

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING: THE CITY OF BOISE TRAIN DEPOT 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, today, I rise, with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representatives MIKE SIMPSON and RUSS FULCHER, to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of Idaho's capital city: the 100th anniversary of the Boise Depot. For a century, this iconic structure, which faces our State capitol building, has stood as a prominent landmark of the Boise skyline and become a cherished symbol of our community's past and present.

Built in 1925 by the Union Pacific Railroad, the Boise Depot brought people from all over the nation to witness the wonders of Idaho. Once hailed as "the most beautiful structure of its kind in the west," the depot overlooks a panoramic view of our great city and surrounding foothills. Its iconic 96-foot bell tower can be seen throughout Boise and remains as a beacon of our community. It is a favorite site enjoyed by many, and it continues to be a place where memories are made.

As we celebrate its centennial anniversary, we join many Idahoans in reflecting on the depot's rich history. Since its opening day, when thousands gathered to witness the arrival of the first transcontinental steam engine, the depot has served as a testament to the Treasure Valley's growth and resilience. The depot, now operated by the city of Boise, provides a unique and historic setting for community celebrations. Over the decades, it has served as a hub for transportation and community gatherings, welcoming countless Idahoans and Americans.

In addition to the depot's beautiful gardens and koi pond, the site is home to the steam locomotive Big Mike, donated by the Union Pacific Railroad in 1956. Big Mike represents the spirit of innovation and progress that has defined our Nation's economy, infrastructure, and heritage for generations.

It is an honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Boise Depot and the people who have contributed to its legacy—from the passengers who rode its rails, to the Idahoans who celebrated their milestones, and the families who made memories that will last a lifetime.

I invite my colleagues and all Idaho residents to join us in celebrating the Boise Depot, a historic treasure that

has enriched our lives for 100 years and hopefully many more.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13536 OF APRIL 12, 2010, WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—PM 21

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622 (d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2025.

The situation with respect to Somalia continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 with respect to Somalia.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 8, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:22 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 586. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

H.R. 877. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing a vehicle adapted for operation by a disabled individual to certain eligible persons, by paying expenses associated with the delivery of such vehicle, and for other purposes.

H.R. 970. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 983. An act to Amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1039. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of notice letters that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

H. Con. Res. 22. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the 'Six Triple Eight' Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276L, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. CROW of Colorado, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. DELBENE of Washington, Mr. GOMEZ of California, and Ms. MATSUI of California.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 216. A bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-12).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*Troy Meink, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

*Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

*Michael Duffey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. John D. Caine (Retired), to be General.

*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. John D. Caine (Retired), to be Major General.

*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.

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. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 1319. A bill to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1320. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 1321. A bill to amend the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act

for Fiscal Year 1999 to provide for the transfer of the Moab site to Grand County, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1322. 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. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 1323. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit against tax for disaster mitigation expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1324. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to modify eligibility for the State response to contaminants program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1325. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a fee on certain products imported into the United States based on the pollution intensity associated with the production of such products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1326. A bill to prevent States and local jurisdictions from interfering with the production and distribution of agricultural products in interstate commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1327. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish a shared savings incentive to return a portion of the savings attributable to an investment in grid-enhancing technology to the developer of that grid-enhancing technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 1328. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes related to family-sponsored immigrants and to reduce the number of such immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1329. A bill to address the behavioral health workforce shortages through support for peer support specialists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. REED, and Mr. BARASSO):

S. 1330. A bill to advance research to achieve medical breakthroughs in brain tumor treatment and improve awareness and adequacy of specialized cancer and brain tumor care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1331. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish or designate an office in the Department of Defense to serve as the lead for all quantum efforts of the Depart-

ment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITTERMAN, Mr. GALLEG0, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1332. A bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1333. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to kidnapping, sexual abuse, and illicit sexual conduct with respect to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1334. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the percentage limitation on assets of real estate investment trusts which may be held in taxable REIT subsidiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1335. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude debt held by certain insurance companies from capital assets and to extend capital loss carryovers for such companies from 5 years to 10 years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1336. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grant program to address forestry workforce development needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1337. A bill to improve availability of information relating to cybersecurity threats; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1338. A bill to reduce exclusionary discipline practices in schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1339. A bill to require a determination and report relating to money laundering and violations of export controls and sanctions in Hong Kong; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. MOODY):

S. 1340. A bill to establish penalties for violating section 104(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1341. A bill to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1342. A bill to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the