

Affairs, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill, S. 204, was subsequently signed by the Vice President.

The enrolled bill, S. 2155, was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. TILLIS).

The enrolled bill, S. 2372, was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The message also announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ARRINGTON) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 292. An act to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1282. An act to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana.

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

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 24, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 204. An act to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes.

S. 292. An act to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1282. An act to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana.

S. 2155. An act to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pydiflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9976-66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5313. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Unverified List (UVL)" (RIN0694-AH54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5314. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Voluntary Commitments to Reduce Industrial Energy Intensity"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5315. A communication from the Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: The Comprehensive Inventory of U.S. Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Natural Gas Resources—2018 Update"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Non-attainment Plans for the Lemont and Pekin SO₂ Nonattainment Areas; Correction" (FRL No. 9978-43-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Volatile Organic Compounds Definition" (FRL No. 9978-45-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; OR; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, 2010 Sulfur Dioxide, and 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standards" (FRL No. 9978-47-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 9978-30-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5320. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; 2008 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision for Baton Rouge" (FRL No. 9978-44-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5321. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9977-86-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5322. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Disposal; Temporary Modification of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site in Massachusetts Bay" (FRL No. 9978-57-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5323. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Extension of Expiration Date for Endocrine Disorders Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AI28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5324. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of State 2018 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflationary Adjustment" (RIN1400-AE50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2018; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5325. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5326. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-237. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to mitigate the high, disproportionately adverse impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Hawaii citizens by increasing federal funding of Hawaii housing initiatives; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

Whereas, Hawaii's cost of living is the highest in the nation; and

Whereas, utility costs in Hawaii are 106.5 percent higher than national average; and

Whereas, housing costs in Hawaii are 103.3 percent higher than the national average; and

Whereas, the national median price of a single-family home is currently \$241,700, while the median price in Hawaii is currently \$772,000; and

Whereas, experts estimate that Hawaii faces a shortage of five thousand housing units, illustrating the depth of the State's housing crisis; and

Whereas, the median age of a single-family home in Hawaii is between thirty to thirty-nine years old, which is disproportionately older than the median age in other states; and

Whereas, the older age of Hawaii homes means homeowners often invest considerable amounts for repairs and upgrades; and

Whereas, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 reduces the debt amount eligible for the mortgage interest deduction from \$1,000,000 to only \$750,000, and eliminates the tax deduction interest on home equity loans if the loan proceeds are used for purposes unrelated to the taxpayer's home; and

Whereas, many tax credits that benefit persons with lower incomes will sunset in 2027, creating a more regressive tax system with higher tax liabilities for those who can afford it least; and

Whereas, the changes created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will affect a disproportionately high percentage of Hawaii residents compared to other states because of Hawaii's unique physical and economic environment; and

Whereas, Hawaii currently ranks as one of the states that is least dependent on federal aid, with federal assistance comprising only 22.8 percent of general revenues: Now, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Twenty ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the President of the United States and the United States Congress are urged to mitigate the high, disproportionately adverse impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Hawaii citizens by increasing federal funding of Hawaii housing initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the United States and the United States Congress are urged to request the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase funding levels to Hawaii programs, regardless of potential budget cuts to that department in pending federal appropriations bills; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Governor, Director of Human Services, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1397. A bill to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-257).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2975. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-258).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2976. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-259).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019" (Rept. No. 115-260).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 386. A resolution urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections, comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms, and fulfill its constitutional mandate for a democratic transition of power by taking concrete and measurable steps towards holding elections not later than December 2018 as outlined in the existing election calendar, and allowing for freedom of expression and association.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2602. A bill to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Alan D. Albright, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Thomas S. Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Peter J. Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Wendy Vitter, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Erica H. MacDonald, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Scott Patrick Illing, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana 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. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2945. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a housing choice voucher mobility demonstration to encourage families receiving the voucher assistance to move to lower-poverty areas and expand access to opportunity areas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2946. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 2947. A bill to establish the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2948. A bill to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 2949. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out certain activities to ensure the readiness of the Department of Defense with respect to joint electromagnetic spectrum operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2950. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the establishment of franchises by veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2951. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for projects to strengthen and protect vulnerable infrastructure used during mass evacuations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ENZI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. HELLER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, and Mr. MANGHIN):

S. 2952. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to establish protections against congressional sexual harassment and discrimination, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2953. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2954. A bill to provide for the award of medals or other commendations to handlers of military working dogs and military working dogs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2955. A bill to reform the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process conducted by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2956. A bill to intensify stem cell research showing evidence of substantial clinical benefit to patients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2957. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2958. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible