 5 P.M. TODAY

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 5 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:05 p.m., recessed until 5 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. FETTERMAN).

MORNING BUSINESS—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Coast Guard; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE COAST GUARD

*PN978 COAST GUARD nominations (2) beginning MATTHEW A. GANS, and ending IAN W. MARKS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

KOREAN AMERICAN VIETNAM ALLIES LONG OVERDUE FOR RELIEF ACT

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 366 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 366) to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain individuals who served in Vietnam as a member of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 366) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AT FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of

S. 2854 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2854) to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the city of Fargo, North Dakota, for the conveyance of certain land of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Fargo National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2854) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 2854

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of Fargo, North Dakota.

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(3) PARCEL.—The term “parcel” means the approximately 2.73 acres of land of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Fargo National Cemetery in Harwood, North Dakota, located in the southeast corner of the proposed expansion of the cemetery as depicted on the map provided by the Department entitled “Fargo National Cemetery” “Figure B” and dated April 21, 2023.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS LAND AT FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—After the acquisition by the Department of Veterans Affairs of 29.06 acres adjacent to the original 4.82-acre area of Fargo National Cemetery, North Dakota, and only if such acquisition is completed, upon a written request from the City for the conveyance of the parcel, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the City under which the Secretary shall convey to the City all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel for the purpose of improving the experience of visitors and volunteers at Fargo National Cemetery.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the agreement described in subsection (a), for the conveyance of the parcel, the City shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the market value of the parcel, as determined by the appraisal conducted under paragraph (2).

(2) APPRAISAL.—The Secretary shall conduct an appraisal of the parcel to be conveyed under subsection (a) in accordance with—

(A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions;

(B) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

(C) any other applicable law (including regulations).

(c) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional conditions in connection with the conveyance of the parcel as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) PROCEEDS.—Proceeds from the conveyance of the parcel shall be deposited into the National Cemetery Administration Facilities Operation Fund.

SEC. 3. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) NO REQUIREMENT FOR PURCHASE OR SALE OF OTHER PARCELS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require or encourage the Secretary to purchase or sell any parcel not described in section 1(3).

(b) NO REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require or encourage the Secretary to enter into any special agreement with an entity not described in section 1(1).

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions introduced earlier today: S. Res. 420, S. Res. 421, and S. Res. 422.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

MORNING BUSINESS

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 254, motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jennifer L. Hall to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Delaware. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 255, confirmation of the nomination of Jennifer L. Hall to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Delaware. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 256, motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 257, confirmation of the nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 258, motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Karla Ann

Gilbride to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 259, confirmation of the nomination of Karla Ann Gilbride to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 260, Passage of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)”. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 261, adoption of S. Res. 417, a resolution standing with Israel against terrorism. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.●

TRIBUTE TO BETTY K. KOED, SENATE HISTORIAN

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today I rise to honor and pay tribute to Senate Historian Betty Koed who is retiring this week after 25 years of service to the U.S. Senate. Betty is only the third person—and the first woman—to hold the position of Senate Historian, and our entire institution has benefited from her knowledge and expertise.

Betty has seen it all. She not only knows what is behind every door in this building, she also knows the stories behind so many important decisions that have been made in this Chamber over the years. She has been an invaluable resource who has dedicated her career to safeguarding the history that surrounds us and ensuring that it endures for generations to come. She has spent the past 25 years preserving, protecting, and promoting the history of the Senate and its Members, turning the records on our institution into stories for all Americans to experience both here at the Capitol and online.

Betty also provided critical support last Congress when I joined with former Senator Roy Blunt to pass a bipartisan resolution to dedicate the first two rooms in the Senate wing of the Capitol to women in recognition of former Senators Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Barbara Mikulski of Maryland.

To commemorate her decades of esteemed service, this week, my colleagues and I joined together to unanimously pass a resolution led by Leader SCHUMER and Leader MCCONNELL to designate Betty as the first ever Historian Emerita of the U.S. Senate. I thank her for her dedication and service to this institution and to our democracy, and I wish her all the best in her retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DAVID
SMIGLEWSKI

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate the incredible life and legacy of Granite Falls, MN, mayor David “Smig” Smiglewski. A lifelong resident of Granite Falls, Dave loved his neighbors and gave so much to his city that he became known as “Mr. Granite Falls.” During his entire 44-year career in public service, which began with an appointment to the city council at age 26, Dave always made time for his neighbors and would stay late after city council meetings to share his vast knowledge of the region’s history and tell stories about Granite Falls.

I had the pleasure of visiting Mayor Smiglewski and other local leaders in Granite Falls earlier this year. We had productive discussions about our shared vision for bringing broadband to rural Minnesota, investing in Granite Falls’ public schools, and strengthening the city’s economy. What I remember most fondly from my visit, however, happened after our meeting, when Dave opened up the historic Andrew J. Volstead House and gave me a tour.

Dave always looked out for the people of Granite Falls, but he loved his family most of all. He and Cindy, his wife of 40 years, raised three children and had three grandchildren who kept them busy with sporting events, music concerts, and dance recitals. Throughout his decades of public service, Dave cherished his time with his family and made every effort to be with them.

That was Dave: a beloved mayor, a local historian, and, most of all, a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Today, my heart is with all those who knew and loved Smig. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

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-2456. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing

and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred during fiscal years 2016 through 2019; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2457. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, three (3) legislative proposals aimed at enhancing benefits and aligning resources to provide further value for Federal employees and retirees while improving efficiency and effectiveness of program operations; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2458. A communication from the Regulations Unit Chief, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Immigration Bond Notifications” (RIN1653-AA85) received during adjournment of the Senate on October 6, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2459. A communication from the Regulations Unit Chief, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Optional Alternatives to the Physical Document Examination Associated with Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9)” (RIN1653-AA86) received during adjournment of the Senate on October 6, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2460. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department’s activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2461. A communication from the Staff Director of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to establishing at least one advisory committee in each state and the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2462. A communication from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Official Seal Description” (RIN3147-AA27) received during adjournment of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2463. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Wireless Telecommunication Bureau Conditionally Waives Certain Aspects of the Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Volume Control Testing Standard” (WT Docket No. 20-3) received during adjournment of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2464. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Locomotive Image and Audio Recording Devices for Passenger Trains” (RIN2130-AC51) received during adjournment of the Senate on October 12, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2465. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Trail Creek,

Michigan City, IN” ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0303)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2466. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River Mile Marker 490.2-489.7 Davenport, IA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0067)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2467. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Savannah River, M/V BIGLIFT BAF-FIN, Savannah, GA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0977)) received during adjournment of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2468. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; Atlantic Ocean; Surfside Beach, South Carolina” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0130)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2469. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; Atlantic Ocean; Surfside Beach, South Carolina” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0130)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2470. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zones; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0118)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2471. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Macy’s July 4th Fireworks, East River, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0197)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2472. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Sabine River, Orange, TX” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0139)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2473. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Aransas Bay, Corpus Christi, TX” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-

0170)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2474. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones in Reentry Sites; Panama City, Pensacola, and Tallahassee, Florida" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0995)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2475. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Cape Canaveral Off-shore Launch Area, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0055)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2476. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Missouri River Mile Markers 175.5-176.5, Jefferson City, MO" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0163)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2477. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Great Lakes Pilotage Rates - 2023 Annual Rate-making and Review of Methodology" ((RIN1625-AC82) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0370)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2478. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ocean Rainforest Aquaculture, Santa Barbara, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0008)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2479. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Cooper River, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0151)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2480. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0171)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2481. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Special Anchorage Areas within the First Coast Guard" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0952)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22,

2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2482. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; San Diego Fleet Week Veterans Day Boat Parade; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0698)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2483. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; NAS Jax Air Show, St. Johns River, Jacksonville, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0821)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2484. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Potomac River, Washington, D.C." ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0845)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2485. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Oswego River, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0900)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2486. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Delaware River Dredging, Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-1004)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2487. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Atlantic Ocean; Surfside Beach, South Carolina" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0130)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2488. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Draw-bridge Operation Regulation; Trail Creek, Michigan City, IN" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0303)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2489. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Barge Based Fireworks, Hudson River, Wappingers Falls, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0173)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2490. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Cape Canaveral, Daytona, Tampa, Jacksonville, and Tallahassee, Florida" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0233)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2491. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Motus Myrtle Beach Triathlon, Myrtle Beach, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0295)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2492. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pier 15 Fireworks; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0347)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2493. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Sector Ohio Valley Annual and Recurring Special Local Regulation" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0927)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2494. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Annual and Recurring Safety Zones Update" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0928)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2495. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0255)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2496. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River, Louisville, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0652)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2497. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grosse Pointe Farms Fireworks, Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0673)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2498. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of

Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Mystic River, Mystic, CT” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2022–0354)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2499. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Anchorage Regulations; Special Anchorage Areas within the First Coast Guard District” ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG–2019–0952)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2500. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1785)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2501. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Pyongyang Flight Information Region (FIR) (ZKKP)” ((RIN2120-AL90) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0838)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2502. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airspace Incorporation by Reference Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1785)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2503. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule; Technical Amendment- Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Sanaa Flight Information Region (FIR) (OYSC)” ((RIN2120-AL69) (Docket No. FAA–2015–8672)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2504. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0583)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2505. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Ralph M. Calhoun Memorial Airport, Tanana, AK” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2022–1471)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2506. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Qunicy, IL” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1389)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2507. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-230; St. Paul Island, AK” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2022–0215)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2508. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-36 in the Vicinity of Fairbanks, AK” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2022–0265)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2509. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class C Airspace; Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, FL” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1533)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2510. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0583)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2511. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Covington, TN” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1082)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2512. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Rush City, MN” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0919)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2513. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Yankton, SD” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1010)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate

on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2514. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Palm Coast, FL” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1479)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2515. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-36 and Establishment of RNAV Route T-675; Northcentral United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–1325)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2516. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-10 and V-210 in the Vicinity of Revloc, PA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0880)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2517. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-469 and V-501, and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-474 in the Vicinity of St. Thomas, PA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0881)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-456 and Mankato, MN, Low Altitude Reporting Point; Mankato, MN” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0955)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-314; Maine” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0215)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2520. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes T-469 and T-472; Southwest United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2023–0456)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2521. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Eastern United States” ((RIN2120-AA66)

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aircraft Industries, a.s. Airplanes; Amendment 39-22554" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2023-1884)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2546. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Support and Services (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics) Airplanes; Amendment 39-22528" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2023-1215)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2547. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Operations) Limited Airplanes and British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Airplanes; Amendment 39-22555" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2023-1634)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2548. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes; Amendment 39-22527" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2023-1206)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2549. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Vulcanair S.p.A. Airplanes; Amendment 39-22536" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2023-1218)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2550. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Continental Aerospace Technologies, Inc. Engines; Amendment 39-22530" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2022-1159)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2551. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitude; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 574" ((RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31507)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2552. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitude; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 574" ((RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31507)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2553. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitude; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 574" ((RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31507)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2554. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4077" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31505)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2555. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4078" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31506)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2556. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4074" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31502)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2557. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4073" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31501)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2558. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4076" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31504)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2559. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4075" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31503)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2560. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4080" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31509)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2561. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4079" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31508)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 3084. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States (Rept. No. 118-107).

