

Army at 17 years old, he spent the next 19 years putting the safety of others above his own both in the Army and the Army National Guard. Michael went on two overseas deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq where he worked as a medic, cavalry scout, and a communications specialist.

He received numerous awards and recognitions, including three Army Commendation Medals and five Army Achievement Medals. Despite being in a war zone, Michael's faith deepened while in Iraq. He saw firsthand where many Bible stories took place.

Michael says his time in the military trained him to stay calm in high-intensity situations as he returned home to serving those around him in a new way. Michael came back to central Alabama and worked as a firefighter for the next few years. During this time, he received the awful news that altered the course of his life: His lungs were failing him.

Michael was forced to quit his job, resulting in him and his family losing everything—their home, cars, and credit. This time, Michael had to lean on his friends for help, as he fought through redtape at the VA to get his benefits. Michael admits that his challenges left him with thoughts of ending his life, but his faith kept him pushing forward. Through all of these trials, Michael and his family have kept their heads held high.

He is a true hero, and words fall short in relaying our gratitude for his service. September is Veterans Suicide Awareness Month, and we appreciate Michael reminding us of the need to support the men and women who have served in our military all year long. It is my honor to recognize SGT Michael Thorin as the September Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:39 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4553. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 377. An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

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-1643. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to designation of an acting officer for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1644. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); FAR Case 2023-018, Clarification of System for Award Management Preaward Registration Requirements" (RIN9000-AO66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1645. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05, Introduction" (FAC 2025-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1646. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2025-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1647. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2025-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1648. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-128, "Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1649. 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 military action taken on September 2, 2025, in the Caribbean Sea and of the potential for further such actions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1650. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-129, "Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1651. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-130, "Congress Cove Court Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1652. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-131, "Elmore-Friendship Court Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1653. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-132, "Rev. Dr. Judy Talbert Way Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1654. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-133, "Parkside Canopy Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1655. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-134, "Strengthening Probate Administration Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1656. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-135, "Long Bridge Project Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1657. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-136, "DC Water and Sewer Authority Billing and Disconnection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1658. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-137, "Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1659. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Expired 1-Year Grace Period for Data Extensions" (RIN1010-AE34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1660. A communication from the Acting Associate Director of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offshore Downhole Commingling Regulatory Updates" (RIN1014-AA68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1661. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Renewable Energy Leasing Schedule" (RIN1010-AE35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1662. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Cross References" (RIN1010-AE30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1663. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources" (RIN1010-AE11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1664. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness: Gulf of America" (RIN1010-AE25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1665. A communication from the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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EC-1667. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The 81-Month Rule for Dependents' Education Assistance" (RIN2900-AS30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1668. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1669. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination and discontinuation of service in an acting role for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1670. A communication from the Senior Counsel of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for 2025" (Docket No. OLP 178) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1671. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Visa Bond Pilot Program" (RIN1400-AG01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1672. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Coordinated Health Care Office's fiscal year 2024 report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1673. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Regulations for Continuing Professional Education Requirements of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries" (RIN1545-BQ30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1674. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2025-28" (Rev. Proc. 2025-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1675. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals (IPPS) and the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Rates; Changes to the FY 2025 IPPS Rates Due to Court Decision; Requirements for Quality Programs; and Other Policy Changes; Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Electronic Prescribing, Real-Time Prescription Benefit and Electronic Prior Authorization (CMS-1833-F and CMS-1808-F)" ((RIN0938-AV45) (RIN0938-AV34) (RIN0955-AA06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1676. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2026 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Program Requirements" (RIN0938-AV49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1677. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 and Updates to the IRF Quality Reporting Program" (RIN0938-AV48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1678. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 and Updates to the Quality Reporting Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2026" (RIN0938-AV47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1679. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2026" (RIN0938-AV47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1680. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of 15 proposed rescissions of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as amended by the order of April 11, 1986; to the

Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; and Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 606. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reimburse the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for costs directly associated with the removal and replacement of certain drinking water wells (Rept. No. 119-61).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1081. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to submit certain reports to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-62).

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1440. A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to include as an additional right or privilege of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (and their beneficiaries) certain leave provided under title 10, United States Code to commissioned officers of the Army (or their beneficiaries).

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2292. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user fee program for over-the-counter monograph drugs, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2301. A bill to reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care.

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2398. A bill to reauthorize the Kay Hagan Tick Act, and for other purposes.

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. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2730. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to innovative treatment options for end-stage renal disease under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

S. 2731. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act to provide that an individual engaged in a labor dispute may receive unemployment benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2732. A bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.