

I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted no on rollcall vote 221, on the Motion to Re-

#### REMEMBERING ELLEN M. BLOOM

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, earlier this year we lost one of our Senate alumnae—a constituent and a personal friend—Ellen Michelle Bloom. She was a devoted mother and wife, who dedicated her career to public service and advocating for consumers. While she was not a household name, her 40-year career has benefited the lives of millions of Americans.

Ellen began her extraordinary career while a student at the University of Maryland, interning for Senator John Tunney before joining the staff of a newly elected Senator, Howard Metzenbaum. Her first job was in the mailroom, answering constituent mail, learning about the concerns of Ohioans and figuring out how to navigate the bureaucracy.

Over the ensuing 18 years on Senator Metzenbaum's staff, Ellen rose through the ranks, at a time when female aides were a distinct minority, to become his legislative director and an expert in consumer protection. As her many friends and colleagues have written in the months since her passing at age 65, Ellen was not interested in attention; she was only interested in results. A long-time friend and colleague wrote of Ellen, "It's amazing how much you can get done when you don't care who gets the credit." That was Ellen.

From provisions in the 1984 Cable Act mandating Equal Employment Opportunity standards, to promoting children's television legislation, to regulations requiring lavatories on commuter airplanes, to warning labels on large buckets designed to protect small children from drowning, Ellen's work was far-reaching. She advocated for the use of car seats and bicycle helmets and was among a small group who sought to bridge the "digital divide" long before it became a popular phrase. She believed in equality and fairness and sought ways to incorporate these principles into public policy.

When Senator Metzenbaum retired, Ellen was recruited to join the Clinton administration, first at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, then as the Commerce Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and lastly as Deputy Chief of Staff for Commerce Secretary William Daley, where her responsibilities included the 2000 Census.

Following her public service career, Ellen joined the Washington staff of Consumer Reports. As Director of Federal Policy and head of the D.C. office, she led the organization's advocacy in support of the Affordable Care Act, fought for stricter vehicle emission standards, promoted expanded consumer product labeling, and worked on many other issues that protected the

safety and health of American consumers.

At a time when so many question the ability of the government and public advocacy to improve the quality of life for our citizens, Ellen's work stands as an antidote to cynicism. She recognized that the work of democracy is hard but always had faith that we could make progress.

Her legacy of good works is a testament to that conviction and an inspiration for all. She was also an example of how to face adversity with courage and fortitude.

While her professional accomplishments were many, her greatest pride was her family: her husband David Bushnell and their children Michael and Jenna Bushnell, her many nieces and nephews, her brother and sister-in-law, her cousins spread across the country. Her life was too short—way too—short; but it was full of love and rich in the ways that gave it depth, joy, and consequence.

We were lucky to have such a dedicated and passionate public servant. I was fortunate to count Ellen as a dear friend. She made our country a better, safer place. She may be gone, but her many accomplishments live on and will continue to protect and benefit Americans for generations to come. We need many more Ellen Blooms, but she was one of a kind.

#### 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-5755. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clofentazine; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10015-25-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5756. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dipropylene Glycol and Triethylene Glycol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10015-39-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5757. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10012-78-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5758. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10012-87-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5759. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; Revision of the Application Exclusion Zone Requirements" (FRL No. 10016-03-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5760. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration with Alternative Compliance for Non-U.S. Derivatives Clearing Organizations" (RIN3038-AE87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5761. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5762. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2019 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5763. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule—Regulatory Capital Rule: Temporary Changes to and Transition for the Community Bank Leverage Ratio Framework" (RIN3064-AE47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5764. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule—Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN3064-AF48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5765. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule—Regulatory Capital Rule and Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity Rule: Eligible Retained Income" (RIN3064-AF40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5766. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule—Regulatory Capital Rule: Revised Transition of the Current Expected Credit Losses Methodology for Allowances" (RIN3064-AF42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5767. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fuels Regulatory Streamlining" (FRL No. 10014-97-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5768. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of CCR; A Holistic

Approach to Closure Part B: Alternate Demonstration for Unlined Surface Impoundments” (FRL No. 10015–88–OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5769. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Meals and Entertainment Expenses Under Section 274” (RIN1545–BP23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5770. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Computation and Reporting of Reserves for Life Insurance Companies” (RIN1545–BO13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5771. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Treasure Decision (TD): Base Erosion and Anti-Abuse Tax” ((RIN1545–BP36) (TD 9910)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5772. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration’s fiscal year 2020 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5773. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23–418, “Office for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing Establishment Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5774. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22–419, “Standby Guardian Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5775. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Call Authentication Trust Anchor” ((FCC 20–136) (WC Docket No. 17–97)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5776. A communication from the Deputy Branch Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “8YY Access Change Reform” ((FCC 20–143) (WC Docket No. 18–156)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-244. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of

Michigan urging the United States Congress to repeal the federal ban on Pell Grants for prison-based education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 234

Whereas, The federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain postbaccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Pell grants have been helping millions of low-income students across the country access postsecondary education for 45 years; and

Whereas, The federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act denied all incarcerated individuals’ eligibility for federal financial aid in 1994, making prisoners ineligible to receive Pell grants and therefore less likely to obtain a postsecondary degree while incarcerated. Until 1992, Pell grants were available to incarcerated individuals. As a result, education programs expanded throughout the prison system, and by 1990, there were 772 prison college programs in more than 1,000 correctional facilities; and

Whereas, Postsecondary courses and training for incarcerated people will make them more likely to secure jobs and succeed economically upon release. While currently only 24 percent of people in federal prison have had access to some postsecondary education, 65 percent of all new jobs nationwide now require a postsecondary degree; and

Whereas, Postsecondary education and training programs lead to lower recidivism rates, less crime, and improved public safety. Incarcerated people who participate in postsecondary education and training programs are 43 percent less likely to recidivate than those who do not participate; and

Whereas, Prison education reduces violence within the prison system. Prisons with college programs have fewer violent incidents, which allows corrections officials to do their jobs in a safer environment; and

Whereas, Prison-based education is cost-effective. Every dollar invested in prison-based education yields \$4.00 to \$5.00 in taxpayer savings in reduced long-term incarceration costs; and

Whereas, Removing the federal ban on Pell grants for prison education would expand access to postsecondary education for people in Michigan’s prisons; and

Whereas, Should the surplus for the Pell grant program run low and there is a need to prioritize the awarding of Pell grants, non-prisoner applicants should have priority over prisoner applicants; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to repeal the federal ban on Pell grants for prison-based education; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-245. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to allocate funding for states that have established broadband expansion block grant programs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 283

Whereas, Broadband internet is a critically important communications method Americans use to connect with one another. Businesses, consumers, workers, and students use the internet for a variety of purposes, making it indispensable in today’s society; and

Whereas, During the COVID-19 crisis, the internet has become an even more important

and essential tool in providing a means for Americans to connect with work, school, and health care. Ensuring that all Americans have access to broadband services at speeds they need to fully participate in our society is imperative; and

Whereas, Multiple states have established broadband expansion block grant programs to distribute funds to internet service providers for the purpose of building out broadband infrastructure in rural and underserved areas of their states. This includes Michigan’s Connecting Michigan Communities grant program; and

Whereas, Congress can assist states working to increase broadband availability to homes, business, and other entities by making funds available to improve and continue expanding broadband infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we urge the Congress of the United States to allocate funding for states that have established broadband expansion block grant programs; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-246. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Atlanta, Georgia urging the United States Senate to appropriate funds to sustain the U.S. Postal Service, and to ensure the Postal Service continues to function as a universal public service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

POM-247. A resolution adopted by the Bay County, Florida Board of Commissioners, strongly urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to provide the financial assistance required to aid states and local units of government as they continue to deal with the economic long term effects of Covid-19; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2074

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2074, a bill to amend section 303(g) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)) to eliminate the separate registration requirement for dispensing narcotic drugs in schedule III, IV, or V, such as buprenorphine, for maintenance or detoxification treatment, and for other purposes.

S. 3595

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3595, a bill to require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19.

S. 4349

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4349, a bill to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.

S. 4791

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4791, a bill to provide for a Community-Based Emergency and Non-Emergency Response Grant Program.