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From preparing Johnny Cash to testify before Congress, to booking performances for Republican and Democratic National Conventions, even reuniting Fleetwood Mac to perform at President Bill Clinton's 1993 inauguration—there is a reason why the Los Angeles Times has dubbed him the “musical diplomat.” Joel Flatow embodies the best not only of Los Angeles, not only of the diverse music industry, but of all that music and the arts can do for our country.

On behalf of the State of California, I want to thank Joel for his commitment to strengthening an industry at the heart and soul of our State and for representing the voices of musicians across the country in the halls of power.●

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. J. Res. 12, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions” and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Hoeven, Steve Daines, James Lankford, Tim Sheehy, Tommy Tuberville, Thom Tillis, Cynthia M. Lummis, Roger W. Marshall, Kevin Cramer, Rand Paul, James E. Risch, John Cornyn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Pete Ricketts, Shelley Moore Capito, Mike Crapo, John Barrasso, Markwayne Mullin, Katie Boyd Britt, James C. Justice, Deb Fischer, John Kennedy, Ted Budd, Roger Wicker, Ted Cruz, Jon Husted, John Boozman, Mike Rounds, Rick Scott.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S. J. Res. 12. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions”.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COTTON, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence United

States Senate covering the period January 3, 2023 to January 3, 2025” (Rept. No. 119-1).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CASSIDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 643. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 644. A bill to improve retrospective reviews of Federal regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 645. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 646. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to carry out Executive Order 14160; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 647. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to create regional wildland fire research centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 648. A bill to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 649. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 650. A bill to designate America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 651. A bill to repeal programs relating to funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 652. A bill to provide for the regulation of certain communications regarding prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUDD:

S. 653. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat membership in a health care sharing ministry as a medical expense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. BUDD):

S. 654. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an external provider scheduling program to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. 655. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to postpone tax deadlines and reimburse paid late fees for United States national who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 656. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports containing adverse items of information about a consumer that resulted from that consumer being unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad or held hostage abroad; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KAINE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 657. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide retirement security to United States nationals who were unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. LEE):

S. 658. A bill to prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from requiring that personally identifiable information be collected under consolidated audit trail reporting requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 659. A bill to establish a grant program within the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to award grants to States that require the recording of all child welfare interviews with children and adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 660. A bill to establish limitations on advanced payments for bus rolling stock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 661. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to apply certain requirements when closing a processing, shipping, delivery, or other facility supporting a post office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 662. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for an alternative removal for performance or misconduct for Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 663. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General to deputize a State or local law enforcement officer to protect certain events with temporary flight restrictions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 664. A bill to replace the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases with 3 separate national research institutes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 665. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish the Health Engagement Hub Demonstration Program to increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 666. A bill to increase access to mental health, substance use, and counseling services for first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH:

S. 667. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the inspection of foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold shrimp for consumption in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 668. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of Falls Prevention of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 669. A bill to terminate membership by the United States in the United Nations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. GALLEGOS, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 670. A bill to establish an Outdoor Restoration Fund for restoration and resilience projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 671. A bill to establish the Office of the Inspector General for Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 672. A bill to establish the CCP Initiative program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 673. A bill to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion

of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KING, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CRAMER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 674. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain broadband grants from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 675. A bill to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 676. A bill to prohibit assistance to foreign governments that violate human rights with respect to religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 677. A bill to require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 678. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to verify certain eligibility criteria for individuals enrolled for medical assistance quarterly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 679. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LEE, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 680. A bill to prohibit funding for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change until China is no longer defined as a developing country; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 681. A bill to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 682. A bill to provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to Ukraine for military, economic, and humanitarian aid; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to Israel of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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S.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to Israel of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to Israel of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed license amendment for the export to Israel of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 86. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) and the harmful conflation of China's "One China Principle" and the United States' "One China Policy"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 87. A resolution designating February 2025 as "American Heart Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WARNOCK, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 88. A resolution designating March 7, 2025, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. BLUNT ROCHES, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KING, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. OSOFF, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BANKS, Mr. SHEEHY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. Res. 89. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 15 through February 22, 2025, as "National FFA Week", recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 90th anniversary of New Farmers of America and the 75th anniversary of the Future Farmers of America Federal charter; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor