

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-1252. A communication from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ID; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-12550-01-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1253. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2026 Agency Performance Plan and Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Justification received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1254. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2026 Agency Performance Plan and Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Justification; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1255. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Capital Region; America250 Events" (RIN1024-AF06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1256. A communication from the Section Chief of the Publications and Regulations Section, 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 Withholding on Digital Assets by Brokers under Section 6045" (Notice 2025-33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1257. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, General Law and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. 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 Israel in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-039) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1259. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad that was declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1260. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1261. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Semiannual Jackson-Vanik Compliance Report for Certain Independent States" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1262. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1263. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2025 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1264. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, other materials required to accompany Amtrak's Grant and Legislative Request for fiscal year 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1265. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1266. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Method of Correcting Errors Involving Retired Lifecycle Funds" (5 CFR Part 1605) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1267. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 and a Review of the President's Special Message of June 3, 2025; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Foreign Relations; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1268. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) re-

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

EC-1269. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of Executive Order 14312 of June 30, 2025, which terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1270. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to advise that he is exercising his authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Age of Fraud: Scams Facing Our Nation's Seniors" (Rept. No. 119-35).

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

S. 259. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-36).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Hung Cao, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

*Michael Dodd, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*William Gillis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

*Jules Hurst III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

*Brent Ingraham, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Jeremy S. Bergin and ending with Col. Constance H. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 11, 2025.

*Space Force nomination of Gen. Michael A. Guetlein, to be General.

By Mrs. CAPITO for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Usha-Maria Turner, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*David Wright, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2030.

By Mr. CASSIDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Susan Monarez, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

*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 Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2215. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for floodplain easement restoration and management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2216. A bill to extend war reserves stockpile authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 2217. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding pension plans for independent workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 2218. A bill to provide a combat status identifier equivalent for remotely piloted aircraft crew who conduct combat operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. KELLY, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2219. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to establish an Office of Inspector General in the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2220. A bill to expand presumptions of exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2221. A bill to establish requirements under which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall carry out the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2222. A bill to enhance the security, resilience, and protection of undersea communication cables vital to Taiwan's national security, economic stability, and defense, particularly in countering gray zone tactics employed by the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2223. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that may be invested in small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2224. A bill to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's

Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUJAN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2225. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2226. A bill to exempt the Department of Defense from certain environmental protection activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2227. A bill to eliminate the period of limitations for certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

S. 2228. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to harmonize the definition of employee with the common law; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2229. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the Foreign Service of the United States and its contribution to United States diplomacy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2230. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the rules for wagering losses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2231. A bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTQI people around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2232. A bill to expand the surety bond program under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2233. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to modify requirements for a meat food product of cattle to bear a "Product of U.S.A." label, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2234. A bill to make improvements to the Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 94, a bill to award 3

Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 United States Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the XIII Olympic Winter Games where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet ice hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing morale in the United States at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations, and transforming the sport of ice hockey in the United States.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to modify the fire management assistance cost share, and for other purposes.

S. 139

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention and Services program, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 349

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System land without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.

S. 402

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise references in such title to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to establish a Wildfire Intelligence Center, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Maryland