

and our constituents who serve in the Armed Forces, I regret that Senators refused to bring this measure to the floor for debate.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE FINAL AIDS/LIFECYCLE RIDE

• Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate the riders, roadies, staff, and organizers of the final AIDS/LifeCycle ride, a monumental journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles that has, for over two decades, raised critical funds and awareness in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

This ride has never been just about the 545 miles; it has been about hope, remembrance, and action. With each pedal stroke, riders have carried forward the legacy of those lost to AIDS, stood in solidarity with those living with HIV, and worked to ensure a future where no one suffers from this disease.

This year marks the end of an era. For 30 years, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center have partnered to organize this ride, and their leadership has transformed it into one of the world's most powerful displays of community, resilience, and compassion. Together, these two organizations have not only raised tens of millions of dollars, but have also provided direct services, prevention education, and lifesaving care to countless individuals across California and beyond.

I was proud to join AIDS/LifeCycle first as a Congressman in 2014 and even prouder to join it as a U.S. Senator representing California.

Each time, I was deeply moved by the strength, compassion, and unwavering commitment of the riders, roadies, staff, and volunteers who made this experience truly unforgettable. It was a privilege to ride alongside thousands who gave their time, energy, and hearts to this cause. To the riders who trained and sacrificed, to the roadies who made the journey possible, and to the countless volunteers and donors who fueled this mission: Thank you. You have made history. And your impact will be felt for generations.

Though this may be the final 545 ride, the movement it inspired will continue. The spirit of AIDS/LifeCycle—one of unity, determination, and love—lives on in the ongoing fight for health equity, LGBTQ+ rights, and a future free of HIV.●

TRIBUTE TO HELEN PARKE

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate Helen Parke of Dover, FL, and recognize her 100th birthday. Helen was born on July 7, 1925, in St. Louis, MO, and it was there that she met and married Roy Parke, Jr., in 1943.

After World War II, she worked alongside her husband on a dairy farm

in Pennsylvania. In 1957, they moved to Dover, FL, to join her father-in-law, who had purchased 10 acres of land for a strawberry farm.

What began as 10 acres of strawberry crop has grown to over 300 acres of strawberries, blackberries, vegetables, and cattle. From a small farm, it has grown to include the legendary Parkesdale Farm Market, which garners lines of visitors, including myself, that come from all over to taste their world-famous strawberry shortcake. It has also expanded to include a plant nursery and a packing/cooling facility that was added under the Parkesdale Farms banner.

Any who have had the opportunity to visit Parkesdale Farms can attest to the hard work and legacy of Helen and her family. Helen has been key to the farm's success and operations; she has hoed plants, packed berries, picked squash, and is a well-known fixture at the market, the nursery, and, of course, the annual Strawberry Festival.

She is rightly very proud of what started as a 10-acre farm and has grown and diversified so much, but she is also a proud mother to 5 children, grandmother to 10, and great-grandmother to 22.

Helen has had a very busy and "fruitful" 100 years of life. She has had a lasting impact on the State of Florida, and I wish her happiness for many more birthdays to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GIFFORD H. ORMES, JR.

• Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I commend Gifford H. Ormes, Jr., for his military service and lifelong dedication to his community.

Mr. Ormes served with distinction in the U.S. Air Force for 24 years. He was deployed primarily in the Far East, completing multiple tours in Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam, and he completed a unique assignment in the Khyber Pass near the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mr. Ormes was later retrained as a cost analyst. He worked briefly in that capacity before being called back into a special assignment, this time to the Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska. To this day, Mr. Ormes bears the marks of his sacrificial service. During his career, he was exposed to Agent Orange. The Department of Veterans Affairs recognized him as 100-percent disabled from his exposure to the toxin.

After retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Ormes remained active. He earned a degree from William Carey University and transitioned to a civilian role at the Navy Seabee Base in Gulfport, MS, where he worked for 16 years before retiring once again.

Mr. Ormes military service is complemented by his dedication to his family and community. At Keesler Air Force Base, in Biloxi, MS, Mr. Ormes met the woman who would become his

wife. To this day, they have shared 57 years of marriage. Mr. Ormes is an active member of the Bridge United Methodist Church in D'Iberville, MS, where he leads courses to introduce people to the Christian faith and to strengthen marriage. He is also involved with the Backpack Buddies program, supporting food-insecure children by organizing and delivering nutritious food through church outreach efforts.

I join my fellow Mississippians in thanking Gifford Ormes, Jr., for his exceptional service to his country and community.●

RECOGNIZING THE GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION

• Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and commend the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station in Port Gibson, MS, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary of commercial operation. As the largest single-unit nuclear power reactor in the United States, Grand Gulf stands as a pillar of reliable and resilient nuclear energy production, for Mississippi and for the entire region.

Since beginning operations on July 1, 1985, Grand Gulf has delivered nearly 1,500 megawatts of carbon-free electricity, enough to power over 800,000 homes. It is the only nuclear power plant in the State and currently supplies approximately 16 percent of Mississippi's total power generation. Its legacy is not only measured in megawatts but also in its role as a driver of economic development, technological excellence, and environmental stewardship.

Grand Gulf's contributions to Mississippi's economy are substantial. The plant pays nearly \$30 million in State and local taxes annually and brings in an additional 800 skilled contractors during routine maintenance and refueling periods—supporting local jobs and businesses. The Mississippi State Senate recently passed a resolution honoring Grand Gulf for its sustained service and economic impact to the State of Mississippi.

At the heart of Grand Gulf's success are its people. I would like to recognize the team of over 750 highly trained nuclear professionals that operate and service the plant. Grand Gulf's team has cultivated a culture of safety, continuous improvement, and community service. The station maintains some of the highest safety standards in the industry, with redundant safety systems and rigorous employee training.

Beyond its critical energy mission, Grand Gulf is also a valued community partner. In 2023, the plant donated more than \$120,000 to local causes and logged nearly 4,000 hours of volunteer service. In 2024, more than 1,600 students visited the station to learn about careers in nuclear energy, opening doors for the next generation of skilled professionals.

In an era when reliable, resilient, and emissions-free electricity is more critical than ever, Grand Gulf continues to lead by example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Grand Gulf team on 40 years of excellence and thanking them for their enduring service to Mississippi, our communities, and the Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 275. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish on a monthly basis the number of special interest aliens encountered attempting to unlawfully enter the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 875. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable.

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

H. Con. Res. 39. 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 Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following:

H.R. 42. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 43. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 618. An act to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the City of North Las Vegas and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2215. An act to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the "Salem Maritime National Historical Park", and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 7:09 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. 1. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 275. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish on a monthly basis the number of special interest aliens encountered attempting to unlawfully enter the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 875. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1201. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hagerstown, MD" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0606)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1202. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Nappanee, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0776)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1203. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mineral Wells, TX; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2529)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1204. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Ipeco Holdings Limited Pilot and Co-Pilot Seats; Amendment 39-23060" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1101)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1205. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Iron Mountain Kingsford, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0775)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1206. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Fargo, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0670)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1207. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chambersburg, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0609)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1208. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Jupiter, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0107)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1209. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Little Rock, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0433)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1210. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines; Amendment 39-23066" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2712)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1211. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23001" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1301)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1212. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Blue Hill, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0129)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1213. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Helicopters; Amendment 39-23053" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1214. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries