

and representation for Latinos in America. During his tenure, he took what was already an important and impactful organization and turned it into a highly respected national platform not only for Latino elected officials, but for any political, corporate, or philanthropic leader wanting to speak to the political leadership of the Latino community.

Thanks to his work, Latinos across the country now see ourselves represented at nearly every level of government—from State and local government to the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and the Supreme Court. Our community and our country are more inclusive and better off because of the work of Arturo Vargas.

On a personal note, as a former president of NALEO myself, I have had the privilege of seeing Arturo's dedication up close. Whether it was calling on him for his unparalleled expertise—or even just to talk Dodgers baseball—I consider myself fortunate to call Arturo an ally and a friend.

As we look ahead to the 50th anniversary of NALEO and all the fights that lie ahead, I take comfort knowing that future generations of Latino leaders will have a roadmap for representation, leadership, and advocacy that Arturo carved out to follow.

I thank Arturo's husband, the Honorable Michael Fitzgerald; his siblings Jose, Jorge, Maria Antonieta, and Rogelio; and his entire family for sharing him with us for all these years.●

TRIBUTE TO EVAN FIRMAN

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Evan Firman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. Firman is from Flandreau, SD. He is currently attending the University of South Dakota, where he studies economics and political science. Mr. Firman is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Firman for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH GEBEL

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Joseph Gebel, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. Gebel is a graduate of Mitchell High School in Mitchell, SD. He is currently attending Augustana University, where he studies government studies, religion, and philosophy. Mr. Gebel is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and

appreciation to Mr. Gebel for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE KOENECKE

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Claire Koenecke, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Ms. Koenecke is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. She is currently attending South Dakota State University, where she studies English and political science. Ms. Koenecke is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Koenecke for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BELLA MAXWELL

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Bella Maxwell, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Ms. Maxwell is a graduate of Madison High School in Madison, SD. She is currently attending Dakota State University, where she studies cyber operations. Ms. Maxwell is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Maxwell for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

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 and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:21 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, without amendment:

S. 1582. An act to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:58 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 bills:

S. 1582. An act to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 1815. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions in the case of a default on a home loan guaranteed by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and referred as indicated:

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; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator PATTY MURRAY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Mary Riley, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3944. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-43).

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2354. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-44).

By Mr. COTTON, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 2342. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Edward L. Artau, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Kyle Christopher Dudek, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

(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. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 2316. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2317. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to address the responsibilities of the Administrator of General Services with respect to Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. BUDD):

S. 2318. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to require the periodic update to the strategic plan to guide the Manufacturing USA Program to align with the mandatory updates to the National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. GALLEGO):

S. 2319. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 300 West Congress Street in Tucson, Arizona, as the "Raul M. Grijalva Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MORENO (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2320. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations relating to the approval of foreign manufacturers of cylinders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. KIM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2321. A bill to make price gouging unlawful, to expand the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to seek permanent injunctions and equitable relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. KIM, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2322. A bill to amend the Federal Housing Enterprises Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 to require that financial institutions, appraisal management companies, appraisers, and other valuation professionals are serving the housing market in a manner that is efficient and consistent for all mortgage loan applicants, borrowers, and communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2323. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to permit some teachers in Early Head Start programs to teach while earning a child development associate credential; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to establish a private right of action for injuries caused by pesticides, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2325. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to fund projects to restore and modernize National Laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 2326. A bill to ensure that United States currency is treated as legal tender to be accepted as payment for purchases of goods and services at brick-and-mortar businesses throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2327. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 2328. A bill to authorize the use of veterans educational assistance for examinations and assessments to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2329. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2330. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to support the recruitment and retention of paraprofessionals in public elementary schools, secondary schools, and preschool programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2331. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-

ance Act to include extreme temperature in the definition of a major disaster; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2332. A bill to require research with respect to fentanyl and xylazine test strips, to authorize the use of grant funds for such test strips, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 2333. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit supplementation of health records of deceased veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TILLIS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2334. A bill to authorize the use of expeditionary solid waste disposal systems by the Department of Defense and to provide funding for solid waste disposal systems, with an offset, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2335. A bill to require every employee to provide to their employees a retirement program with benefits equivalent to the Federal Employees Retirement System or to elect for their employees to participate in the Federal Employees Retirement System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2336. A bill to ensure references to opioid overdose reversal agents in certain grant programs of the Department of Health and Human Services are not limited to naloxone; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2337. A bill to establish a grant program to provide child care services for the minor children of law enforcement officers to accommodate the shift work and nontraditional work hours of such officers, and to enhance recruitment and retention of such officers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 2338. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish the Strengthening Local Food Security Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2339. A bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2340. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a program and national strategic action plan to prepare and empower the health care sector to protect the health and well-being of our workers, our communities, and our planet in the face of the climate crisis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2341. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to impose requirements for substances generally recognized as