

EC-6803. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; General Category December Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE450) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6804. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; U.S. Territorial Catch and Fishing Effort Limits" (RIN0648-BD46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6805. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule To Increase the Commercial Trip Limit for Atlantic King Mackerel" (RIN0648-BJ19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6806. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2019 U.S. Territorial Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits" (RIN0648-XG925) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6807. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2019-2020 Commercial Hook-and-Line Closure for King Mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico Southern Zone" (RIN0648-XS025) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6808. A communication from the Attorney for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Infant Bath Seats" ((16 CFR Part 1215) (Docket No. CPSC-2009-0064)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6809. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2024 Update" (Docket No. EP 542) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6810. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j),

Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Lubbock, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 24-224) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6811. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief of Competition Policy, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Call Authentication Trust Anchor" ((WC Docket No. 17-97) (FCC 24-120)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6812. A communication from the Division Chief of Policy and Rules, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of the 5.850-5.925 GHz Band" ((ET Docket No. 19-138) (FCC 24-123)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### 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. MORAN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 5472. A bill to authorize peace officer standards and training agencies to access criminal history records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5473. A bill to establish the Immersive Technology Advisory Panel to promote the use of immersive technology in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 5474. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish an interagency council on social determinants of health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 5475. A bill to amend the Organic Food Production Act of 1990 to provide producers with the option to confirm the absence of prohibited substances through testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 5476. A bill to provide for Department of Energy and National Science Foundation research and development coordination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 5477. A bill to establish Federal policies and procedures to notify the next of kin or other emergency contact upon the death, or serious illness or serious injury, of an individual in Federal custody, to provide model policies for States, units of local government, and Indian Tribes to implement and enforce similar policies and procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 5478. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow an equivalent deduction for home educators; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5479. A bill to implement a 5-year pilot program establishing a performance-based pay structure for certain Federal employees in order to enhance productivity, accountability, and employee satisfaction in public service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, Mr. LUJAN, and Mr. REED):

S. 5480. A bill to repeal the debt ceiling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 5481. A bill to clarify that agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services do not have the authority to regulate the practice of medicine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5482. A bill to impose restrictions on Federal agencies with respect to appointments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5483. A bill to provide for across-the-board rescissions of nonsecurity discretionary spending of 5 percent; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5484. A bill to provide for across-the-board rescissions of nonsecurity discretionary spending of 1 percent; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5485. A bill to provide for across-the-board rescissions of nonsecurity discretionary spending of 2 percent; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 5486. A bill to establish a commission to study the relocation of certain agencies outside of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARSHALL, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 5487. A bill to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 5488. A bill to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 5489. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to adjust the definition of "small impoverished community"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 5490. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain a communications program to communicate with the general public about patterns and trends with respect to changing weather and climate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 5491. A bill to mobilize United States strategic, economic, and diplomatic tools to

confront the challenges posed by the People's Republic of China and to set a positive agenda for United States economic and diplomatic efforts abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 5492. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for services of radiologist assistants under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 5493. A bill to establish the obligations of certain large business entities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 5494. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 North Tanchahua Street in Corpus Christi, Texas, as the "Captain Robert E. 'Bob' Batterson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

S. 5495. A bill to cap the emissions of greenhouse gases through a requirement to purchase carbon permits, to distribute the proceeds of such purchases to eligible individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 5496. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish oversight mediation committees to help resolve property boundary disputes regarding National Forest System land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to place limitations on excepting positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

S. 652

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2277, a bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2421

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2421, a bill to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to revise the terms of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement and the Livestock Price Reinsurance Agreement, and for other purposes.

S. 4040

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4040, a bill to establish a new non-immigrant visa for mobile entertainment workers.

S. 4297

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4297, a bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act.

S. 4436

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4436, a bill to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, and for other purposes.

S. 4477

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4477, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 4630

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4630, a bill to establish an interagency committee to harmonize regulatory regimes in the United States relating to cybersecurity, and for other purposes.

S. 5062

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5062, a bill to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes.

S. 5274

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 5274, a bill to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

S. 5392

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5392, a bill to prohibit discrimination based on political affiliation in granting disaster assistance.

S. 5408

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 5408, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the life and legacy of Roberto Clemente.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3316. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1351, to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 3316.** Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1351, to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act".

##### SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE STUDY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall seek to enter into a contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (referred to in this section as the "National Academies") to conduct a study to examine the state of youth in youth residential programs and make recommendations.

(b) **STUDY COMPONENTS.**—Pursuant to the contract under subsection (a), the National Academies shall, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act, and every 2 years thereafter for a period of 10 years, issue a report informed by the study conducted under such subsection that includes—

(1) identification of the nature, prevalence, severity, and scope of child abuse, neglect, and deaths in youth residential programs, including types of abuse and neglect, causes of abuse, neglect, and deaths, and criteria used to assess abuse, neglect, and deaths;

(2) identification of all Federal and State funding sources for youth residential programs;

(3) identification of Federal data collection sources on youth in youth residential programs;

(4) identification of existing regulation of youth residential programs, including alternative licensing standards or licensing exemptions for youth residential programs;

(5) identification of existing standards of care of national accreditation entities that provide accreditation or certification of youth residential programs;

(6) identification of existing barriers in policy for blending and braiding of funding sources to serve youth in community-based settings;

(7) recommendations for coordination by agencies of data on youth in youth residential programs;

(8) recommendations for the improvement of oversight of youth residential programs receiving Federal funding;