

government, he restored and outfitted a historic building in downtown Whitesburg to operate his craft distillery. In 2015, Kentucky Mist Moonshine opened its doors.

Today, Kentucky Mist Moonshine is renowned for its moonshine, whiskey, and vodka. The company has grown at a significant clip, experiencing 105 percent growth from 2019 to 2021. Featuring over 12 varieties of moonshine, their spirits are made from an original recipe free of artificial flavors or additives. Their products are sold throughout the United States and have drawn praise nationwide. Every batch is made in Kentucky under Colin's watchful eye. The Kentucky Mist Moonshine team has grown to 15 employees and expanded to include 3 locations in Orange Beach, AL, and North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach, SC. Additionally, the distillery supports local Kentucky artisans and regional small businesses, selling hand-crafted goods at each of their locations. Uniquely, Kentucky Mist Moonshine makes fruit-infused moonshine and donates the fruit byproducts to local farmers for livestock feed.

Like many small businesses, Colin is actively involved in his community. Kentucky Mist Moonshine is part of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, while Colin serves on the local board of tourism. Locally, Kentucky Mist Moonshine has sponsored several Letcher County Central High School sports teams. They regularly participate in local and regional events, including the annual Mountain Heritage Festival. Kentucky Mist Moonshine is a member of the Kentucky Distillers' Association, Kentucky's premier bourbon and distilled spirits trade association. Their whiskey, vodka, and moonshine have earned multiple awards at industry and trade shows. The company's success has been profiled in several regional and industry publications. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kentucky Mist Moonshine stepped up to manufacture hand sanitizer for local hospitals and clinics. During the summer, they hosted a series of concerts at their facility to support local artists and build community after a year of lockdowns.

Kentucky Mist Moonshine is a remarkable example of the resilience and adaptability of locally owned small businesses. Small businesses, like Kentucky Mist Moonshine, form the heart of towns across Kentucky and play a critical role in Kentucky's bourbon and whiskey industry. Congratulations to Colin and the entire team at Kentucky Mist Moonshine. I wish them the best of luck, and I look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1917. An act to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3599. An act to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4094. An act to conduct a pilot program at foreign last point of departure airports to permit passengers and their accessible property to continue on additional flights or flight segments originating in the United States without additional security re-screening, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4363. An act to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4426. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4682. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring certain foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

At 4:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5305) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3533. An act to establish occupational series for Federal positions in software development, software engineering, data science, and data management, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5305. An act making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3533. An act to establish occupational series for Federal positions in software development, software engineering, data science, and data management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4094. An act to conduct a pilot program at foreign last point of departure airports to permit passengers and their accessible property to continue on additional flights or flight segments originating in the United States without additional security re-screening, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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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-85. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma urging the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution related to balancing the federal budget, imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limiting the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Section 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "United States Senator, Dr. Tom Coburn Resolution of 2021".

Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States, through the enactment of Article V, empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty; of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of

the states under Article V of the United States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; and

Whereas, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma believe that it is in the best interest of the people of the United States to amend the United States Constitution in order to adopt a balanced budget amendment and to address the areas of overreach of the federal government; and

Whereas, as early as 1976, the Thirty-fifth Oklahoma Legislature enacted House Joint Resolution No. 1049, calling for an Article V Convention for the purpose of preparing and submitting to the states an amendment “requiring, in the absence of a national emergency, that the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year”; and

Whereas, the Thirty-fifth Oklahoma Legislature acknowledged in House Joint Resolution No. 1049 the critical need for a federal balanced budget amendment with the prophetic statement “believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation which results from this policy, is the greatest threat which faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore fiscal responsibility”; and

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, each state may request Congress to provide for a convention to propose amendments.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 1st session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature:

Section 2. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby makes two separate applications to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States. The first such application is set forth in Sections 3 through 6 of this resolution. The second such application is set forth in Sections 7 through 10 of this resolution.

Section 3. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

Section 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from this state; also, to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of the legislative houses in several states requesting their cooperation.

Section 5. This application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states including, but not limited to, previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia; and this application shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds (2/3) of states necessary to require the calling of a convention,

but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject.

Section 6. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject.

Section 7. The Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

Section 8. This application shall be aggregated with the applications of the various states and, together with any future applications, for a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States limited to the purposes stated herein.

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POM-87. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to opposing legislation resulting in the United States becoming a cashless society; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-88. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1486. A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jessica D. Aber, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Carla B. Freedman, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

William J. Ihlenfeld II, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Christopher R. Kavanaugh, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Darcie N. McElwee, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Breon S. Peace, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

William S. Thompson, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Damian Williams, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.

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. ROUNDS:

S. 2903. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish executive education activities on emerging technologies for appropriate general and flag officers and senior executive-level civilian leaders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2904. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish performance objectives and accompanying metrics for the incorporation of artificial intelligence and digital readiness into Department of Defense platforms, processes, and operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2905. A bill to improve requirements relating to establishment of a consortium of universities to advise the Secretary of Defense on cybersecurity matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2906. A bill to add certain items to the list of high priority goods and services for analyses, recommendations, and actions related to sourcing and industrial capacity; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms.

BALDWIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2907. A bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2908. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require federally licensed firearms importers, manufacturers, and dealers to meet certain requirements with respect to securing their firearms inventory, business records, and business premises; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2909. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a manufacturing investment tax credit and a production tax credit for manufacturing facilities that produce onshore wind turbine components; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2910. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the 180-day exclusivity period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2911. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide funding to States for extending broadband service to unserved areas in partnership with broadband service providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 2912. A bill to strengthen United States oversight of the Biological Weapons Convention and to advance non-proliferation objectives related to biological weapons, dual-use technologies, and life sciences research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2913. A bill to ensure that Write Your Own companies can sell private flood insurance products that compete with National Flood Insurance Program products; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2914. A bill to amend the First Step Act of 2018 to permit defendants convicted of certain offenses to be eligible for reduced sentences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2915. A bill to allow National Flood Insurance Program policyholders who leave the program to purchase a private insurance flood policy to return the National Flood Insurance Program without penalty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2916. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to require that certain information is made publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 2917. A bill to establish a Federal tort against social media companies that cause bodily injury to children or harm the mental health of children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2918. A bill to keep children safe and protect their interests on the internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2919. A bill to designate Indigenous Peoples' Day as a legal public holiday and replace the term "Columbus Day" with the term "Indigenous Peoples' Day", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2920. A bill to provide downpayment assistance to first-generation homebuyers to