

Atkinson as January's Granite Stater of the Month. Celma regularly helps Granite Staters in need by providing their free house cleanings.

Celma started her small business, Cleaning by Celma, after she and her son experienced domestic violence and homelessness. After spending time in a shelter for survivors of domestic violence, she started cleaning homes to earn money to support herself and her son and eventually started her own cleaning business. Celma faced challenges both big and small while starting her own business, but she has successfully grown and expanded it over the years and now enjoys a healthy base of clients.

And while her business has blossomed, Celma has also always made sure that she supports Granite Staters in need. She has partnered with Cleaning for a Reason, a national nonprofit organization, to provide house cleaning to cancer patients, and in her own time, Celma donates house cleanings to disabled veterans. When Celma first meets the recipients of one of her donated cleaning services, she takes care to ensure that their biggest concerns are addressed and that they come away with the comfort and relief that a clean home can provide. Celma believes that every person has goodness in their heart and wants to spread her own goodness by providing these cleanings.

Celma's dedication to helping Granite Staters who are struggling is a beautiful example of the Granite State spirit of going above and beyond to uplift others. Her passion for sharing her work with her community is why I am proud to name her January's Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO HAL GOODING

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as a Senator from the great state of South Carolina, it is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize Deputy Hal Gooding as he retires after an extraordinary career with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. His unwavering commitment to public service is a testament to the highest ideals of law enforcement.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress and the American people, I extend my deepest gratitude to Deputy Gooding for his years of selfless service, tireless efforts, and steadfast dedication to keeping Charleston County safe. He has not only protected citizens of Charleston County, but also helped create an environment where families and neighbors can live in peace.

Fifty years with Charleston County speaks volumes about Deputy Gooding's steadfast commitment to the community he serves. As he transitions into this well-deserved chapter of retirement, I am confident that he will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those fortunate to know him.

Congratulations on your retirement, Deputy Hal Gooding.●

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-201. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Update of Challenge Period for Validation of Asserted Restrictions on Technical Data and Computer Software (DFARS Case 2022-D016)" ((RIN0750-AL67) (DARS-2022-0030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-202. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Technical Amendments" (DARS-2024-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-203. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Definition of Material Weakness (DFARS Case 2021-D006)" ((RIN0750-AL25) (DARS-2024-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-204. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commissary Credit and Debit Card User Fees" (RIN0790-AK92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-205. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN0790-AL82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-206. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children Overseas: Revision to Definition of Drafts" (RIN0720-AB91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-207. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in account 083-4161X, Export-Import Bank Direct Loan Financing Account, in the amount of \$4.884 billion; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-208. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Succession Planning" (RIN3133-AF42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Implementation of Additional Due Diligence Measures for Advanced Computing Integrated Circuits; Amendments and Clarifications; and Extension of Comment Period" (RIN0694-AJ98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-210. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-211. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-212. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency in order to address the damage and danger to the American people and integrity of America's sovereign borders resulting from the invasion on the southern border of the United States by cartels, criminal gangs, known terrorists, human traffickers, smugglers, unvetted military-age males from foreign adversaries, and illicit narcotics that harm Americans; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-213. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency in order to address our Nation's inadequate energy supply and infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-214. A communication from the Executive Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments" (RIN1024-AE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-215. A communication from the Management Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Practices Before the Department of Interior" (RIN1094-AA57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

(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. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 288. A bill to support and promote human rights of Southern Mongolians in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. MORENO):

S. 289. A bill to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrate to individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 290. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to upgrade existing emergency communications centers in units of the National Park System to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 291. A bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WICKER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. HUSTED):

S. 292. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing education scholarships to qualified elementary and secondary students; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 293. A bill to appropriate \$25,000,000,000 for the construction of a border wall between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 294. A bill to require origin and location disclosure for new products of Foreign origin offered for sale on the internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 295. A bill to reduce the size of the Federal workforce through attrition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 296. A bill to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 297. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for prostate cancer screenings without the imposition of

cost-sharing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 298. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to headquarters to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 299. A bill to establish a competitive grant program to support the establishment, expansion, or enhancement of youth mentoring programs for eligible youth, and to provide for social and emotional learning, employability skill development, career exploration, work-based learning, and other youth workforce opportunities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 300. A bill to improve accountability in the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 301. A bill to authorize the appropriation of \$10,000,000,000 to the Department of Defense for military support to secure the borders of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 302. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the calculation and reduce the taxpayer cost of payment errors under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. LEE):

S. 303. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to limit to \$0 the amount that the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection may request to fund the activities of the Bureau; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 304. 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 nationals and citizens of the United States at birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 305. A bill to authorize small business loans to finance access to modern business software, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 306. A bill to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and wildfire smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 307. A bill to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 308. A bill to modify the annual and aggregate limits of Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans for graduate and professional students, and to terminate Federal Direct PLUS Loans for graduate and professional students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ERNST, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 309. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 310. A bill to establish a grant program to address the crisis in accessing affordable housing and child care through the co-location of housing and child care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 311. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 312. A bill to establish a Federal tort against pediatric gender clinics and other entities pushing gender-transition procedures that cause bodily injury to children or harm the mental health of children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 313. A bill to restrict United States voluntary and assessed contributions to the United Nations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. MORAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 314. A bill to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 315. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in passenger

motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 316. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CURTIS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Ms. ROSEN):

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; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 318. A bill to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 319. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to review the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program, and for other programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 320. A bill to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 321. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit United States persons from advancing artificial intelligence capabilities within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 322. A bill to improve the lead time, accuracy, and dissemination of forecasts of atmospheric rivers throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 323. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to develop a National Strategy to Synchronize Federal Broadband Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 324. A bill require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out pilot projects relating to improved subseasonal to seasonal forecasting in agriculture and water management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. GALLEGOS):

S. 325. A bill to reduce health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mrs. BRITT):

S. Res. 43. A resolution affirming the threats to world stability from a nuclear weapons-capable Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DAINES, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 44. A resolution designating the week of January 26 through February 1, 2025, as "National School Choice Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHMITT (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 45. A resolution supporting the contributions of Catholic schools in the United States and celebrating the 51st annual National Catholic Schools Week; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 46. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2025 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 83

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for convicted murderers who kill or target America's public safety officers.

S. 205

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination by abortion against an unborn child on the basis of Down syndrome.

S. 248

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permanently extend certain in-home cardiopulmonary rehabilitation flexibilities established in response to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and for other purposes.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 290. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to upgrade existing emergency communications centers in units of the National Park System to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 290

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Making National Parks Safer Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

(A) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(2) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "emergency communications center" means—

(i) a facility that—

(I) is designated to receive a 9-1-1 request for emergency assistance; and

(II) performs 1 or more of the functions described in subparagraph (B); or

(ii) a public safety answering point (as defined in section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222)).

(B) FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The functions described in this subparagraph are the following:

(i) Processing and analyzing 9-1-1 requests for emergency assistance and information and data related to the requests.

(ii) Dispatching appropriate emergency response providers.

(iii) Transferring or exchanging 9-1-1 requests for emergency assistance and information and data related to the requests with 1 or more other emergency communications centers and emergency response providers.

(iv) Analyzing any communications received from emergency response providers.

(v) Supporting incident command functions.

(3) INTEROPERABILITY.—The term "interoperability" means the capability of emergency communications centers—

(A) to receive 9-1-1 requests for emergency assistance and information and data related to the requests, such as location information and callback numbers from a person initiating the request; and

(B) to process and share 9-1-1 requests for emergency assistance and information and