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. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3082. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3083. A bill to reallocate funding originally appropriated for Gaza to grants to Israel for the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3084. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

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

S. 3085. A bill to establish a program for purposes of carrying out programs to prevent adverse childhood experiences and promoting positive childhood experiences, and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct studies, evaluations, and research to address adverse childhood experiences, including through the promotion of positive childhood experiences; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. LUJAN):

S. 3086. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish grants for tuition-free community colleges, student success grants, and grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 3087. A bill to impose requirements on digital exchanges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 3088. A bill to establish limitations regarding Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3089. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, to expand the replacement of stolen EBT benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3090. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for low-income mothers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3091. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit certain clinics to qualify as a rural emergency hospital under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 3092. A bill to clarify certain regulations to allow for the installation of pulsating light systems for high-mounted stop lamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3093. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase reimbursement rates of school meals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. LEE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 3094. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection

Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 3095. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to clarify the funding of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 3096. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the regularized appointment of justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3097. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide support for organic dairy producers and processors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3098. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make permanent the Medicaid option to remove the IMD exclusion to provide medical assistance for certain individuals who are patients in an institution for mental diseases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3099. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to further develop and support the adoption of a voluntary streamlined permitting and inspection process for authorities having jurisdiction over the permitting of qualifying distributed energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3100. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to restrict the ability to transfer business inventory firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3101. A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Chad shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3102. A bill to establish the American Worker Retirement Plan, improve the financial security of working Americans by facilitating the accumulation of wealth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3103. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the inclusion of medical debt on a consumer report, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJAN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 417. A resolution standing with Israel against terrorism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BUDD):

S. Res. 418. A resolution condemning Hamas and antisemitic student activities on college campuses in the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 419. A resolution designating October 23, 2023, as "National Marine Sanctuary Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJAN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr.

SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 420. A resolution designating Betty K. Koed as Historian Emerita of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 421. A resolution designating the week of October 15 through 21, 2023, as "National Chemistry Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 422. A resolution designating August 1, 2023, as "Gold Star Children's Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 52

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 52, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, and for other purposes.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 532

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 532, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to create a new national program to support mid-career workers, including workers from underrepresented populations, in reentering the STEM workforce, by providing funding to small- and medium-sized STEM businesses so the businesses can offer paid internships or other returnships that lead to positions above entry level.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered

by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the late Prime Minister Golda Meir and the 75th anniversary of the United States-Israel relationship.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.

S. 1699

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1699, a bill to support the use of technology in maternal health care, and for other purposes.

S. 1722

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1722, a bill to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace for certain employees of air carrier employers.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2407, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to include information regarding VA home loans in the Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure required

to be provided to prospective FHA borrowers.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to promulgate an occupational safety and health standard to protect workers from heat-related injuries and illnesses.

S. 2510

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 2510, a bill to improve supply chain resiliency for critical drug products with vulnerable supply chains and ensure that reserves of critical drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients are maintained to prevent supply disruptions in the event of drug shortages or public health emergencies.

S. 2577

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2577, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to improve the Gus Schumacher nutrition incentive program, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 2593

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to modify the provisions relating to treatment courts.

S. 2757

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2757, a bill to limit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from modifying the rate of payment or reimbursement for transportation of veterans or other individuals via special modes of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 2781, a bill to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 3041

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3041, a bill to reinstate certain sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

S. 3078

At the request of Ms. ERNST, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.

3078, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education that authorize Anti-Semitic events on campus from participating in the student loan and grant programs under title IV of such Act.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3078, supra.

S. 3080

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3080, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize state of good repair grants to be used for public transportation resilience improvement, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 42

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to "Application of Bostock v. Clayton County to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing—Policy Update".

S. RES. 408

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 408, a resolution condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1115

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1115 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1352

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1352 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3098. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make permanent the Medicaid option to remove the IMD exclusion to provide medical assistance for certain individuals who are patients in an institution for mental diseases; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3098

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Securing Advances and a Variety of Evidence-Based IMD Options Act".

SEC. 2. MAKING PERMANENT STATE PLAN AMENDMENT OPTION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PATIENTS IN CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1915(1)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(1)(1)) is amended by striking "With respect to calendar quarters beginning during the period beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2023," and inserting "With respect to calendar quarters beginning on or after October 1, 2019,".

(b) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REVISION.—Section 1915(1)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(1)(3)(A)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "other than under this title"; and

(2) in clause (i), by striking "or, if higher," and all that follows through "in accordance with this subsection".

(c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—**(1) IN GENERAL.—**

(A) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1915(1)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(1)(4)) is amended—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "through (D)" and inserting "through (F)";

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iii) MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT.—The State shall, when appropriate, facilitate access to, and provide medical assistance for, medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder treatment, irrespective of the setting in which such treatment is provided.";

(iii) in subparagraph (D), in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting "have in place evidence-based, substance use disorder-specific individual placement criteria and utilization management approach to ensure placement of such individual in an appropriate level of care and shall" after "State shall"; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(E) REVIEW PROCESS.—The State shall have in place a process to review the compliance of eligible institutions for mental diseases with evidence-based, substance use disorder-specific program standards of care for eligible individuals specified by the State.".

(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subparagraph (A) shall apply with respect to medical assistance furnished in calendar quarters beginning on or after October 1, 2025.

(2) ONE-TIME ASSESSMENT.—Section 1915(1)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(1)(4)), as amended by paragraph (1), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) ASSESSMENT.—The State shall, not later than 12 months after the approval of a State plan amendment described in this subsection (or, in the case such State has such an amendment approved as of the date of the enactment of this subparagraph, not later than 12 months after such date), commence an assessment of—

"(i) the availability of treatment for individuals enrolled under a State plan under this title (or waiver of such plan) in each level of care described in subparagraph (C); and

"(ii) the availability of medication-assisted treatment and medically supervised withdrawal management services for such individuals.".

(3) CLARIFICATION OF LEVELS OF CARE.—Section 1915(1)(7)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(1)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting "(or any successor publication)" before the period.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 417—STANDING WITH ISRAEL AGAINST TERRORISM

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 417

Whereas on October 7, 2023, Hamas, an organization designated by the United States as a foreign terrorist organization, launched

an unprecedented attack on Israel by air, land, and sea;

Whereas this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel and while Israeli Jews were preparing to celebrate Simchat Torah;

Whereas Hamas, which has long been supported by Iran, launched thousands of rockets into southern and central Israel;

Whereas Hamas terrorists crossed the Israeli land border, killing civilians and abducting hostages in more than 20 towns in southern Israel, including children and the elderly;

Whereas the initial attack killed more than 1,300 Israelis and injured thousands more;

Whereas American citizens in Israel are among those killed and abducted by Hamas since October 7, 2023;

Whereas since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians;

Whereas expansion of this war to other fronts by Hezbollah, Iran, or others would create an even more devastating regional catastrophe;

Whereas Iran has long provided hundreds of millions of dollars in material support to Hamas and other terrorist groups, such as Palestinian Islamic Jihad;

Whereas since 1998, the United States Government has supported successive Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the United States and Israel, and in the MOU negotiated in 2016, the United States pledged to provide Israel with \$3,300,000,000 per year in foreign military financing and \$500,000,000 per year in missile defense funding for 10 years, which Congress has appropriated annually since 2018;

Whereas section 513(c) of the Security Assistance Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-280), as amended by section 1273 of the United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2020 (subtitle H of title XII of Public Law 116-283), authorized not less than \$3,300,000,000 in foreign military financing for Israel for fiscal years 2021 through 2028, in accordance with such MOU;

Whereas Congress has responded with emergency supplemental appropriations beyond the terms of such MOU, when needed, such as a \$225,000,000 appropriation in 2014 to replenish immediate Iron Dome interceptors after Hamas fired thousands of rockets into Israel, and appropriations of an additional \$1,000,000,000 for the Iron Dome after the May 2021 conflict during which Hamas launched more than 4,400 rockets into Israel; and

Whereas the United States will make every effort to prevent Iran, Hezbollah, and others from entering the conflict against Israel, including increasing credible regional deterrence through the deployment of naval and air assets to the Middle East:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

The Senate—

(1) stands with Israel as it defends itself, including Israeli efforts to diminish the threat posed by Hamas;

(2) reaffirms Israel's right to self-defense, and is committed to helping Israel safeguard its people from future aggression;

(3) calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Hamas' war on Israel, including Hamas' intentional targeting of, and attacks against, civilians;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately cease its attacks against Israel and safely release all living hostages and return the bodies of deceased hostages;

(5) condemns Iran's support for global terrorism, including its support for terrorist

groups such as Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad;

(6) calls on the United States to lead an international effort to deprive Hamas of Iranian and other sources of funding and lethal assistance that the terror group relies on to threaten Israel;

(7) warns against any other party hostile to Israel taking advantage of the current situation;

(8) reaffirms the United States' commitment to Israel's security; and

(9) stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply or other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support needs, both during the immediate crisis and in the near future, including by accelerating delivery of defense articles and systems.

SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this resolution may be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization for the use of military force.

SENATE RESOLUTION 418—CON-DEMNING HAMAS AND ANTISEMITIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BUDD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 418

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas invaded Israel, massacred at least 1,400 Israeli civilians, wounded more than 3,700 civilians, and took unarmed civilians as hostages;

Whereas at least 30 United States citizens have been killed, and at least 13 United States citizens are still missing;

Whereas Hamas has perpetrated barbaric atrocities, including the targeted killing, rape, and mutilation of civilian men, women, and children, including infants;

Whereas, in the wake of such horrific attacks, students at universities in the United States have praised and justified the actions of Hamas, expressed solidarity with the terrorists, and vocally supported the atrocities of Hamas, including the murder of children;

Whereas students at Harvard University wrote that they "hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence";

Whereas the President of the Student Bar Association of New York University School of Law wrote "to express, first and foremost, my unwavering and absolute solidarity with Palestinians in their resistance against oppression toward liberation and self-determination. Israel bears full responsibility for this tremendous loss of life";

Whereas students at the Ohio State University praised "our heroic resistance in Gaza who have shown the world yet again that the spirit of the Palestinian people cannot and will not be trampled, and that our resistance to Zionism and Western imperialism remains strong";

Whereas the University of North Carolina chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine claimed "it is our moral obligation to be in solidarity with the dispossessed, no matter the pathway to liberation they choose to take. This includes violence";

Whereas the New York University chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine rejected "peaceful discourse" and instead claimed "there is no peace in a colonized people living under occupation, subjugation, and apartheid";

Whereas the University of Virginia chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine declared

that the mass murder of civilians was "an unprecedented feat for the 21st century" and "a step towards a free Palestine";

Whereas Columbia University was forced to close its campus to the public after an Israeli student was violently assaulted;

Whereas students across the country have organized protests and vigils in solidarity with Hamas, praising the actions of the terrorist organization and chanting antisemitic slogans; and

Whereas the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned of increased threats in the United States by actors inspired by Hamas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) fully and completely condemns the outrageous terrorist attacks by Hamas on the people of Israel, which resulted in the mass murder of civilians, including babies;

(2) denounces the rhetoric of anti-Israel, pro-Hamas student groups as antisemitic, repugnant, and morally contemptible for sympathizing with genocidal violence against the State of Israel and risking the physical safety of Jewish Americans in the United States;

(3) acknowledges that Israel has the right to exist and defend itself;

(4) emphasizes that Jewish Americans have the right to safety and security in the United States; and

(5) encourages the United States Government to fully and completely support Israel and its right to exist and defend itself.

SENATE RESOLUTION 419—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 23, 2023, AS "NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY DAY"

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 419

Whereas, on October 23, 1972, the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) became law and ushered in a new era of ocean conservation;

Whereas the National Marine Sanctuary System is a nationwide network that conserves spectacular oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes;

Whereas communities across the United States can nominate their most treasured marine and Great Lakes waters for consideration as national marine sanctuaries;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries protect biodiversity, safeguard extraordinary seascapes, historic shipwrecks, and sacred cultural places, and provide abundant recreational opportunities;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries seek opportunities to partner with indigenous governments and communities to achieve shared conservation goals and to support the care-taking of ecological resources and cultural sites of indigenous peoples;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries protect vital habitats for countless species of fish and wildlife, including many species that are listed as threatened or endangered;

Whereas the conservation of marine ecosystems is vital for healthy oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes, for addressing climate change, and for sustaining productive coastal economies;

Whereas the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and its partners work to protect and nurture the growth of the National Marine Sanctuary System;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries increase access to nature for all, support coastal communities, and generate billions of dollars annually in local communities by providing jobs in the United States, supporting commercial, Tribal, and recreational fisheries, bolstering tourism and recreation, engaging businesses in stewardship, and driving the growth of the blue economy;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries connect people and communities through science, education, United States history, recreation, and stewardship and inspire community-based solutions that help individuals understand and protect the spectacular underwater habitats, wildlife, archaeological resources, and cultural seascapes of the United States;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries are living laboratories that enable cooperative science and research that improves resource management and advances innovative public-private partnerships;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries can help make oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes more resilient by protecting ecosystems that sequester carbon, by safeguarding coastal communities from flooding and storms, and by protecting biodiversity;

Whereas the United States is a historic maritime Nation, and oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes are central to the way of life of the people of the United States;

Whereas engaging communities as stewards of these protected waters makes national marine sanctuaries unique and provides a comprehensive, ecosystem-based, highly participatory approach to managing and conserving marine and Great Lakes environments for current and future generations; and

Whereas October 23, 2023, is recognized as “National Marine Sanctuary Day” to increase awareness about the importance of the National Marine Sanctuary System and healthy oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes and to celebrate the many recreational opportunities available for the enjoyment of this network of protected waters: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 23, 2023, as “National Marine Sanctuary Day”;

(2) encourages the people of the United States and the world to responsibly visit, experience, recreate in, and support the treasured national marine sanctuaries of the United States;

(3) acknowledges the importance of national marine sanctuaries in supporting community resilience, protecting biodiversity, and increasing access to nature;

(4) recognizes the importance of national marine sanctuaries for their recreational opportunities and contributions to local and national economies across the United States;

(5) celebrates the ability of the National Marine Sanctuary System to protect nationally significant places in oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes;

(6) calls on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to partner with communities and to complete designations of new national marine sanctuaries; and

(7) encourages Federal agencies to balance priorities and work together to support the priorities of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.).

SENATE RESOLUTION 420—DESIGNATING BETTY K. KOED AS HISTORIAN EMERITA OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BAR-

RASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Mrs. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 420

Whereas Betty K. Koed will retire from the United States Senate after serving with distinction, first as Assistant Historian from 1998 to 2009, then as Associate Historian from 2009 to 2015, and then as Senate Historian from 2015 to 2023, the first woman to hold that position;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has dedicated her Senate service to preserving, protecting, and promoting the history of the Senate and its members;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has produced or directed production of numerous publications detailing the rich institutional history of the Senate;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has been instrumental in preserving, organizing, and making available to scholars the vast archival holdings of the Senate and its members;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has assisted in the Senate’s commemoration of events of historical significance and in the development of exhibitions and educational programs on the history of the Senate and the United States Capitol;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has upheld the high standards and traditions of the Senate with abiding devotion and has performed her Senate duties in an impartial and professional manner; and

Whereas Betty K. Koed has earned the respect, affection, and esteem of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, effective October 21, 2023, as a token of the appreciation of the Senate for her long and faithful service, Betty K. Koed is hereby designated as Historian Emerita of the United States Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15 THROUGH 21, 2023, AS “NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 421

Whereas chemistry is the science of the basic units of matter and, consequently, plays a role in every aspect of human life;

Whereas chemistry has broad applications, including in food science, soil science, maintaining water quality, energy production, sustainability, medicine, and electronics;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to improving the quality of human life and plays an important role in addressing critical global challenges;

Whereas innovations in chemistry continue to spur economic growth, create jobs, and have applications for a wide range of industries;

Whereas the practitioners of chemistry are catalysts of positive change in their communities and the world;

Whereas National Chemistry Week is part of a broader vision to improve human life through chemistry and to advance the chemistry enterprise;

Whereas the purpose of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public with educational messages about chemistry in order to foster greater understanding of and appreciation for the applications and benefits of chemistry;

Whereas National Chemistry Week strives to stimulate the interest of young people, including women and underrepresented groups, in enthusiastically studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and in pursuing science-related careers that lead to innovations and major scientific breakthroughs;

Whereas National Chemistry Week signifies the collaborative nature of science and promotes partnership between scientific societies, academia, industry, and the public;

Whereas National Chemistry Week highlights many of the everyday uses of chemistry, including in food, dyes, pigments, plastics, soaps, detergents, health products, and energy technologies;

Whereas the theme of the 34th annual National Chemistry Week is “The Healing Power of Chemistry”; and

Whereas students who participate in National Chemistry Week deserve recognition and support for their efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning on October 15, 2023, as “National Chemistry Week”;

(2) supports the goals and welcomes the participants of the 34th annual National Chemistry Week;

(3) recognizes the need to promote the fields of science, including chemistry, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and to encourage youth, including from underrepresented groups, to pursue careers in these fields; and

(4) commends the American Chemical Society and the partners of that society for seeking opportunities to engage with the public and for organizing and convening events and activities surrounding National Chemistry Week each year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 422—DESIGNATING AUGUST 1, 2023, AS “GOLD STAR CHILDREN’S DAY”

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 422

Whereas the recognition of Gold Star Families in the United States dates back to World War I, when the families of fallen service members displayed a service flag with a gold star in the window of their homes;

Whereas, in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law legislation declaring Gold Star Mother’s Day, a national observance honoring the mothers of fallen service members annually on the last Sunday of September;

Whereas, since 2010, the Senate has honored Gold Star Spouses by resolution annually, recognizing the unique sacrifices made by spouses of fallen service members;

Whereas thousands of sons and daughters of military families have lost mothers or fathers who served in the Armed Forces and also deserve national recognition for the burden and legacy they carry; and

Whereas no date has existed to specifically recognize the children of fallen service members of the United States as part of a national debt of gratitude that the people of the United States owe to the service members who sacrificed all in protecting the freedom of the United States and the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates August 1, 2023, as “Gold Star Children’s Day”;

(2) honors the sacrifices and hardships of the children of fallen service members; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Children’s Day in support of children of the fallen men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1354. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1354. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING VETERANS.

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any case arising out

of the administration by the Secretary of laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent, or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness as a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of title 18, United States Code, without the order or finding of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or herself or others.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I have four requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in open and closed session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be extended to Matt Squeri, member of my team, for the balance of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER, 23, 2023, THROUGH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, October 23, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; that when the Senate adjourns on Monday, it next convene at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings

be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Whitaker nomination; that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that the cloture motions filed during today’s session ripen at 2:15 p.m.; and, finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday’s session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:49 p.m., adjourned until Monday, October, 23, 2023, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

- LA RITA S. ABEL
- DANA M. ADRIAN
- TAMERA G. BORCHARDT
- KARLA M. DENNARD
- SARAH L. HUFFMAN
- JEANAE M. JACKSON
- JANICE M. PECUA
- FRANKLIN PORCIL
- KAWANA A. RAWLS
- MICHELE S. SUGGS
- SALVADOR V. VARGAS
- DARA J. WARREN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

- SAUNYA N. BRIGHT
- BRANDON N. CHRISTENSEN
- STEVEN A. DEZELL
- JIMMEY N. LABIT, JR.
- TIMOTHY J. MCDOWELL
- JENNIE S. SHEFFIELD
- STEPHEN C. SIMPSON
- TRACY L. SNYDER
- LEONARDO E. TATO
- ROBBIE L. WHEELER

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To be colonel

- SHELLEY L. ALDRICH
- KEVIN D. ALFORD
- PETER A. BALDWIN
- JEFFREY G. BELISLE
- HALTON W. BEUMER
- MICHELLE M. BRAY
- MICHAEL DAVID BREWER
- KIMBERLY K. BROUGHTON
- ANDREW W. BURSAP
- JOSEPH G. COLBS
- CHRISTIAN F. COOPER
- JAMES D. COVELLI
- RYAN E. DAVIS
- ELIZABETH A. DWYER
- STEPHEN B. EDSTROM
- TARRA I. A. FAULK
- BRENT I. FELDT
- PHILIP MARK FLATAU
- JUSTIN P. FOX
- JASON C. GARNER
- KATHRYN K. GARNER

CHRISTOPHER J. GORDON
ROSS F. GRAHAM
KEVIN L. GRAY
VALERIE C. HOSTETLER
BRENT J. HUDDLESTON
HYAEHWAN KIM
ALEXANDER O. KIRKPATRICK
DAVID B. LEARY
BRANDY ERIN R. LYBECK
MARK E. LYTLE
ROBERT B. A. MACGREGOR
CATHERINE H. MCHUGH
JASON D. MERRELL
DAVID M. NAVEL
TRAVIS R. NEWBERRY
THAD F. OCAMPO
JON R. OLSON
CRYSTAL M. PALMATIER
ERIC C. PARKINSON
MICHAEL F. PARSONS
CHELSEA B. PAYNE
ANGELA M. RIEGEL
JACOB F. RIIS
ANDREW Y. ROBINSON
MELISSA MAY RUNGE
TRAVIS C. RUSSELL
ELIZABETH RINI SCHNAUBELT
LASHIKA D. SNEED
DEREK M. SORENSEN
ARIC D. STEINMANN
PAUL A. TILTON
KENDALL J. VERMILION
KRISTIN LUCY NICOLE VOGT
ROBERT S. WEATHERWAX
HEATH D. WRIGHT

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To be colonel

REAGAN HOWARD BEATON
ADAM DANIEL BENTZ
YVONNE SUZETTE BRAKEL
JANET CHRISTINE EBERLE
JAMES B. EVES
PAUL M. GESL
SARA CATHERINE JOBE
JACK M. JONES, JR.
RHEA ANN LAGANO
JANE MARIE MALE
VICKI L. MARCUS
BENJAMIN FARLEY MARTIN
ANDREW REMY NORTON
ADAM NICHOLAS OLSEN
MARK RUSSELL ONEILL
WINDEL LEON PATTERSON III
REBECCA E. SCHMIDT
LANCE R. SMITH
VELMA GAY THOMPSON
TODD F. TILFORD
PILAR G. WENNRICH

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To be colonel

CARL P. BHEND
STEVEN W. BLACK
KUN JANG CHANG
SARRA E. CUSHEN CORKER
MICHAEL L. EINHORN
SUZANA M. GJEKAJ
AARON BENJAMIN HARDING
COLLIN D. HOLMAN
CHRISTOPHER R. JORDAN
STEPHEN P. LAMBERT
GARY S. MAYNE
RACHAEL L. PARRISH
ANITA M. SHADE
MICHAEL J. SILVERMAN
CHRISTOPHER M. WOLBERT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

KASUMI ERICA ANDERSON
KEVIN K. ANDERSON
DAHLIA C. ANDREADIS
SETH M. BARD
KOECH CHARLES BELLION
ISAAC D. BITTER
JENNA M. BOYD
JAMIE L. BRISKE
DYLAN W. BROADWATER
PAUL B. BROWN
TYROME LARON BROWN, JR.
THIN P. BUR
MICHAEL JERMAINE BUTLER
EDWARD J. BYLOTAS
NICOLE CHAUNTTELL CAMP
CHRISTIAN A. CARROLL
CODY P. CHEYNE
AMY K. CHRISTIANSEN
JASON ADAM CLARK
LAUREN R. CLARK
JOSHUA SCOTT CLEAVER
WALLACE DAVE CLEVELAND, JR.
SCOTT VINCENT COBERLY
SHAUN T. COOLEY
CLINT KENNETH COPELAND
MIRANDA M. DALEY
JARED C. DAVIS
NICOLE G. DIGIOIA
JAMIE G. DISNEY

DANIELLE MARIE F. DOCKERY
MICHAEL RYAN DONOHUE
ASHLINN M. DORNAN
CHRISTOPHER J. DRAGER
TAISIYA V. DULIN
DIANNE D. DWYER
MICAH T. EASTERLING
JORDAN M. ELLIS
NATHANIEL A. FOSTER
EMILY F. FOXMAN
JESSE P. GENDRON
AMANDA H. GIAMBANCO
RON C. GILES
ALEXANDER CLAYTON GODWIN
ADAM DAVID GOLOS
JAMES J. GRAHAM
NICHOLAS M. GRUNEWALD
KELLY LYNN HALL
KRISTOPHER WILLIAM HAWKINS
JOEL M. HENDERSON
CYANELA HERNANDEZ BORRERO
DANIEL T. HICKS
ALAN M. HINTZE
DANA AUSTIN HUNTER, JR.
SOPHIE M. HUTTON
ANH NGUYEN ISON
ALHAJI MOHAMED JALLOH
FRANCES NICOLE JEFFCOAT
JESSE LEON JENKINS
AARON M. KEATING
PETER L. KINGSLEY
JAMES C. KNUDSON
CALEY M. KROPP
LADISLAV KUCERA
AMY MARIE R. LABOUNTY
MATTHEW R. LAND
ANGELA B. LANE
NICOLE M. LARSON
EMIL GERARD LUCIDO LEE
RAQUEL A. LEWIS
ALLAN J. C. LICUDAN
ANNA M. LIEWRAMOS
KWANZA KENNETH LINCOLN
NATHANIEL D. MACK
HANLON IGNATIUS MAIVELETT
UNNA CAMILLE C. MANGUNE
KAYLEIGH A. MARSOLINI
VALERIE S. MARTINEZ
BRYAN J. MAYVILLE
REBECCA L. MIHLON
LYNNSEE W. MOBERG
MANUEL MONCADA
AARON P. MORRISON
DAVID G. MORRISON, JR.
PARKER ALLEN MULLINS
JORDAN ROY NAVAS
HANNAH I. NORDWALL
NICOLE E. NOWLING
KATHRYN E. OCONNELL
KENNEDY E. OHAEGBU
DANNY G. ORTIZVELEZ
DONALD P. ORTMANN
JOSHUA G. PAGE
DAVID A. PARKS
LEE ALAN PASCHEN
SEAN M. PICCOLO
LEE FREDERICK PIETRYK
BRADLEY A. PINK
HEATHER M. PRENTICE
ALEXANDER J. PURRING
LATOSHA SHATE RAMOS LAKE
KEVIN RHEE
REBECCA NOEL RHOADS
JORDAN T. RHODES
CHRISTINA J. RITCHIE
SHERI K. ROBERTS
NATALIE M. ROY
JASON RUGGIERI
ISABELLA ABAD SANTOS RUIZ
EMIR SAHINOVIC
BOBBY SARIVANNARA
FARES SEMEZIER
SARA L. SILVA
JASON MICHAEL SIMMONS
GEREMY T. SKEEN
JOHN F. SKICKI
CHRISTI LYNN SMITH
JACQUELINE C. SMITH
JOSHUA R. STAPLES
TRAVIS L. STEVENS
MARY M. STOREY
VIVIAN COLETTE TRAN
COURAGE K. TSLAGBE
CEDRIC S. WALTERS
NOAH PATRICK WEST
AMY M. WHITCRAFT
MATTHEW P. WILL
BRANDY S. WILLIAMS
SIDONIA NGLAS WILLIAMSON
TRACY MAE WIMMER
BETHANY E. YOUNG
ESTHER K. ZVOL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOSEPH BENJAMIN AHLERS
NATHAN R. ALLRED
DOUGLAS MICHAEL ARNETT
ASHLEY BOWER
PATRICK ANDREW CLARY
THOMAS CHARLES COLBY
JASON CORDOVA
LEVICY FAYENEIS CRAWFORD
DANIELLE HESS CROWDER

RYAN CHARLES DITCHKOFSKY
PATRICIA ENCARNACION MIRANDA
DAVID O. ENNIS
MEGHAN RENAE GLINESBARNEY
MICHELLE ERICA GREGORY
CHASE TOLMAN GUNNELL
JOHNATHAN DAVID HAMILTON
JAMES R. HASLUP
KASEY WILSON HAWKINS
CHRISTOPHER THOMAS HECK
JOY ELIZABETH HEWITT
SHEA LANDRY HOXIE
SEAN C. HUDSON
JESSICA MCKEE JACQUAY
NATHANIEL C. LANGLEY
RYAN M. MCILROY
SARABETH A. MOORE
LAURA E. PEET
MARQUITA V. RICKS
MARISOL NOHEMI SALVIEJO
JONATHAN K. SAWMILLER
VINCENT SAYEGH
TYLER J. SENA
CHRISTOPHER D. STANTON
JOSHUA MEAD STARR
LAURA ASHLEY WAGNER

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JEREMIAH L. BLACKBURN
JEREMY S. CAUDILL
ASA C. CHUNG
LUCAS H. DALGLEISH
MANUEL D. DUARTE
HENRY HYUN HAHM
BRANDON N. PARKER
JASON D. RAINES
JOSHUA D. RUMSEY
DARREL L. SCHRAEDER
TIMOTHY D. WARF
THOMAS A. WEBB

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

BENJAMIN J. ALLISON
CARLOS M. APONTE
AARON R. BISHOP
TOREE CARDINALI
DAMON T. CLAYTON
JAMES L. CONWAY
JASON B. DECOURSEY
JOSEPH T. EDWARDS
BRADLEY J. FISCHL
JAMES A. FLORES
KYLE D. FULLERTON
JOSHUA D. GONZALEZ
MADELINE A. GRUCELLA
ALLYSON I. HAUPTMAN
JOSHUA M. HUISS
CONNOR C. MARTIN
ARRON T. MILLER
GUILLERMO MONTOYA
GEOFFREY A. MOORES
BRIAN S. PETTY
CHAD A. RICHMAN
CHRISTOPHER T. ROBERTS
NATHANIEL W. ROLLINGS
BRYAN T. SAKIYAMA
KENNETH L. SHELTON
ANNA L. TUCKER
ALAN M. VERDIN
WILLIAM R. VINT
AUSTIN R. WALRABENSTEIN
PATRICK R. WIGGINS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

LLOYD G. ABIGANIA
FELIX A. ACEVEDOPLAZA
JACOB E. ACEY
BRIAN A. ADAMS
KWAME A. ADDO
FLORELLA V. AGOSTINI
BRYANT C. AHN
BRYDON M. ALBERS
EDGARDO J. ALCALA
IRVIN L. ANDERSON
WESLEY M. ANDREWSKI
MARTIN A. AQUINO
SALVATORE M. ARDIZZONE
FRANK E. ARNOLD
ARTHUR J. AVERY
NATHAN A. AYLESWORTH
JOSHUA W. BAILEY
NESHIA N. BAILEY
LEMAN C. BALIWAG
MUJEEB R. BAMIE
ETHAN G. BAPTIST
GARRETT A. BARBER
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 PAUL C. SPIKES
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 SAMUEL J. SUTTON
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 DANIEL J. VIGEANT
 KYLE J. VOLK
 CHARLES E. VOSS
 BRIAN D. WADE
 JON C. WAIGHT
 WESTON T. WALDRON
 REBECCA A. WALKER
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 MICHAEL L. WOODS
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 ALVIN G. YASAY
 HAROLD K. YON
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 JAE H. YU
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be major

DONALD T. CRISWELL
 MASON X. DELAGARZA
 STEVEN C. GEYER
 PAUL B. LAMBERT
 JUNG K. SON
 PETER A. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOSEPH M. BAUMANN
 STEPHEN V. BROOKS
 PAUL T. CHARPERS
 JOSHUA GOMPERT
 DANIEL A. GREGORIO
 COLLIN R. JONES
 JOHN J. KLINE
 STEPHEN M. KNUDSEN
 ERIK R. OLSEN
 MICHAEL S. POLING
 JAMIE R. VENNEMAN
 NATHANIEL A. WEANDER
 ANDREW C. WHITLEY
 DONIVAN L. WYNN
 JACOB H. YUMANS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be colonel

DAVID A. BRUNAIS
 ROSANNA M. CLEMENTE
 ADAM J. DYKSTRA
 JONATHAN M. FURSMAN
 JESSICA D. GOFFENA
 ANDREW J. HARRIS
 RONALD J. HUDAK
 DEREK E. JOHNSON
 JODIE L. KUNKEL
 JOHN D. LEITNER
 CHAD D. MADDOX
 JUAN L. MARTINEZ
 ANDREW L. MCCOLLUM

GRIFFIN J. MERRILL
 NATHAN N. MINOTT
 JOSEPH E. NICKEL
 JEREMIAH J. OLIGARIO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ERICK LEON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A CHAPLAIN UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be lieutenant colonel

BRIAN C. SATTERLEE II

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

MICHAEL D. NORTON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

MICHAEL A. BRYANT
 BRYAN C. CHAVERS
 JAMES R. HEWITT
 JOHN N. SAUCIER
 SERGIO L. TRISTAN
 DAVID A. WELTEROTH
 STEVEN L. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

JOSHUA W. BROWN

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

DEVERE J. CROOKS

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 19, 2023:

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MATTHEW A. GANS AND ENDING WITH IAN W. MARKS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2023.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
DALE 'JIM' POLITIS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GRIFFIN. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor the life of James Dale 'Jim' Politis, who passed away on October 10th, at the age of 76.

A native of Chicago, Jim joined the Air Force in 1966 for four years, before attending Olympia Community College in Washington State. In 1974, he joined the family business at CB Centers of America. He met and married his wife Janice (Jan) a year later and they remained married for 47 years. Eventually, while living in Knoxville, Tennessee, Jim and his wife started their own business, J&F Distributing.

The family moved to Riner, Virginia in 1992, where they owned and operated the Brush Creek Buffalo Farm, Jan's family farm, raising Buffalo. They also ran the Brush Creek Buffalo Store in Riner.

Jim was on the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors from 1998 until 2013, serving as Chair for four of those years. During his time on the Board of Supervisors, I represented the Riner area, both when I served in the Virginia House of Delegates and then as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. I had the pleasure of working closely with him on a number of issues of concern.

One of the issues that Jim worked on was the legalization of Industrial Hemp. This is the product used to make fiber. The fiber product does not include very much THC (the active ingredient that gives the marijuana plant its potency). Industrial Hemp, thanks in part to Jim's lobbying efforts, was legalized in the 2014 Farm Bill.

He is survived by his wife Jan, Stepmother Lorraine Politis, Children James D. Politis II (Stephanie), Jeannetta Politis (Luis Prado-Roman), Jason Politis (Callie), grandchildren Emma, Andrew, Gavin, and Jenna Rae. Siblings Evelyn Bluemke, Karen Kaufman (Kevin), Sue Kaufman, Michael Kaufman (Debbie); as well as many nieces and nephews. I wish them all my deepest condolences on the loss of their loved one.

May Jim remain in the hearts of his loved one for years to come. He will not be forgotten for the positive impact he made on the Montgomery County community.

DECLARATION OF MURDER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, enemies of civilization are gruesomely bold and clear on their murderous in-

tentions. A heinously revealing declaration of their barbaric intentions by the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) is detailed in the Hamas Covenant of August 18, 1988.

In the midst of insane provisions is Article 7: "The Day of Judgement will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.'"

The goal of Hamas, financed by Iran, is murder of Jews worldwide. It is fake news they care about the Palestinian people. This is not about territory. Suffering by the Hamas-oppressed people of Gaza is solely Hamas-dictated, and a two-state solution without non-terrorist domination is not possible.

Hamas and also Hezbollah is Iran in a war we did not choose between Dictators With Rule of Gun attacking Democracies With Rule of Law. Active war began with war criminal Putin's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and led to the Hamas invasion of Israel on Putin's birthday, October 7th.

Bold and clear are the dictators with Putin's treatise of July 2021 that Ukraine does not exist. The Chinese Communist Party threatens Taiwan does not exist, and Iran chants in English, "Death to Israel, Death to America."

Democracies will prevail building Peace Through Strength.

RECOGNIZING THE PANCRETAN
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to honor the Pancretan Association of America (PAA) on their many achievements throughout their 94 years of dedicated service. I am thrilled to congratulate the PAA on the establishment of their first-ever National Headquarters at the Hellenic Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and on the recent election of their organization's first female president, Diane Kounalakis.

The PAA and the Pancretan Youth Association (PYA) offer a rich array of programs to cultivate and preserve the extraordinary heritage of the island of Crete. The PAA and PYA have supported the enrichment and personal development of both Cretan Americans and the general public through educational events, study abroad scholarships, dance and music workshops, and translations of Greek literature. The PAA also has a long and storied history of advancing essential causes on the island of Crete and throughout both Greece and the United States. From helping to establish Crete's first public hospital in the 1950s to supporting orphanages, food pantries and disaster relief today, the PAA has made immense contributions.

I have no doubt that President Diane Kounalakis, a longtime PAA member and vol-

unteer, will be an exemplary leader for the PAA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding the PAA for its many decades of service, and in wishing the PAA all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE MIDWEST
ISMAILI ARTS FESTIVAL

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize The Midwest Ismaili Arts Festival hosted by the Ismaili Council for the Midwestern United States. The Ismaili Arts Festival will be held at the Copernicus Center in Chicago, Illinois on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

The Ismaili Arts Festival stands as a testament to the profound impact of the arts, serving as a platform for Ismaili artists to share their unique visions and creations with our community. This festival celebrates creativity, and promotes dialogue, diversity and understanding among residents of Illinois and visitors. These events elevate and illustrate the pluralistic values that are held by residents of Illinois and make Illinois a more vibrant and stronger community.

This year, the Midwest Ismaili Arts Festival will bring together over 200 Ismaili artists showcasing their artistic expression in the categories of performing arts, film festival and art gallery. The theme for this year's festival is "care," in which the artists will explore their personal interconnectivity with care for the environment, care for one's heritage, and strengthening one's identity.

I am proud of the Ismaili Council for Midwestern United States and the Midwest Ismaili Arts Festival organizers, Ismaili Artists and Ismaili Volunteers who dedicate their time, knowledge, and passion to promote the arts.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th District of the State of Illinois, I proudly recognize the impact of the Ismaili Arts Festival and its contributions to the State of Illinois' arts and cultural stage and celebrate this showcase of Illinois' diversity and commitment to inclusion.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO WILLIAM SMARR

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, retired United States Secret Service Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) of the Dallas Field Office William Smarr. SAIC Smarr has spent more than two decades protecting our nation's leaders before retiring on October 13, 2023.

