

and veterans' work. Whether it is combating veterans' suicide or teaching veterans how to play the guitar, Travis has played a critical role in reminding Alabama's veterans they are not alone. He reminds us of what an important impact anyone can make on those around you just by showing up and lending a helping hand.

Alabama is blessed to have veterans like Travis who didn't let their service end when they left the military. It is my honor to recognize Travis Parker as the April Veteran of the Month.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:21 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 517. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for postponing certain deadlines by reason of disaster.

H.R. 997. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform to the intent of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, as set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-599, that the National Taxpayer Advocate be able to hire and consult counsel as appropriate.

H.R. 998. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices.

H.R. 1152. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the application of the mailbox rule to documents and payments electronically submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

H.R. 1155. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to elect to receive certain replacement refunds electronically.

H.R. 1234. An act to direct the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions.

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 2:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 25. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales".

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 3:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1491. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the postponement of certain deadlines by reason of disasters applicable to the limitation on credit or refund, and to take postponements into account for purposes of sending collection notices.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 517. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for postponing certain deadlines by reason of disaster; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 997. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform to the intent of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, as set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-599, that the National Taxpayer Advocate be able to hire and consult counsel as appropriate; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 998. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1152. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the application of the mailbox rule to documents and payments electronically submitted to the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1155. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to elect to receive certain replacement refunds electronically; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1234. An act to direct the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 1491. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the postponement of certain deadlines by reason of disasters applicable to the limitation on credit or refund, and to take postponements into account for purposes of sending collection notices; to the Committee on Finance.

#### PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Donald Bergin III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. ERNST, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 1047. A bill to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1093. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Elbridge Colby, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Christopher C. LaNeve, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. WICKER, Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nomination of Christopher A. Ridlon, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Mark D. Goodwin, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Carlos J. Ramirez Jimenez, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jeffrey W. Buckner, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Shawn P. Polonkey, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Joseph R. Petkus, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Bijan C. Derakhshan, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Jonathan W. Landers, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher L. Junkins, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Andrew M. Adkins and ending with Ian P. Paquette, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 14, 2025.

Marine Corps nomination of James A. Berry, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Sergio Abreu, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Steven L. Ferwerda, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher V. Posadas, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John H. Hildebrandt and ending with Tyler W. Montague, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 14, 2025.

Marine Corps nomination of Kevin M. Petty, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Carlos L. Figueroa, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Steven A. Tamm, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Thomas F. Stone and ending with Michael C. Vanarsdel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 14, 2025.

Marine Corps nomination of Austin J. Nelson, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Joshua S. Bridges and ending with Jameson R. Hastings, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 14, 2025.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jason A. Moore and ending with Patrick S. Webb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 14, 2025.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jonathan R. Caruthers and ending with Gregory C. Scott, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 14, 2025.

Navy nomination of Brendon B. Watts, to be Lieutenant Commander.

\*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 Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1218. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for cities hosting international sporting events taking place in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 1219. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified automobile interest; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KIM, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1220. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a Savings Opportunity and Affordable Repayment plan as an income contingent repayment plan; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1221. A bill to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 1222. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from constraining the range or type of investments that may be offered to participants and beneficiaries of individual retirement accounts who exercise control over the assets in such accounts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 1223. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit interference in United States digital commodity markets by entities organized or established in a foreign adversary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MORENO, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 1224. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the firearm transfer tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0):

S. 1225. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for certain freedom of association protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 1226. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct military construction projects to replace military family housing units at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 1227. A bill to require the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Commissioner of Social Security to review and simplify the processes, procedures, forms, and communications for family caregivers to assist individuals in establishing eligibility for, enrolling in, and maintaining and utilizing coverage and benefits under the Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and Social Security programs respectively, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1228. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to modify the cost-sharing requirement for conservation projects carried out by a qualified youth or conservation corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1229. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the clean vehicle credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1230. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to preserve foreign markets for goods using common names, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1231. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide fertility treatment under the TRICARE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1232. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1233. A bill to provide lawful permanent resident status for certain advanced STEM degree holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 1234. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update the resource limit for supplemental security income eligibility; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1235. A bill to direct the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish the Foundation for Standards and Metrology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1236. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require schools to offer a variety of milk to students participating in the school lunch program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 1237. A bill to establish the New Producer Economic Security Program within the Farm Service Agency Office of Outreach and Education; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 1238. A bill to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms.