

breakthroughs in biomedical engineering, cancer treatment, and vaccine development.

We recognize and commend Dr. Kirk Schulz's tenure as president of Washington State University and thank him for his incredible leadership and transformative impact on student success, education, and for pushing Washington State as a leader in innovation.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHESTER PETTEY

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Chester Pettey, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on June 17, 2025.

Lieutenant Colonel Pettey dedicated 26 and a half years to the U.S. Armed Forces, starting in World War II. Over the course of his service, he rose from the rank of sergeant to lieutenant colonel, an achievement that reflects both his exceptional leadership and commitment to our Nation.

Just months after joining the Army Reserves in 1943, Pettey received a letter on his 18th birthday ordering him to report to Fort Devens for training, starting what would become a long military career. From there, he served in Europe as a driver and radio operator for the commander of the 2nd Battalion in the 232nd Army Infantry Regiment, as part of the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division. In this role, he helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp, freeing more than 30,000 prisoners who were suffering at the hands of the Nazis. Thanks to the efforts of Pettey, his fellow American soldiers, and allies across Europe, the Holocaust ended, and the Nazis were held accountable for their crimes.

Pettey then served during the Korean war as an officer. He taught at the Army Engineer School before becoming a member of a "special forces" team that destroyed bridges behind enemy lines in Korea. Pettey later participated in the Vietnam war and then concluded his honorable service in our military.

Lieutenant Colonel Pettey, I extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication to our Nation and the cause of liberty. Your century of life—marked by courage and service—stands as an example to all Americans. I ask us all to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Lieutenant Colonel Chester Pettey, a true American hero.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT TO ADVISE THAT HE IS EXERCISING HIS AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am hereby notifying the Congress that I intend to designate Duane Townsend (currently Special Agent in Charge, Department of Commerce, Office of the Inspector General) as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, Roderick Anderson. Such designation will be effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

The Constitution vests "the executive Power" in the President, who has a duty to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." U.S. Const., Art. II, §1, cl. 1; *id.* at §3. In exercising that power and duty, I have determined that, based on the qualities outlined in 5 U.S.C. 403(a) and the confidence I must place in my appointees, Mr. Townsend is the best available person to serve as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce at this time. In my judgment, Mr. Anderson can better serve the Nation performing other duties (i.e., returning to his position as Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Commerce).

I am providing this notification as a courtesy, a show of comity and respect between the executive and legislative branches. It should not be interpreted as a concession that the Congress can limit my power to remove any officer. "Because no single person could fulfill [the President's] responsibility[ies] alone, the Framers expected that the President would rely on subordinate officers for assistance." *Seila Law LLC v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*, 591 U.S. 197, 203–204 (2020). And the Constitution gives the President "the authority to remove those who assist him in carrying out his duties." *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, 561 U.S. 477, 513–514 (2010). "Without such power, the President could not be held fully accountable for discharging his own responsibilities; the buck would stop somewhere else." *Id.* at 514.

Ultimately, I have determined that the changed priorities of my Administration (as compared to the previous one) will be better reflected with new leadership in this Office. Therefore, I am apprising you of my intention to designate Mr. Townsend as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 4, 2025.

REPORT TO ADVISE THAT HE IS EXERCISING HIS AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—PM 30

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am hereby notifying the Congress that I intend to designate Heidi Semann (currently Senior Special Agent with the Office of the Inspector General for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, René Rocque. Such designation will be effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

The Constitution vests "the executive Power" in the President, who has a duty to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." U.S. Const., Art. II, §1, cl. 1; *id.* at §3. In exercising that power and duty, I have determined that, based on the qualities outlined in 5 U.S.C. 403(a) and the confidence I must place in my appointees, Ms. Semann is the best available person to serve as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education at this time. In my judgment, Ms. Rocque can better serve the Nation performing other duties (i.e., returning to her position as Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Education).

I am providing this notification as a courtesy, a show of comity and respect between the executive and legislative branches. It should not be interpreted as a concession that the Congress can limit my power to remove any officer. "Because no single person could fulfill [the President's] responsibility[ies] alone, the Framers expected that the President would rely on subordinate officers for assistance." *Seila Law LLC v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*, 591 U.S. 197, 203–204 (2020). And the Constitution gives the President "the authority to remove those who assist him in carrying out his duties." *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, 561 U.S. 477, 513–514 (2010). "Without such power, the President could not be held fully accountable for discharging his own responsibilities; the buck would stop somewhere else." *Id.* at 514.

Ultimately, I have determined that the changed priorities of my Administration (as compared to the previous one) will be better reflected with new leadership in this Office. Therefore, I am apprising you of my intention to designate Ms. Semann as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education, effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 4, 2025.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:50 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2483. An act to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes.

## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The President Pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, June 5, 2025, he had signed the following enrolled joint resolutions, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

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. 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".

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 NO<sub>x</sub> 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. 2483. An act to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

\*Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David Charles Waterman, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

\*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. WARNER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1959. A bill to protect integrity, fairness, and objectivity in decisions regarding access to classified information, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1960. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the continued designation of hospitals that met mountainous terrain or secondary roads distance requirement as critical access hospitals and to modify distance requirements for ambulance services furnished by critical access hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 1961. A bill to streamline the application of regulations relating to commercial space launch and reentry requirements and licensing of private remote sensing space systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1962. A bill to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a non-geostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 1963. A bill to appropriate amounts to the Disaster Relief Fund of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH:

S. 1964. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the energy efficient home improvement credit to include a credit for natural carbon sinks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1965. A bill to eliminate employment-based visa caps for abused, abandoned, and neglected children who are classified as special immigrant juveniles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1966. A bill to establish a grant program for surface transportation infrastructure projects that connect to airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1967. A bill to amend the Stored Communications Act to include Tribal courts as courts of competent jurisdiction, to amend the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 to confer Tribal jurisdiction over controlled substances, related offenses, and firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. 1968. A bill to support rural coastal and maritime economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 1969. A bill to amend the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to establish an additional reporting requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1970. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the service members of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam—Studies and Observations Group, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1971. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of medical nutrition therapy services for individuals with eating disorders under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 1972. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for research centers and laboratories in which nationals of countries of concern conduct agricultural research; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1973. 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; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KING, Mr. MULLIN, and Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER):

S. 1974. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to allow certain public health data modernization grants to be used to track hospital bed capacity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1975. A bill to prohibit the delivery of opioids by means of the dark web, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 1976. A bill to authorize congressional fellowships under the Skillbridge program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BUDD, and Mrs. MOODY):