

Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1064. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-67, "Louise B. Miller Way Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1065. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-68, "Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1066. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-70, "Department of For-Hire Vehicles Delivery Vehicle Traffic Enforcement Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1067. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1068. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the twentieth report to Congress on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1069. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report entitled "2024 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. CASSIDY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 1938. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the cover over of certain distilled spirits taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1939. A bill to provide protections for good faith donations of pet food and supplies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 1940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Residential Emergency Asset-accumulation Deferred Taxation Yield (READY) accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1941. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out activities to eliminate hepatitis C virus in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1942. A bill to provide for the establishment of a land health management program

on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1943. A bill to require performance and security audits of the computer systems of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

S. 1944. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that individuals who have access to certain healthcare services through a worksite health clinic are eligible to make pre-tax contributions to a health savings account; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JUSTICE (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1945. A bill to prohibit States and local governments from prohibiting or limiting the connection, reconnection, modification, installation, transportation, distribution, or expansion of an energy service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1946. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to initiate discussions, through the Quad, with Australia, India, and Japan to identify mutual areas of interest with respect to the formulation of best practices in space, cooperation on space situational awareness, and space industrial policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1947. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial octopus aquaculture operations in the United States, the exclusive economic zone, and the waters of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1948. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reinstate the authority of the Secretary of Education to make Federal Direct Stafford Loans to graduate and professional students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1949. A bill to improve certain criminal provisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MORENO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1950. A bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1951. A bill to ensure the preservation and operational integrity of the aeromedical evacuation capabilities of the Department of the Army within the Medical Service Corps and to maintain the role of the Medical Service Corps as the primary joint service provider for intra-theater aeromedical evacuation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 1952. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal prohibi-

tion on the public release of the name of a Federal law enforcement officer with the intent to obstruct a criminal investigation or immigration enforcement operation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1953. A bill to require States to establish complete streets programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1954. A bill to improve the requirements for making a determination of interchangeability of a biological product and its reference product; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1955. A bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1956. A bill to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KIM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1957. A bill to repeal certain executive orders targeting LGBTQ+ individuals; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1958. A bill to exempt certain positions of the National Weather Service that are necessary for public safety from any Federal Government hiring freeze, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. Res. 261. A resolution honoring the life of Sarah Lynn Milgrim and condemning the recent extremist attacks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 262. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of In re Architect of the Capitol Employment Dispute; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 263. A resolution condemning the violent antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, and expressing support for the survivors and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, 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.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, and for other purposes.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provide families year-round access to nutrition incentives under the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1241, a bill to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation refuses to negotiate a peace agreement with Ukraine, violates any such agreement, or initiates another military invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 1380

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program to encourage specialty medicine physicians to serve in rural communities experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians, and for other purposes.

S. 1397

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to require the Secretary of State to establish a quantum cooperation program to enhance international cooperation in quantum information science.

S. 1643

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1698

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1698, a bill to amend the Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvements Act of 2008 to require the Small Business Administration to coordinate with resource partners with respect to disaster planning activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1705

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to issue standards with respect to chip security mechanisms for integrated circuit products, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes.

S. 1806

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1806, a bill to terminate unused authorities of the Securities and Exchange Commission that were established pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) were added as cosponsors of S. 1808, a bill to permit a registered investment company to omit certain fees from the calculation of acquired fund fees and expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 1809

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, and for other purposes.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1813, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations for the creation or expansion of charter schools.

S. 1827

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from California

(Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S.J. RES. 56

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 56, a joint resolution designating the month of June as "Life Month".

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

S. RES. 240

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 240, a resolution affirming that diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility are fundamental values of the United States and emphasizing the ongoing need to address discrimination and inequality in the workplace, pre-K through 12th grade and higher education systems, government programs, the military, and our society.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1948. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reinstate the authority of the Secretary of Education to make Federal Direct Stafford Loans to graduate and professional students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of the POST GRAD Act of 2025, which I introduced today.

For too long, the cost of higher education has remained a barrier for students pursuing advanced degrees that are necessary in our economy, including psychology, social work, and teaching, where shortages of qualified professionals that meet the needs of their communities persist. The POST GRAD Act would relieve some of the financial burden of financing a graduate degree by reinstating subsidized Federal student loans for graduate students, which was common practice in the United States from 1994 until 2012.

Unlike undergraduate students, graduate students have only been able to obtain Federal direct unsubsidized loans that accrue interest even while they are still in graduate school for the past decade. This can add thousands of additional dollars over the life of the loan.