

business from The Ohio State University, where he was a Griffith Scholar and president of the Insurance Society. He also holds an honorary doctorate in public service from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and honorary doctor of laws from Mercyhurst University, where the history department is named in his honor.

The distinctive accomplishments of Mr. Hagen reflect great credit upon himself, his family, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States. It is with great pride that we recognize the achievements of Thomas B. Hagen's leadership and service on the occasion of his 90th birthday and bring the attention of Congress to this successful son of Pennsylvania; September 10, 2025.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE ZELLE

● Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Charlie Zelle, who is retiring today from his role as chair of the Metropolitan Council in Minnesota.

Charlie has been a visionary leader for Minnesota. His leadership has transformed our State's infrastructure and allowed us to flourish as a hub of industry and prosperity, and generations of Minnesotans will benefit from his legacy.

Charlie's passion for transportation is rooted in the family business, Jefferson Lines intercity buses, of which he remains chairman. He was born and raised in Saint Paul and received a B.A. from Bates College and an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management. He has been recognized for his work in transportation policy as a recipient of the George Rucker Award by the Community Transportation Association and the Ray L. Lappegard Distinguished Service Award by the Center of Transportation Studies.

In addition, Charlie has been a hilarious and enthusiastic friend to Archie and me, an energetic and loving husband and dad to his family, and an active and engaged member of Minnesota's civic and arts community.

Since 2020, Charlie has chaired the Metropolitan Council, the regional planning and policy organization which works with local governments to provide essential services to the Twin Cities metro area, including transit, clean water, parklands, and housing planning. The lives of millions of Minnesotans are better by Met Council's services and Charlie's leadership. Charlie's hallmark accomplishment is his tireless advocacy for a robust public transit system that gets people to work, school, medical appointments, and fun efficiently and easily.

Charlie also served as commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation for 6 years in the Dayton administration, where he implemented a bold, statewide vision to bring Minnesota's infrastructure into the 21st century. His careful stewardship of Federal and State resources helped repair numerous roads and bridges and to

improve the safety, mobility, and economic vitality of Minnesota communities from the most rural to the most urban.

Congratulations on your well-earned retirement, Charlie. Minnesota thanks you for your incredible leadership, and we look forward to seeing where you next chose to direct your talent and love for our community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2748. A bill to establish a program to beautify the District of Columbia and to establish the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Commission, and for other purposes.

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.

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-1744. A communication from the Associate Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.257 Revision 0, Qualification of Fiber-Optic Cables, Connections, and Optical Fiber Splices for Use in Safety Systems for Production and Utilization Facilities" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1745. A communication from the Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties; 2025 Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN1018-BI02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1746. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescinding Regulations on Procedures for Advance Construction of Federal-Aid Projects" (RIN2125-AG26) received

in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1747. A communication from the Associate Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.87, Acceptability of ASME Code, Section III, Division 5, 'High Temperature Reactors'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1748. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; 2025-26 Seasons for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-BH65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1749. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final 2025-2026 Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-BH65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1750. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; CCR Management Unit Deadline Extension Rule; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" ((RIN2050-AH36) (FRL No. 7814.2-03-OLEM)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1751. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; Revision to the State Operating Permits Program Under Title V of the Clean Air Act to Revise 45 Code of State Rules 33; Acid Rain Provisions and Permits" (FRL No. 11859-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1752. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ID; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period" (FRL No. 11879-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1753. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; State Implementation Plan Revision for Chico, Modesto and Stockton Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Areas" (FRL No. 12323-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1754. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the

Attainment Date of the Coachella Valley Extreme Nonattainment Area Under the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 12518-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1755. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 12574-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1756. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Second Period Regional Haze Plan" (FRL No. 12588-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1757. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period" (FRL No. 12755-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1758. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Control of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions and Approval and Promulgation of State Plan (Negative Declaration) for Designated Facilities and Pollutants" (FRL No. 12807-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1759. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Massachusetts: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 12874-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1760. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawals of Findings of Failure To Submit State Implementation Plan and Finding of Failure to Attain for the Rusk and Panola Counties, Texas 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard Area" (FRL No. 12956-01-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SCOTT, of South Carolina, for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Stephen Miran, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2012.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*William Kirkland, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*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. CRUZ:

S. 2750. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to establish a Federal regulatory sandbox program for artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2751. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect registration fees from members of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2752. A bill to require a full review of the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2753. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2754. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the City of Ouray, Colorado, certain land managed by the Forest Service, together with a reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2755. A bill to provide that no Federal funds may be obligated or expended to award a grant or contract to an institution of higher education for the specific purposes of conducting fundamental research in collaboration with a covered entity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2756. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to reduce patient cost-sharing for prescription drug inhaler products used to treat breathing disorders such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2757. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to modify the amount of reciprocal deposits of an insured depository institution that are not considered to be

funds obtained by or through a deposit broker, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 2758. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to encourage the replacement or modernization of inefficient, outdated freight railcars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WELCH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KELLY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2759. A bill to enhance our Nation's nurse and physician workforce by recapturing unused immigrant visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. 2760. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide hereditary cancer genetic testing for individuals with a history of a hereditary cancer gene mutation in a blood relative or a personal or ancestral history suspicious for hereditary cancer, and to provide coverage of certain cancer screenings or preventive surgeries that would reduce the risk for individuals with a germline (inherited) mutation associated with a high risk of developing a preventable cancer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 2761. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide long-term stability for Medicare beneficiary access to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests by improving the accuracy of, and feasibility of data collection for, the private payor-based fee schedule payment rates applied under the Medicare program for such tests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2762. A bill to establish a commission on long-term care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. KIM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2763. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to permanently appropriate funding for the administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2764. A bill to require disclosure of the total amount of interest that would be paid over the life of a loan for certain Federal student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2765. A bill to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. 2766. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot