

Force, have together flown over 2,500 combat hours as Air Force aviators and have instilled a legacy of service for their children Lillian, Corrie, and Claire. They have sacrificed much as a family in service to our Nation. I am thankful for Lauren's service and her work with my office and the Senate over the past year on issues of vital importance to the defense of the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RON BARNES

• Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Ron Barnes on his retirement after serving 20 years as commanding officer of the Pawtuxet Rangers. The Pawtuxet Rangers are among the oldest existing chartered commands in the United States and the most active of Rhode Island's historic militia groups.

The Rangers were chartered in 1774 by the Colony of Rhode Island to protect what was then the thriving seaport of Pawtuxet in the wake of the Gaspee Affair. The Colonists' first strike against England took place in 1772 on Narragansett Bay with the burning of the Royal Navy's loathed revenue cutter, the HMS *Gaspee*. Each year, the spirited Gaspee Days Parade takes place in Pawtuxet Village to commemorate this important historic event and Rhode Island's great contribution to the American Revolution. And Colonel Barnes has become a beloved feature of the celebration.

Colonel Barnes marched in his first Gaspee Days Parade as a student at Cranston East High School. In 1987, he formally enlisted with the Pawtuxet Rangers. He started as a drummer and went on to hold positions of artillery officer and executive officer before serving as commander. Colonel Barnes was bestowed the high honor of serving as the grand marshal of the 250th Gaspee Days Parade, the first event of the Nation's semiquincentennial celebrations.

Some years ago, Colonel Barnes gave me a challenge coin which I have always made sure to carry with me on any occasion on which I might see him. I thank him for keeping this very special part of Rhode Island's history alive and thriving for future generations. He has done a wonderful job leading the Rangers and I wish him, his wife Sandra—known affectionately as "The General"—and his sons Joshua, Zachary, and Alexander all the best. Godspeed, my friend. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:10 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 joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1223. An act to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, and for other purposes.

At 7:47 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 88. Joint resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

At 10:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 87. Joint resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

H.J. Res. 89. Joint resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1223. An act to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 55, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of

the rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Fuel System Integrity of Hydrogen Vehicles; Compressed Hydrogen Storage System Integrity; Incorporation by Reference" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Shelly Moore Capito, John Thune, Lindsey Graham, Cynthia M. Lummis, Tommy Tuberville, Ashley Moody, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Tim Scott, Lisa Murkowski, Katie Boyd Britt, James Lankford, Todd Young, James E. Risch, Steve Daines, Dan Sullivan, John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer, Roger F. Wicker, Tom Cotton, John Boozman, Deb Fischer, John Cornyn, Ted Budd, Thom Tillis, John Kennedy, Mike Rounds, Tim Sheehy, Marsha Blackburn, Roger Marshall, Bernie Moreno.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee Commerce, Science, and Transportation by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 55. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Fuel System Integrity of Hydrogen Vehicles; Compressed Hydrogen Storage System Integrity; Incorporation by Reference".

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 283. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-24).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

\*Devon Westhill, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

\*Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

\*David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

\*Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Mr. CRUZ. 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 nominations beginning with Joshua S. Alleman and ending with Matthew G. Zavali, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2025. (minus 3 nominees: Bradford D. Long; Trent D. Moon; Tevin A. White)

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Jason B. Veara and ending with Tara E. Larkin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2025.

By Mr. LEE for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

\*Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

\*Ned Mamula, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

\*Tina Pierce, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

\*Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

\*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. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 1824. A bill to improve defense cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1825. A bill to amend the Research Facilities Act to address deferred maintenance at agricultural research facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1826. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to clarify propane storage as an eligible use for funds provided under the storage facility loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MOODY (for herself and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 1827. A bill to authorize the expedited removal of aliens who are criminal gang members, members of foreign terrorist organizations, or have been convicted of certain specified crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1828. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require States to designate a coordinator of the safe routes to school program in the State, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 1829. A bill to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1830. 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 Mr. KAINÉ (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1831. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to allow for periodic automatic reenrollment under qualified automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1832. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure College for All; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 1833. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to establish and carry out a pilot program to expedite the examination of applications for certain patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. KAINÉ, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1834. A bill to prevent cost-sharing requirements for prenatal, childbirth, neonatal, perinatal, or postpartum health care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 1835. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program authorized by the Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KING, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LUJAN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1836. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen the drug pricing reforms in the Inflation Reduction Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KING, Mr. LEE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 1837. A bill to improve rights to relief for individuals affected by non-consensual activities involving intimate digital forgeries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 1838. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a program of research, training, and investigation related to Down syndrome, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1839. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to defer recognition of reinvested capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1840. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a micro-employer pension plan startup credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1841. A bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 1842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a credit for carbon removal and storage for forest residues from wildfire management; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. COONS, and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. 1843. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. GALLEGO, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 1844. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs that include the history of peoples of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander descent in the settling and founding of America, the social, economic, and political environments that led to the development of discriminatory laws targeting Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders and their relation to current events, and the impact and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the development and enhancement of American life, United States history, literature, the economy, politics, body of laws, and culture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1845. A bill to amend the public service loan forgiveness program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure qualifying public service excludes employment with organizations that engage in activities that have a substantial illegal purpose; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1846. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the use of the design-build construction method for Department of Veterans Affairs construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1847. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.