

the 1980 Winter Olympics where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing American morale at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and transforming the sport of hockey in the United States.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 2:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Clerk of the House of Representatives request the Senate to return to the House the bill (H.R. 3426) to amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1047. An act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3015. An act to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3062. An act to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1047. An act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3015. An act to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1092. A bill to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-63).

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. WICKER (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2914. A bill to strengthen strategic defense cooperation between the United States and NATO allies on the Eastern Flank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2915. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an emerging developer fund program to provide competitive grants to nonprofit housing organizations and community development financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHEEHY:

S. 2916. A bill to remove the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation consider the committed or anticipated non-Federal funding for long distance intercity passenger rail routes under the Corridor Identification and Development Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHEEHY:

S. 2917. A bill to prescribe a process to allow the Secretary of Transportation to make funding adjustments with respect to highway safety funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2918. A bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2919. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to promote transparency by permitting the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to allow its disciplinary proceedings to be open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2920. A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LUJAN (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 2921. A bill to amend section 7014 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to advance toward full Federal funding for impact aid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2922. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the authorization for certain alternative fuel and clean vehicles to use HOV facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2923. A bill to provide for the automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes; 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. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. Res. 414. A resolution designating September 2025 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities that benefit children as well as youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 415. A resolution designating the week of September 21 through September 27, 2025, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WARNOCK)):

S. Res. 416. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 2025 as "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month" in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. BARASSO):

S. Res. 417. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 14 through September 20, 2025, as "Telehealth Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 418. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 20 through September 27, 2025, as "National Estuaries Week"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 100

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 100, a bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act.

S. 702

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 702, a bill to require a study on the quality of care difference between mental health and addiction therapy care provided by health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs

compared to non-Department providers, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to certain veterans with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to kidnapping, sexual abuse, and illicit sexual conduct with respect to minors.

S. 1472

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1472, a bill to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of New England.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 2859

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 2859, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups.

S. 2904

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2904, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the shadow fleet of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 81, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil.

S. RES. 410

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 410, a resolution calling on the President to recognize a demilitarized State of Palestine, as consistent with international law and the principles of a two-state solution, alongside a secure State of Israel.

AMENDMENT NO. 3288

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) 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. 3759

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3759 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 Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2915. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an emerging developer fund program to provide competitive grants to nonprofit housing organizations and community development financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. 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. 2915

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 “Sparking Production of Urban and Rural Housing Act” or the “SPUR Housing Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.**—The term “community development financial institution” means an institution that has been certified as a community development financial institution (as defined in section 103 of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702)) by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(2) **DISTRESSED COMMUNITY.**—The term “distressed community” has the meaning given the term “qualified census tract” in section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) **HIGH OPPORTUNITY AREA.**—The term “high opportunity area” has the meaning given the term in section 1282.1 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(4) **EMERGING DEVELOPER.**—The term “emerging developer” means a developer that has—

(A) limited real estate development experience and limited liquidity or net worth;

(B) any other qualifications as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(5) **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; PART B INSTITUTION.**—The terms “institution of higher education” and “part B institution” have the meanings given those terms in section 101 and 322, respectively, of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001, 1061).

(6) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 3. EMERGING DEVELOPER FUND PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish an emerging developer fund program to provide competitive grants to nonprofit housing organizations and community development financial institutions.

(b) **USE OF AMOUNTS.**—Nonprofit housing organizations and community development financial institutions that receive amounts under this section shall use such amounts—

(1) to offer financing to emerging developers undertaking affordable housing and community development projects, including—

(A) predevelopment loans;

(B) loan loss reserves;

(C) grants;

(D) risk sharing; and

(E) credit enhancements, including interest rate buy downs;

(2) to capitalize a fund to support affordable housing and community development projects of emerging developers;

(3) to offer capacity-building training, and technical assistance programs to emerging developers; and

(4) for other uses approved by the Secretary.

(c) **APPLICATION.**—Each nonprofit housing organization and community development financial institution that applies for a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may reasonably require and shall—

(1) demonstrate plans for providing comprehensive training, technical assistance, and financing to emerging developers; and

(2) include information about past work completed by the organization or institution.

(d) **AWARDING OF GRANTS.**—The Secretary shall award grants under this section based on the ability of an applicant to—

(1) identify and quantify the need for development capacity building in the community of focus, including emerging developers with an intent to pursue affordable housing and community development projects, including in distressed communities;

(2) provide comprehensive real estate development capacity building and ongoing technical assistance, including by helping emerging developers to—

(A) develop and manage a construction budget;

(B) determine financing needs;

(C) identify and secure sources of private and public capital, including preparing applications for tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

(D) structure capital stacks;

(E) understand loan terms;

(F) conduct business planning;