

EC-1610. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of two officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1611. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1612. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of four officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1613. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recission of Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)" ((RIN0703-AB31)(32 CFR Part 775)) received during in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1614. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to United States forces deployed to Haiti to strengthen security for United States facilities and United States Government personnel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 723. A bill to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-60).

## EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

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

\*Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

\*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 Mrs. MOODY:

S. 2690. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that commercial driver's licenses be restricted to United

States citizens, lawful permanent residents, and individuals authorized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to engage in employment in the United States that includes driving a commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2691. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to extend and enhance the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2692. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish in the Department of Agriculture an Office of Biotechnology Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2693. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the recognition, procurement, and domestic production of biobased products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2694. A bill to improve connections between the Department of Agriculture and national and homeland security agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2695. A bill to provide for the establishment of a National Synthetic Biology Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2696. A bill to establish a Foundation for Enabling Biotechnology Innovation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2697. A bill to authorize the National Science Foundation to conduct research for biotechnology risk assessment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2698. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for victims of Sexual assault or domestic violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2699. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain education and training programs relating to geriatrics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2700. A bill to improve transparency and accountability for Federal student loan borrowers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 2701. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 2702. A bill to require local educational agencies, State educational agencies, and other governmental education entities to respect the rights of parents regarding gender transition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2703. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving age discrimination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. Res. 372. A resolution honoring the life of Kansas City, Kansas police officer Hunter Simoncic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. Con. Res. 21. A concurrent resolution denouncing the horrors of socialism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 177

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

S. 178

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the reporting of abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, and for other purposes.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 424

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 424, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946.

S. 817

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 817, a bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to prohibit the Federal Government from conducting, funding, approving, or otherwise supporting any research involving human fetal tissue that is obtained pursuant to an induced abortion, and to prohibit the solicitation or knowing acquisition, receipt, or acceptance of a donation of such issue.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1027, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make employers of spouses of military personnel eligible for the work opportunity credit.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain vet-

erinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1365

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1365, a bill to prohibit the awarding of contracts and grants to companies beneficially owned by special Government employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1376

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1376, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1548

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain Nurse Corps payments from gross income.

S. 1609

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to provide for further comprehensive research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke on unruptured intracranial aneurysms.

S. 1643

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve health care coverage under vision plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the Department of Veterans Affairs definition of "medical services" includes medically necessary automobile adaptations, and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture as oppressive child labor.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2092, a bill to prohibit the use of smartphones at Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

S. 2211

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2211, a bill to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2426, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2447

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2447, a bill to repeal changes to Medicaid cost sharing requirements and the exclusion for orphan drugs under the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program.

S. 2579

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2579, a bill to rename the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

S. 2681

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Lujan) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Fetterman) were added as cosponsors of S. 2681, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the availability of certain clean energy credits.

S. 2686

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. Cornyn) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2686, a bill to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General for the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. Britt) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2687, a bill to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 enacted by the District of Columbia Council.

S. 2688

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Heinrich) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2688, a bill to extend to the Mayor of the District of Columbia the same authority over the National Guard of the District of Columbia as the Governors of the several States exercise over the National Guard of those States with respect to administration of the National Guard and its use to respond to natural disasters and other civil disturbances, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 69

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. Blackburn) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 69, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Record of Decision for the Barred Owl Management Strategy; Washington, Oregon, and California".

S. RES. 343

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Reed) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 343, a resolution recognizing the important work of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

AMENDMENT NO. 2952

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. Rounds) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2952 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2968

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Ossoff) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2968 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2995

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Warner) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2995 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3189

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. Lummis) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3189 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3288

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. Moody) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3288 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3697

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. Lee) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3697 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3730

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. Kelly) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3730 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities 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.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Kaine):

S. 2699. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain education and training programs relating to geriatrics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation with my colleague from Virginia Senator Kaine that would reauthorize the only federally funded programs specifically designed to develop a healthcare workforce focused on the care of older Americans. The Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act would reauthorize two programs important to training specialists who care for our older adults: the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program and the Geriatrics Academic Career Awards Program.

The number of Americans age 65 and older is growing. In 2020, there were just three States in which senior citizens outnumbered children: Maine, Vermont, and Florida. Today, there are 11 States that have more seniors than children, and Maine has the oldest population in the Nation. The percentage of the U.S. population over age 65 rose by 3 percent, to 18 percent, in just 1 year.

The fact is, the United States is facing a shortage of geriatric health professionals and direct service workers to support our aging population. The American Geriatrics Society projects that we will be short some 1,700 geriatricians by the year 2036. Fewer than 7,000 of our Nation's nearly 1 million physicians are board-certified geriatricians. We need to train 1,600 geriatricians per year over the next 9 years to fill that gap.

Complicating this shortfall is the fact that as many as 90 percent of our older adults either have or will develop one or more chronic health conditions. So you put together many chronic conditions, an aging population, multiple medications, and changes that naturally occur in aging, and you have a situation making caring for older adults ever more complex and challenging. In any given year, it is expected that 30 percent of older adults will require specialized geriatric care.

Today, there are 42 Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Programs in 37 States. I am pleased that since the last