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Mr. Smarr began his career in 1999 in the Pittsburgh Field Office with subsequent assignments in the Houston Field Office and the Presidential Protective Division in Washington, D.C. In addition to providing protection to our nation's leaders and investigating threats against the President, Mr. Smarr managed high-profile transnational fraud investigations involving the targeting of U.S. financial infrastructure and private industry victims. During his time as the Senior Executive for the North Texas District, SAIC Smarr led all operations involving executive protection and criminal investigations with offices in Dallas, Lubbock, Tyler and Waco. Before assuming his role in the Dallas Field Office, Mr. Smarr led as the Deputy SAIC in Houston, TX, where he oversaw the Secret Service's investigative and protective portfolio covering all southeast Texas and the country of Mexico. SAIC Smarr has dedicated his life to the integrated mission and responsibilities of the United States Secret Service and fulfilled his role with honor. I thank SAIC Smarr for all he had done to protect and serve our great Nation. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

CLOSE AGENCY LOOPHOLES TO
THE JONES ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I reintroduce the "Close Agency Loopholes to the Jones Act of 2023," which would close nearly 50 years of anti-Jones Act decisions—known as "letter rulings"—by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and having served as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation from 2013 to 2018, I am committed to rebuilding the U.S.-flagged fleet including international and Jones Act vessels. For decades, Congress has stood idly by while federal regulators chipped away at the Jones Act, allowing foreign vessels paying poverty wages to take jobs from Americans working in our maritime industry. That must stop.

In December 2020, Congress enacted my amendment to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act as section 9503 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) affirming that the application of the Constitution, laws, and civil and political jurisdiction of the United States to the Outer Continental Shelf also applies to non-mineral energy resources and exploring for, developing, producing, transporting, or transmitting such resources. As I stated in my remarks on September 24, 2020 (Congressional Record, Vol. 166, No. 166), Congress always intended U.S. law to apply to any form of exploration, development, production, transportation, and transmission of energy resources under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953.

On January 25, 2021, President Biden's first executive order (no. 14005) directed federal agencies to maximize the use of American mariners, American-built ships, and U.S.-flagged vessels under the Jones Act. In re-

sponse to my amendment enacted in the FY21 NOAA, U.S. CBP issued a headquarters ruling letter "HQ H309186" on January 27, 2021, correctly holding that the transportation of "scour protection" materials from the Port of Providence, Rhode Island to a wind project on the Outer Continental Shelf off the southeast shore of Martha's Vineyard is a coastwise activity under the Jones Act.

On March 17, 2021, the national trade association for the offshore wind industry sent a letter to the Commissioner of CBP requesting that the agency withdraw HQ H309186. In this letter, the offshore wind industry mischaracterized my September 2020 remarks from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as somehow supporting its request that CBP withdraw the January 27, 2021, letter ruling. On March 25, 2021, CBP issued a revised headquarters ruling letter (HQ H317289) contradicting its January 2021 letter ruling and the President's stated policy, allowing foreign vessels to construct energy projects on the Outer Continental Shelf.

To be clear, my September 2020 remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD stated that my amendment to Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act simply clarified that all forms of offshore energy development are indeed subject to the same U.S. laws that apply to the offshore oil and gas industry. That does not mean that I accept the validity of the many administrative loopholes to the Jones Act created by decades of bad letter rulings and poor enforcement by CBP. Rather, I have long held that many of the activities regulators have incorrectly allowed the offshore oil and gas industry to engage in using foreign-flagged vessels are clear violations of the plain text of the Jones Act and original Congressional intent.

It is now clear to me that the regulators at CBP are unwilling to fully implement the Jones Act, as directed by President Biden's Executive Order 14005. My 'Closing Agency Loopholes to the Jones Act' would finally force federal regulators to enforce the law as Congress intended in 1920, maximizing job opportunities for American mariners, U.S.-flagged vessels, and domestic shipyard workers. In effect, my legislation would also compel CBP to implement the President's stated policy by fully enforcing the Jones Act.

On April 26, 2023, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed two key sections from my bill in the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2023" (H.R. 2741). Sections 8 and 9 from my bill are now incorporated as Section 312 (Notification) and Section 313 (Publication of Fines and Penalties) of H.R. 2741.

Section 312 requires foreign-flagged vessels purporting to operate under a Jones Act exemption to notify CBP and post online its legal basis for operating on the Outer Continental Shelf. Currently, CBP uses an honor system for foreign vessels operating on the Outer Continental Shelf and their legal basis for doing, which undermines the agency's ability to enforce the Jones Act properly and enables outright fraud. Section 313 requires CBP to publish online any penalties against foreign-flagged vessels operating illegally on the Outer Continental Shelf, including for failing to notify the agency of the purported Jones Act exemption in advance.

For this Congress, I also require in my bill that offshore energy developers on the Outer Continental Shelf pay a prevailing wage.

Under current law, project developers operating in the United States' Exclusive Economic Zone at sea can pay poverty wages, exploiting foreign workers and undermining American mariners' ability to compete for this work. After decades of failed promises, we are finally building the clean energy economy of the future. American mariners are ready, willing, and able to work in the burgeoning offshore wind industry. But they cannot be expected to compete against foreign-flag vessels paying poverty wages to workers with no legally guaranteed collective bargaining rights or labor standards.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I encourage all members of the House to cosponsor this critical and long overdue legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID
NIXON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to honor the life of David Nixon, who passed away on October 1, 2023, at the age of 64 after a courageous seven year battle with cancer.

Growing up in Roanoke, David and I first crossed paths in high school when we were on opposite sides of a political battle. He went to Glenvar High School, and I went to Andrew Lewis High School. Throughout the political debate to name the new high school in Salem, David always presented his views in a calm, honest manner. I knew from that experience that I had met a man of honor.

I often think of the Abraham Lincoln quote when thinking of David, "the best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend." Instead of vilifying each other, we got to know each other and came to have deep respect for one another.

It is remarkable to me how much our lives mirrored one another. After attending Roanoke College and Wake Forest University law school, he returned home to practice law, as I did to Salem after attending law school. He served as Chairman of the Roanoke City Republican Committee while I was Chairman of the Salem Republican Committee. I am thankful that he was a strong supporter of my many political campaigns over the years.

During his life he was appointed Escheator by Governor Allen for Roanoke City, 1994, for 23rd Judicial District, 2001. He also served as Vice President of Legal Affairs, Blue Ridge Housing Development Corporation; Chairman, Roanoke City Fair Housing Board; and Member, Roanoke City Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board.

A devout member of New Century Church in Roanoke, Virginia, David served many years as a volunteer greeter. After being diagnosed with stage four cancer in 2016, David used his remaining years to grow closer to Christ, finding peace and joy in his diagnosis.

David is survived by his son Kirk Nixon (Darlene Smith) and granddaughter Ella Nixon; daughter Jessica (Nick Blandy), grandchildren Finn and Declan Blandy; siblings, Carolyn "Kack" Lynch, John, and Debbie Nixon; twin sister, Denise "Cee" and Alan Campbell; as well as many nieces, nephews,

great-nieces, and great-nephews; and, his many friends, some of whom David considered like family. I pray for all of his loved ones during this difficult time.

David was a good Republican and a good Christian. He loved his family and friends deeply and lived his last days to the fullest, despite his diagnosis.

I, and many others, will greatly miss him.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 2023 AMHERST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I am honored to recognize six businesses, organizations, and individuals that have been instrumental to the growth of Amherst, NY. As the pillar of the business community in Western New York's most populous suburb, the Amherst Chamber of Commerce has the responsibility of identifying many of our community leaders. At this "Excellence Event," there is no shortage of men and women who have put the interests of their neighbors ahead of their own.

This year's winner of the Stewardship Award is Goodwill of Western New York. Their mission of caring for others is not only commendable but has a tangible impact on countless individuals within our community. Goodwill's programs give those seeking employment a chance to showcase their skills and ambition in a productive environment. They take pride in helping to lift those from unemployment or underemployment while collecting millions of pounds in local donations. Annually, Goodwill of Western New York supports well over 1,000 individuals in their pursuit of workforce development programs. It is my hope that Goodwill can continue to expand their services and build on the success that earned them this year's Stewardship Award.

After more than six decades of serving Western New York families and businesses, Lawley Insurance is awarded this year's Family-Owned Business Award. A third-generation family business, Lawley has become a premiere agency in the eyes of the community they serve. Since the beginning, their leadership team placed an emphasis on ethics and maintaining the strength of the Western New York region. With offices across New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, the current stewards of Lawley Insurance have never lost sight of their home in Buffalo. With great pride in this local group, I wish Lawley Insurance a bright future in our region.

Spectrum Reach, the advertising arm of Charter Communications, will receive this year's Chairman's Award. Just this year, Charter has mentored over 700 multicultural businesses.

This program, "Pay It Forward," is an effort to give businesses free advertising, creative services, and educational resources. In a fast-paced world so focused on the bottom line, it is reassuring to know that local partners at a

company as large as Charter have a focus on bettering our community.

Fittingly, Amherst Chamber of Commerce is bestowing Buffalo AKO Art Museum with the Commitment to Excellence Award. After nearly four years of construction, AKG has transformed their campus to become a nationwide leader in art and culture. This \$230 million project was over a decade in the making and will undoubtedly be the hub to both local pride and outside tourism. As a longtime fixture in our community, it is nothing short of proper that we recognize the Buffalo AKG for their commitment to providing a welcoming atmosphere to feature world-class exhibitions while serving as a hub for creative and educational programs. Their new campus is nothing short of excellent and their recognition at this event is well-earned.

This year's Woman of Distinction Award is given to Jody Briandi, the President and Managing Partner of Hurwitz Fine P.C. A woman of numerous awards and recognitions, Jody has experience in state, federal, and appellate courts across New York State. Her sterling reputation as a professional litigator is matched by her willingness to improve her community and assist others. She has invested her time and attention to helping women realize their full leadership potential and advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Jody is a success in all her endeavors and a model citizen in our community.

