

Ltd. Airplanes; Amendment 39-23050" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0915)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1215. 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; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23054" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0207)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1216. 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; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23035" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0211)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1217. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1218. 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; Textron Aviation, Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Cessna Aircraft Company) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23055" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0334)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1219. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Space and Earth Station Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024" (FCC 25-31) (MD Docket No. 24-85)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1220. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (24-2.5e)" ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 12348-02-OCSPP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1221. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to the List of OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act" (FRL No. 12001-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1222. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Partial Waiver of

2024 Cellulosic Biofuel Volume Requirement" ((RIN2060-AW46) (FRL No. 12015-02-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1223. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma" (FRL No. 12482-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1224. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Colorado; Interim Final Determination to Stay and Defer Sanctions in the Denver Metro/North Front Range 2008 Ozone Non-attainment Area" (FRL No. 12746-04-R8)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1225. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units Review" ((RIN2060-AU60) (FRL No. 7547-02-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1226. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; New York; Fuel Composition and Use" (FRL No. 10180-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1227. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination to Defer Sanctions; California; Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Combustion Turbines" (FRL No. 12608-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1228. A communication from the Associate Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fee Schedules, Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2025" (RIN3150-AK95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1229. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Intent to Remove 26 CFR 1.6011-18; Waiver of Penalties under Sections 6707A(a), 6707(a), and 6708; Withdrawal of Notice 2024-54" (Notice 2025-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1230. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension and Modification of Transitional Relief Under Sections 3403, 3406, 6721, 6722, 6651, and 6656 with Respect to the Reporting of Information and Backup With-

holding on Digital Assets by Brokers under Section 6045" (Notice 2025-33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1231. A communication from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used By Dual-Eligible Enrollees: 2025"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1232. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$1,000,000 (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-090) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1233. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Norway in the amount of \$1,000,000 (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-110) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1234. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-005) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1235. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original acquisition value of approximately \$270,000,000 to the Government of Romania's Armed Forces (Transmittal No. RSAT 25-10998) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1236. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1237. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank" (RIN2900-AR83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## 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. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2201. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit panic defenses based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2202. A bill to modify the responsibilities and authorities of the Director of National Intelligence, to reform the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 60. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Emissions Budget and Allowance Allocations for Indiana Under the Revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 317

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 317, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

S. 383

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 383, a bill to extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility of certain short-term programs.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from using assessments generated by the Integrated Risk Information System as a tier 1 data source in rulemakings and other regulatory, enforcement, or permitting actions, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to increase loan limits for loans made to

small manufacturers, and for other purposes.

S. 1763

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1763, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-year recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 1911

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to codify the Panel of Health Advisors within the Congressional Budget Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1926, a bill to encourage reduction of disposable plastic products in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 307

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 307, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the recent United States and Israeli military strikes on Iran.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RICHARD J. DURBIN, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of David Metcalf, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years, dated June 27, 2025.

I, Senator RICHARD J. DURBIN, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Bart McKay Davis, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years, dated June 27, 2025.

I, Senator RICHARD J. DURBIN, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years, dated June 27, 2025.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

#### ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I come to the floor to talk about debt and the challenge that confronts us.

Over the last few decades, we have seen a lot of sources of red ink. Among them are the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq. We saw the first Bush tax bill in 2001, massive red ink; 2003, massive red ink; Trump's tax bill in 2017, an ocean of red ink. I don't think anyone here would argue that these decisions didn't result in significant defi-

cits and significant additions to the debt.

Yet there is so much conversation here about fiscal responsibility and let's get this under control. Yet we see time and time again this body vote, under Republican leadership, for another ocean of red ink, another massive deficit, adding to an already bloated debt that so profoundly compromises the ability of our Nation to address issues in the next generation.

We are borrowing from the next generation, making it less likely that we can effectively provide the programs, the foundation of healthcare and housing and education and the investment in R&D that produces good-paying jobs for the next generation to thrive.

That is wrong. It is wrong to proceed to borrow and compromise the next generation in order to give tax breaks to billionaires. Wow.

You know, there are purposes for when we do need to borrow: when we are facing a recession and when we are facing a war. But we haven't been in a recession. We haven't been at war; although, we clearly had an attack on Iran. Maybe we are at war now, maybe not. We will see if the cease-fire holds. But we are not in a position yet where we should be proceeding to say this current year we should be creating even more deficits.

But the bill before us doesn't create this massive new additional ocean of red ink for the purpose of addressing a war nor to address a recession but, instead, for the lofty purpose of enriching the richest Americans.

I must say that driving 16 million people off of healthcare to give tax breaks to megamillionaires and billionaires may make the megamillionaires and billionaires who are serving in this Chamber quite happy, but it doesn't make America better.

I must say that leaving 4 million children hungry has a devastating impact on their ability to study and learn and thrive in their lives to come. And to do it for tax breaks for billionaires may make my colleagues who are really rich really happy, but it is really wrong.

In addition, my colleagues just aren't creating a sea of debt; they are also cutting down the bipartisan structure designed for Congress to exercise discipline over deficits and debt.

That architecture was crafted in 1974, the Budget and Impoundment Control Act, normally referred to as the Budget Act, the 1974 Act. It came about because two things were going on: One is that President Nixon had impounded funds, and the Supreme Court said, no, you can't do that. That is unconstitutional. You can't steal the power of the purse. In the Constitution, that power of the purse is given to Congress.

Senators were very concerned about the deficits that were existing in 1971, and 1972, and 1973. They averaged \$20 billion a year. They totaled \$60 billion. I can tell you that now when our deficit is running at something closer to