

nationals and other persons abroad. Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14078 with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 15, 2025.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:42 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, without amendment:

S. 1596. An act to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the "Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 410. An act to extend the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 504. An act to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes.

H.R. 900. An act to direct the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a program to map zones that are at greater risk of sinkhole formation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1044. An act to amend Public Law 99-338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits.

H.R. 1455. An act to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1618. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1709. An act to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report examining the Cybersecurity of mobile service networks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1729. An act to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act to allow for additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado.

H.R. 1770. An act to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence in support of the mission of the Commission and to direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission to study and report on the use of blockchain technology and tokens, respectively.

H.R. 1765. An act to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications

and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1766. An act to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2037. An act to provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding Open RAN networks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2316. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to provide that interest on obligations held in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund shall become available for apportionment at the beginning of fiscal year 2033.

H.R. 3657. An act to amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to annually submit to Congress a report on the status of ongoing hydropower relicensing applications.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 517. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for postponing certain deadlines by reason of disaster.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 410. An act to extend the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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H.R. 3657. An act to amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to annually submit to Congress a report on the status of ongoing hydropower relicensing applications; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-1303. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1304. 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 Austria, Italy, Slovenia, and Qatar in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-095) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1305. 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 Israel in the amount of \$1,000,000 (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-066) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1306. 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 Canada, Germany, and Norway in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-030) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1307. A communication from the Acting Director of the Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction Standards - Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health" (RIN1218-AD72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1308. A communication from the Acting Ombudsman, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2024 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1309. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-80, "1333 M Street, SE Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1310. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-81, "Child Fatality Review Committee Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1311. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-86, "Open Meetings Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1312. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-87, "Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1313. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department'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-1314. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report to Congress concerning intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1315. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions dated June 3, 2025; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 2296. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military ac-

tivities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-39).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. COTTON for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

*Matthew Kozma, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

*George Wesley Street, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

*John Dever, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

*Peter Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

*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.

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. COTTON (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. MORENO, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 2274. A bill to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are not nationals or citizens of the United States at birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2275. A bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. HAWLEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2276. A bill to address patent thickets; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2277. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on risks to the Global Positioning System and associated positioning, navigation, and timing services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHMITT (for himself, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 2278. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 2279. A bill to repeal the changes to Medicaid State provider tax authority and State directed payments made by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and provide increased funding for the rural health transformation program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2280. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal land in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2281. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide to rural communities technical assistance in recovering from disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2282. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to reauthorize the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 2283. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Oklahoma Avenue in Guthrie, Oklahoma, as the "Oscar J. Upham Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2284. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from restricting the use of convertible virtual currency by a person to purchase goods or services for the person's own use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. 2285. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study and report on the relationship between hair straighteners and uterine cancer, particularly among women of color; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 2286. A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize the establishment of, and provide support for, State-based universal health care systems that provide comprehensive health benefits to State residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. REED, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KING, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2287. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, including social work, physician assistant, and chaplaincy education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative and hospice care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2288. A bill to reauthorize the Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):