

and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Simplification: Modifications of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 National Council for Prescription Drug Programs Retail Pharmacy Standards; and Modification of the Medicaid Pharmacy Subrogation Standard" (RIN0938-AU19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6830. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6831. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2023 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6832. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to the annual report to Congress on the investigation, enforcement, and implementation of the sex offender registration and notification act requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6833. 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 "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XY085) 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2924. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the management of improper payments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-288).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3139. A bill to ensure that Federal contractors comply with child labor laws, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-289).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Felix R. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

*Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*L.E. Sola, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2028.

*Lisa T. Ballance, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2027.

*Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*Adam Jeffrey White, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2030.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Coast Guard nomination of Benjamin J. Spector, to be Captain.

*Coast Guard nomination of Alexander B. Currie, to be Commander.

*Coast Guard nomination of Holly A. Bergman, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Coast Guard nomination of Jillian H. Beecher, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Thomas E. Adams and ending with Marie L. Sevin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

*Coast Guard nomination of Jesse Collins, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Jason A. Acuna and ending with David J. Zwirblis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Ryan G. Angelo and ending with Jeffrey S. Zamarin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Benjamin J. Cheeks, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Serena Raquel Murillo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

*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.

(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 Ms. WARREN:

S. 5497. A bill to promote military readiness by ensuring the Department of Defense

retains the right to repair equipment it acquires and owns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 5498. A bill to establish a grant program for certain State and local forensic activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

S. 5499. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with regard to counsel for persons proceeding in forma pauperis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 5500. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to instruct Inspectors General to report to Congress on social media communications; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 5501. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to headquarters to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 5502. A bill to ensure continued access to diabetes technology upon Medicare enrollment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 5503. A bill to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers and pharmacies from being under common ownership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 5504. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate consideration of the income of organ recipients in providing reimbursement of expenses to donating individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 5505. A bill to limit spending from the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 5506. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate a Federal motor vehicle safety standard to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring during low-speed incidents involving motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5507. A bill to expand reporting on subcontracts and subgrants made under Federal awards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 5508. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to annually submit to Congress, and make publicly available on a website, a report on decommissioning offshore oil and gas wells, platforms, and pipelines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 5509. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide support to State governments in the production by those governments of quadrennial State climate assessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 5510. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require pharmaceutical and device manufacturers to publicly disclose covered payments made to patient advocacy organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5511. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide additional opportunities for older individuals to volunteer at facilities that serve older individuals or individuals in younger generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LEE, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 5512. A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 5513. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BUDD:

S. 5514. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for common interest communities, condominiums, and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5515. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a pilot program for the construction of temporary disaster assistance housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5516. A bill to establish a new Housing and Urban Development grant program to provide community land trusts and other community-based housing organizations an incentive to convert vacant housing into readily available housing for unhoused individuals; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 5517. A bill to provide for the establishment, within the Food and Drug Administration, of an Abraham Accords Office to promote and facilitate cooperation between the Food and Drug Administration and entities in Abraham Accords countries wishing to work with the agency in order to develop and sell products in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BUDD:

S. 5518. A bill to extend the deadline for submitting certain beneficial ownership information reports for companies affected by Hurricane Helene or Milton; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 5519. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to enhance the readiness of the Department of Defense to challenges relating to climate change and to improve the energy and resource efficiency of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 5520. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the provision of military housing to members of the Armed Forces and their families through private entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 5521. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP code for Swanzey, New Hampshire; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 5522. A bill to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to carry out a grant and revolving loan program to provide funding for projects to increase the resiliency and energy efficiency of communications networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 5523. A bill to provide clarification of assistance related to safeguarding and the elimination of landmines, other explosive remnants of war, and conventional arms; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 5524. A bill to provide for civil monetary penalties for violations of mental health parity requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 5525. A bill to allow for one-time distributions from certain transportation fringe benefit accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 5526. A bill to establish a Federal Public Defender Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 5527. A bill to accelerate the development, demonstration, and deployment of new technologies and innovative solutions to address the environmental cleanup mission of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 5528. A bill to require an updated assessment of the public schools on installations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 5529. A bill to authorize the conveyance by the Secretary of the Army of certain property located at Fort Bliss, Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 5530. A bill to support and fund the Federal procurement of clean energy products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 5531. A bill authorizing grants to support long-term climate resiliency for archival institutions, libraries, and museums in order to provide continuity and access to covered records; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 5532. A bill to establish a Wildfire Intelligence Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S.J. Res. 121. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 95

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 95, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of new abortion drugs, to prohibit investigational use exemptions for abortion drugs, and to impose additional regulatory requirements with respect to previously approved abortion drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1071

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1071, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants.

S. 2315

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2315, a bill to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, and for other purposes.

S. 2371

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2371, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on certain loans secured by rural or agricultural real property.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2407, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 2829

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2829, a bill to amend the Internal