Lastly, Gilbane Building Company is spearheading the project to build the new Buffalo Bills stadium and being recognized as the Business of the Year. A 1.35 million square foot structure, this task is no small feat, but will prove to be the home to our fans and community. Thousands of workers and hours of labor will be dedicated to this state-of-the-art facility under the leadership of Gilbane. Notably, 40 percent of contracts for this project have been awarded to minority, women, or service-disabled veteran-owned companies. Gilbane is placing an emphasis on relationships with local businesses and residents to ensure that this project will benefit our local economy.

Congratulations to the 2023 Amherst Chamber of Commerce honorees; Goodwill of Western New York, Lawley Insurance, Spectrum Reach, Buffalo AKG Museum, Jody Briandi, and Gilbane Building Company. I would like to thank each person, group, and company that continues to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Western New York.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 555TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON, KNOWN AS "TRIPLE NICKEL," RED HORSE UNIT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is my privilege to recognize and honor the United States Air Force 555th Civil Engineering Squadron, "Triple Nickel," as one of the original RED HORSE units for their distinguished service and commendable achievements during the Vietnam War.

In the thick of the Vietnam War, on October 1, 1965, the U.S. Air Force activated the first RED HORSE squadrons, notably the 555th and 554th Civil Engineering Squadrons (CES), which would soon earn their nicknames, "Triple Nickel" and "Penny Short," respectively. Initially designated as "Prime BEEF Heavy Repair" units, these squadrons quickly distinguished themselves, prompting leaders to coin the term "RED HORSE," an acronym for Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operations Repair Squadron—Engineering. Their mission was crucial—to establish a long-term civil engineering presence and provide major repair capabilities in the combat zones of Southeast Asia.

The deployment of RED HORSE units was a strategic move at a critical juncture in the war when the demands on Army and Navy construction units far exceeded their capacity. With the Army and Navy construction forces fully engaged, RED HORSE units emerged to fill the need. Upon deployment to Cam Ranh Air Base, South Vietnam, the Triple Nickel unit immediately began operations by hitting the beach with supplies and heavy equipment.

Civil engineer units from across the United States were assigned to various Air Force installations throughout Vietnam, including Cam Ranh, with some of the most distinguished officers and airmen being selected for RED HORSE duty. The 1969 roster that served in the 555th CES was composed of four hundred civil engineer personnel, arriving in Vietnam at the height of the war and responding to urgent infrastructural needs following the Tet Offensive of 1968, which delivered damaging blows to American installations up and down the peninsula.

Cam Rahn Air Base required significant infrastructure to sustain the war effort—from paved landing strips to dormitory housing for the troops. Triple Nickel not only repaired and constructed new facilities on Cam Ranh Air Base but also saw action at various American and Vietnam installations throughout the peninsula—from the Delta to the DMZ. In Vietnam, over two thousand RED HORSE troops deployed annually where they built both horizontal and vertical facilities to support the Air Force's mission and engaged in numerous humanitarian projects for local communities.

As the Vietnam War began to wind down in the early 1970s there were calls to deactivate units that had been formed during the war. However, thanks to the foresight of certain military and Congressional leaders who recognized the inherent value RED HORSE provides to the Air Force in both peace and war, multiple units remain in National Guard and Reserve organizations.

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, the bonds formed during the conflict were not only maintained but strengthened. Now, veterans of Triple Nickel who served together in Vietnam occasionally gather to celebrate the friendships, accomplishments, and bonds that were forged in the challenging environment of a war-torn country.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the 555th Civil Engineering Squadron, "Triple Nickel," for the critical role they held in the Vietnam War and the enduring bond they maintain today.

RECOGNIZING HILL TOP BAKERY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Hill Top Bakery in Kaukauna.

For the past 100 years, the Hill Top Bakery in Kaukauna has provided exceptional customer service and delicious, daily made, old-fashioned baked goods for people throughout Wisconsin. Originally a horse stable, their building on 7th and Main in Kaukauna was repurposed into a bakery and opened in 1923, where it still remains to this day. To say baking runs in the family is an understatement. Mark and Lynn Engel have owned and operated the location for nearly 30 years after they took it over from Lynn's parents, Harry and Diane Wirth, who ran the Bakery for the previous 26 years. The family's commitment to outstanding service and quality products for more than 50 years has made Hill Top Bakery a staple in Northeast Wisconsin.

In addition to offering delicious baked goods for people throughout Northeast Wisconsin, Hill Top Bakery is known for its unwavering support of Kaukauna and the greater Fox Valley community. The Bakery has donated goods to organizations like Project Purpose, a collaborative mural experience that centers around students in Special Education at Appleton East High School. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Bakery donates a portion of its proceeds to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. I commend the dedication and unwavering support that the Hill Top Bakery team has shown to our community.

100 years in operation is no small feat and at Hill Top Bakery they have the perfect recipe for success, incredible people, a Northeast Wisconsin work ethic, and generations of family recipes that have been acquired over the last century. From their famous peanut squares to their cherry chip cookies, Hill Top Bakery provides top-notch baked goods to the people of Wisconsin. It is evident due to their continued success that the Hill Top Bakery is committed to providing homemade, authentic, and old-fashioned bakery items for people throughout Northeast Wisconsin, all the while making our community a better place.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Hill Top Bakery. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mark and Lynn Engel and the entire Hill Top Bakery team on this remarkable milestone and wish them continued success for years to come.

HONORING KATHLEEN AND WILLIAM WISNEWSKI

HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor a true Long Island "power couple"—Kathleen and William Wisniewski—who are both retiring this year after distinguished multi-decade long careers

at National Grid—the leading energy provider in my district. Bill began his service at National Grid—then known as LILCO—in 1986 as a meter reader making \$7.50 an hour. A second-generation company employee, he put himself through night school and rose through the ranks as a gas and electric planner, field inspector, contractor supervisor, and finally field trainer, ensuring that future generations of National Grid employees will adhere to the same high standards and dedication he so diligently displayed over his long career. Bill was also long active in IBEW Local 1049 at times serving as a shop steward and on the executive board, effectively representing his fellow employees through several acquisitions and successful contract negotiations.

Kathy started at the company in 1989 after graduating with a degree in business administration from Hofstra University. Initially hired as an energy specialist in the conservation services department, Kathy climbed the corporate ladder at LILCO, Keyspan and now National Grid eventually ascending to Director of Customer and Community Relations for all of Long Island. In this position—and all throughout her career at National Grid—Kathy worked every day to strengthen communities across the island and help my constituents access the essential energy resources that power their lives. There was no better example of this than Kathy's work in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy—a historic storm that devastated my district in 2012. Kathy put in countless hours on behalf of National Grid customers, connecting them to critical disaster relief and working to restore their life sustaining energy service as safely and efficiently as possible. For these efforts she was recognized by several municipalities and community organizations including the city of Long Beach and its Martin Luther King Center.

I also want to acknowledge Kathy's service on the boards of Girls Inc. and Vision Long Island. Her leadership in these organizations dedicated to empowering young girls and building a more vibrant and livable community guarantees that her positive impact on Long Island will continue to be felt for decades to come.

For over thirty years, through overnights, weekends, holidays and countless storms—Kathy and Bill did their part to make sure the lights and heat came on when their neighbors needed it the most. We thank them and thousands of National Grid employees just like them who work day-in and day-out to literally power our communities.

While this is certainly a loss for National Grid and my constituents, their well-earned retirement will allow them to spend more time with their daughters Jennifer and Bridget and dogs Harley and Winnie. I am happy they are staying in Lindenhurst, the town they have called home since 1993 and wish them many years of smooth sailing as they captain their boat "Club Wiz" across the Great South Bay and along the South Shore communities in my district. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, please join me in congratulating William and Kathleen Wisniewski on this momentous occasion and thanking them for their years of dedicated service.

LIVING SPRING HARRISBURG CHURCH

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I'm honored to recognize Living Spring Harrisburg Church, a parish of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, as it celebrates 20 years of Christian ministry on November 4, 2023.

The Living Spring congregation was founded on November 2, 2003, under the distinguished leadership of Senior Pastor Tunde Oyelowo and his wife, Pastor Yinka Oyelowo. The Church, over the past two decades, has inspired faith, community service, and spiritual enlightenment. Its incredible growth from 8 to 500 members now represents 33 nations and a unique array of lingual and ethnic communities throughout South Central Pennsylvania.

The Church's vision of transforming lives, empowering people, and impacting communities is carried out through its 60,000 square foot, state-of-the-art International Center, accompanied by 8 flourishing local churches that extend to Lancaster, Lebanon, York, and Carlisle. The Church's reach, impact, and inspiration of unity and communal growth is yet another sign of God's enduring faithfulness and blessings.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I'm honored and humbled to recognize Living Spring Harrisburg Church and 2 decades of success. Living Spring's cultivation of moral values, charitable activity, and community faith is truly the epitome of God's work, and I wish its community continued great health, happiness, prosperity, and success for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. IRIS SHANNON, NURSE, EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I wish to pay my deepest respects to Dr. Iris Shannon—a nurse, educator and administrator. I met and got to know Iris Shannon in the late 1960s when I began to work in healthcare, first at the Dr. Martin King Health Center, the Westside Health Planning Organization and Mile Square Health Center.

I knew Iris as a competent, involved nurse, as Director of Nursing at Mile Square, as Director of Nursing at Rush Medical Center and as a Nursing Professor at Rush Medical School. The late 1960s and early 1970s were very serious health interest years and health activity due to the civil rights activity, changes in health law and the leadership of Democrats in government. These changes in health took place at all levels of government and Iris was what I call an activist.

There were meetings about health all over the place and practically all of the time. Iris was often present at many of these meetings, sharing her knowledge, her expertise and her wisdom. Iris worked with nurse groups, administrative groups, community groups, women

groups, black power group and the list goes on.

If it was about health and health care needs, Iris was there. Iris was an organizer, a joiner, a promoter, a practitioner, a scholar, a teacher, a mentor and a role model, not loud, but a leader who became President of the American Public Health Association.

Iris made her mark during what I call "movement time", a period when Black Americans were greatly moving out of the shadows of society. As I mentioned earlier, Dr. Shannon was not loud, but she was proud and as black as the ace of spades, if you know what I mean.

Iris possessed Black pride, expressed Black principles, stood up for Black people and exuded Black excellence. Iris was a caring and wonderful nurse, a great scholar, teacher and administrator, a visionary leader and an amazing friend.

I am so glad to have known and worked with her. Dr. Iris Shannon was a role model to so many and will be missed by the multitudes, but her legacy of service shall endure.

CELEBRATING EDEN HOUSING'S
55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize Eden Housing, which will celebrate 55 years since it first opened its doors, on Friday, October 27, 2023. Eden Housing provides dignified, affordable housing to residents across the state of California.

Eden Housing was founded in 1968 by community activists in Hayward, California. Led by California State University, Hayward Professor Bill Vandenburg, Eden Housing's mission is to provide safe, non-discriminatory, affordable housing in Alameda County. Following this mission, Eden Housing's first project was to rehabilitate six older homes in Oakland so that each family could keep making memories without sacrificing safety.

Eden Housing also develops high-quality housing communities for low-income families, seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities throughout my district, the wider Bay Area, and California. Eden Housing properties ensure that residents receive supplemental resident and enrichment programs to support their

well-being. These services include wellness checks, physical education, and financial workshops.

Over the course of its history, Eden Housing has developed nearly 12,000 affordable housing units across 155 properties in California, with more than 100,000 residents calling Eden Housing properties home. Since its inception, Eden Housing has also awarded over 620 scholarships to residents totaling more than \$1 million in support of their academic and professional goals.

It has been my privilege to support Eden Housing's work by passing a direct appropriation of \$1 million for the development of a veterans' park in Livermore. Their hard work was also recently recognized by the Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund award of \$10 million.

In sum, Eden Housing is pivotal to improving California neighborhoods through nurturing relationships with residents and diverse community partners. I am grateful for the 55 years of hard work that Eden Housing has undertaken to become a leader in the establishment of affordable housing in our state. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Eden Housing's legacy and wish it many more productive years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR.
DAVID OLIVE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to honor the career of Bluefield University President Dr. David Olive, who is set to retire at the conclusion of the 2023–2024 school year. Dr. Olive has over 25 years of experience in higher education, serving as university president since 2007.

During his time as president, Dr. Olive oversaw the introduction of both master's degree programs, online degree programs, and a RN–BSN program. He has also overseen the expansion of residential housing and the Science Center on campus.

Prior to serving as university president, Dr. Olive served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Adult Programs at Pfeiffer University. He has also held various positions at Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Tech University, and The University of Tennessee.

During his career, he has chaired the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia, the Appalachian College Association, the International Association of Baptist Colleges & Universities. He served on the NAIA Council of Presidents, on the board of directors for the Appalachian Athletic Conference and the Virginia College Fund. He is also an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist faith.

While he transitions to full retirement, Dr. Olive has made a commitment that he will find ways to continue to serve others.

Congratulations on an incredible career to Dr. Olive. He has left a lasting mark on Bluefield University and the many students he has met, taught, and mentored throughout the years.

Besides serving others, I hope that he gets to spend sufficient time in retirement with his wife Kathryn and children, Kayla and Will.

HONORING THE LITE OF JERICO
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, St. Louis and I rise to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church in Missouri's First District.

The Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church has been a spiritual beacon in the St. Louis community. Under the leadership of Reverend Reginald D. Rogers, Sr., the church has provided meals for those in need and organized health fairs for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The church has also been an avid supporter of Annie Malone Children and Family Services. I am thankful for their work and commitment to community service, including partnering with Beyond Me Outreach, which sits under the North City Community Development Corporation.

I wish the Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church success in their future endeavors, including their goal of constructing an educational facility to promote literacy among youth in the First District.

St. Louis honors the Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church on a blessed 90 years of service and worship.

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5093–S5122

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3082–3103, and S. Res. 417–422. **Pages S5109–10**

Measures Reported:

S. 3084, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States. (S. Rept. No. 118–107)

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Measures Passed:

Standing with Israel: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 261), Senate agreed to S. Res. 417, standing with Israel against terrorism. **Page S5102**

Korean American VALOR Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 366, to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain individuals who served in Vietnam as a member of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5103**

Fargo National Cemetery: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2854, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the city of Fargo, North Dakota, for the conveyance of certain land of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Fargo National Cemetery, and the bill was then passed.

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Historian Emerita of the United States Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, designating Betty K. Koed as Historian Emerita of the United States Senate. **Page S5104**

National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, designating the week of October 15 through 21, 2023, as "National Chemistry Week".

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Gold Star Children's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, designating August 1, 2023, as "Gold Star Children's Day". **Page S5104**

Whitaker Nomination–Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, Department of Transportation. **Page S5101**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 19, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. **Page S5101**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5101**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during session of Thursday, October 19, 2023, ripen at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. **Page S5115**

Looman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S5102**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, Department of Transportation. **Page S5102**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S5101–02**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S 5102**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S5122**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S5115–22**

Executive Communications: **Pages S5105–09**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5111–12**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5112–15**

Additional Statements: **Page S5105**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S5115**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5115**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S5115**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—261) **Page S5102**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5115.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STRATEGIC POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the findings of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, Chair, and former Senator Jon L. Kyl, Vice Chair, both of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nominations of Tanya F. Otsuka, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Mark Toshiro Uyeda, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Jennifer L. Fain, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, and William Brodsky, of Illinois, both to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOE COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND LOANS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's due diligence process for awarding competitive grants and loans funded through the Inflation Reduction Act and the bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Department's overall innovation investment strategy, after receiving testimony from David Crane, Under Secretary for Infrastructure, Jigar Shah, Director, Loan Programs Office, and Teri L. Donaldson, Inspector General, all of the Department of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, and Herro Mustafa Garg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, all of the Department of State, David E. White, Jr., of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, and Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5988–6007; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 797–800, were introduced. **Pages H5031–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5033**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m. **Page H5031**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, October 20th. **Page H5031**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CAN IT WORK? OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON DOD'S REPLICATOR PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled "Can it work? Outside Perspectives on DOD's Replicator Program". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUNDING THE ALARM: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR A FISCAL COMMISSION

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Sounding the Alarm: Examining the Need for a Fiscal Commission". Testimony was heard from Representative Womack, Former Member Robert Portman, Former Member John Yarmuth, and a public witness.

PROTECTING KIDS: COMBATING GRAPHIC, EXPLICIT CONTENT IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Protecting Kids: Combating Graphic, Explicit Content in School Libraries". Testimony was heard from Megan Degenfelder, Superintendent, Wyoming Department of Education; and public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN POWERING AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Powering America's Energy Future". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WHAT'S THE PROGNOSIS?: EXAMINING MEDICARE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE AND MINIMIZE RED TAPE FOR DOCTORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "What's the Prognosis?: Examining Medicare Proposals to Improve Patient Access to Care and Minimize Red Tape for Doctors". Testimony was heard from Meena Seshamani, M.D., Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie Gordon, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office;

Paul Masi, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 559, declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran is not acceptable; H.R. 340, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad; H.R. 3266, to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports reviewing the curriculum used by the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; H.R. 3774, to impose additional sanctions with respect to the importation or facilitation of the importation of petroleum products from Iran, and for other purposes; H.R. 5826, to require a report on sanctions under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 2973, to require the Secretary of Defense to develop, in cooperation with allies and partners in the Middle East, an integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capability, and for other purposes; H. Res. 599, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization; and H.R. 1809, to require the development of strategies and options to prevent the export to Iran of certain technologies related to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled "The Role of Technology in Aviation Security". Testimony was heard from Austin Gould, Assistant Administrator, Requirements and Capabilities Analysis, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Mario Wilson, Assistant Administrator, Acquisition Program Management, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Tina Won Sherman, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office.

EXPLOITATION AND ENFORCEMENT: EVALUATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER UYGHUR FORCED LABOR

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "Exploitation and Enforcement: Evaluating the Department of Homeland Security's Efforts to Counter Uyghur Forced Labor". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IP AND STRATEGIC COMPETITION WITH CHINA: PART III—IP THEFT, CYBERSECURITY, AND AI

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part III—IP Theft, Cybersecurity, and AI”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1727, the “Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension Act”; H.R. 5283, the “Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023”; legislation on the Trash Reduction And Suppressing Harm from Environmental Degradation at the Border Act; and legislation on the Ensuring Border Access and Protection on Federal Land Act. Testimony was heard from Joann Ariola, Council Member, 32nd District, New York City Council, New York; Troy Heithecker, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; George Lewis, Chair, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Federal Advisory Commission, U.S. National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on legislation on the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of, 2023. Testimony was heard from Joseph Y. Yun, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations, Department of State; and Carmen Cantor, Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior.

BURDENSOME REGULATIONS: EXAMINING THE EFFECTS OF DOL RULEMAKING ON AMERICA’S JOB CREATORS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Burdensome Regulations: Examining the Effects of DOL Rulemaking on America’s Job Creators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS: A REVIEW OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Build-

ings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Regional Commissions: A Review of Federal Economic Development Program Effectiveness”. Testimony was heard from Gayle Manchin, Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission; Corey Wiggins, Federal Co-Chair, Delta Regional Authority; Chris Saunders, Federal Co-Chair, Northern Border Regional Commission; Jennifer Clyburn Reed, Federal Co-Chair, Southeast Crescent Regional Commission; and Garrett Boyle, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission.

INVESTIGATING PANDEMIC FRAUD: PREVENTING HISTORY FROM REPEATING ITSELF

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Investigating Pandemic Fraud: Preventing History from Repeating Itself”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Shea, Director of Audits, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; Robert Asaro Angelo, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ISRAEL AND UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Israel and Ukraine against terror, after receiving testimony from Eliav Benjamin, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Israel to the United States; Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States of America; Jamil N. Jaffer, George Mason University National Security Institute; Jonathan Schanzer, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies; and Dan Twining, International Republican Institute.

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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, October 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, October 20

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