

Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Fund Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2022"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2074. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 109th Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Board covering operations for calendar year 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2075. A communication from the Deputy 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" (RIN0694-AJ28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2076. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption for Certain Exchange Members" (RIN3235-AN17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2077. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mali Sanctions Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2078. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure" (RIN3235-AM89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2079. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Private Fund Advisors: Documentation of Registered Investment Adviser Compliance Review" (RIN3235-AN07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2080. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2081. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions" (RIN1014-AA52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2082. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dehumidifiers" (RIN1904-AE60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2083. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dishwashers" (RIN1904-AF50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2084. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improvements to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements" ((RIN1902-AG00) (Docket No. RM22-14-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-41. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the United States Congress to not support legislation, or other efforts, relating to the adoption of a central bank digital currency in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

Whereas, on March 9, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden issued Executive Order 14067 (executive order), "Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets", to establish a broad interagency effort to study and develop a United States central bank digital currency (CBDC); and

Whereas, the executive order established an interagency effort to develop "Policy and Actions Related to United States Central Bank Digital Currencies"; and

Whereas, the executive order states, "within 180 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Director of National Intelligence, and the heads of other relevant agencies, shall submit to the President a report on the future of money and payment systems"; and

Whereas, the executive order states the term "central bank digital currency" or CBDC refers to a form of digital money or monetary value, denomination in the national unit of account, that is a direct liability of the central bank; and

Whereas, the executive order requires the United States attorney general, together with the secretary of the Treasury and the chairman of the Federal Reserve, to provide the president a legislative proposal for a CBDC within two hundred ten days of the executive order; and

Whereas, The Federal Reserve bank of New York and ten financial institutions completed testing of certain features related to a CBDC in 2022; and

Whereas, the CBDC under development and testing pursuant to the executive order will include programmable design features that will control the ability of a person to freely utilize the CBDC; and

Whereas, a United States CBDC raises significant concerns over privacy for individuals and businesses in Louisiana; and

Whereas, the adoption of a CBDC by the federal government would be an unacceptable expansion of federal authority; and

Whereas, the adoption of a CBDC by the federal government would hand over to the Federal Reserve unprecedented control of the lives, freedoms, choices, and sovereignty of the people of Louisiana. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge the United States Congress not to support legislation, or other efforts, relating to the adoption of a central bank digital currency in the United States. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, the secretary of the Treasury, and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-42. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to establish Fort Jackson in Plaquemines Parish as a national park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Whereas, on August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the "Organic Act" creating the National Park Service, a federal bureau in the Department of the Interior responsible for maintaining national parks and monuments; and

Whereas, today, the National Park Service manages four hundred individual units which cover more than eighty-five million acres in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and US territories; and

Whereas, the National Park System also includes more than one hundred fifty related areas and numerous programs that assist in conserving the nation's natural and cultural heritage; and

Whereas, Fort Jackson is situated thirty-two nautical miles from the Gulf of Mexico and sixty-five miles in a southeasterly direction from New Orleans on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish and possesses nationally significant natural and cultural resources; and

Whereas, construction of Fort Jackson was begun in 1822 upon the recommendation of its namesake General Andrew Jackson who recognized the need for additional fortifications to protect the mouth of the Mississippi River from attack; and

Whereas, the construction of star-shaped Fort Jackson was completed in 1832, and the fort was readied for service during the Mexican War in 1846; and

Whereas, in April of 1862, Fort Jackson was the site of an important battle of the Civil War, sustaining days of shelling as Confederate troops fought, to prevent Union forces from reaching New Orleans; and

Whereas, Fort Jackson was donated to Plaquemines Parish in 1960 and since that time the parish and its people have invested in the conservation and renovation of the fort, which efforts have made it one of the principal historical attractions in the region. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to establish Fort Jackson in Plaquemines Parish as a national park; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-43. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana

urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to codify the terminology of “solar compound” and “wind installation” in lieu of “solar farm” and “wind farm”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

Whereas, the state of Louisiana is a proud agricultural state that values the importance of farming and the production of crops; and

Whereas, the development of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power has become increasingly important in reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and protecting our environment; and

Whereas, the terminology used to describe these renewable energy sources is important in accurately conveying their purpose and function; and

Whereas, the terms “solar farm” and “wind farm” are misleading and inaccurate because they do not produce food or other crops; and

Whereas, the use of these terms can cause confusion and misrepresentation of the purpose of these installations; and

Whereas, Congress has always supported farming and the agricultural industry. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to codify the terminology of “solar compound” and “wind installation” in lieu of “solar farm” and “wind farm” to accurately reflect the purpose and function of these renewable energy sources. Be it further,

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, the president of the United States, the governor of Louisiana, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2024.” (Rept. No. 118-98).

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. KING (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2775. A bill to amend the American History and Civics Education program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require inclusion of programs that educate students about the history and principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr.

WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2776. A bill to prevent a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime, or received an enhanced sentence for a misdemeanor because of hate or bias in its commission, from obtaining a firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KING, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2777. A bill to increase child care options for working families and support child care providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2778. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on competition among suppliers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2779. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish an Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2780. A bill to require sponsors of drug applications and holders of approved applications to provide certain submissions and communications to the Food and Drug Administration and the United States Patent and Trademark Office; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KELLY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2781. A bill to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2782. A bill to provide the Food and Drug Administration with authority to conduct microbial sampling on concentrated animal feeding operations as necessary to facilitate a foodborne illness outbreak investigation, determine the root cause of an outbreak of foodborne illness, or address other public health needs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2783. 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. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VANCE):

S. 2784. A bill to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation

Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. VANCE):

S. 2785. A bill to gradually raise the Federal minimum wage, to permanently establish the E-Verify employment eligibility verification system, to mandate the use of E-Verify by all employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE:

S. 2786. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include the provision of tree nuts under the seniors farmers' market nutrition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2787. A bill to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to process applications for spectrum licenses from applicants who were successful bidders in an auction before the authority of the Commission to conduct auctions expired on March 9, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LEE, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2788. A bill to amend section 3661 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the consideration of acquitted conduct at sentencing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2789. A bill to direct the President to designate a month as African Diaspora Heritage Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2790. A bill to reform rural housing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2791. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to make appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations Act expires before the enactment of a new appropriations Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FETTERMAN:

S. 2792. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to procure a minimum amount of meat and poultry products from small meat processors and to develop a digital livestock exchange platform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2793. A bill to reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2794. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make fraudulent dealings in firearms and ammunition unlawful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2795. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain