

Guard Armory will bear his name as a lasting tribute to a man whose legacy will be a tremendous source of pride for his hometown, State, and country for generations to come.

Arkansas is proud to call Popeye Wright one of our own. His story is a reminder of the values we hold dear: duty, honor and service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a life well lived and celebrating his well-deserved place in the Arkansas National Guard Hall of Fame.●

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-1914. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Jamaica in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-082) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1915. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Philippines, Taiwan, and Malaysia in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-074) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1916. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-109) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1917. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Canada in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-084) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1918. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to advise that he is exercising his authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1919. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adverse Effect Wage Rate Methodology for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Nonimmigrants in Non-Farm Occupations in the United States" (RIN1205-AC24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1920. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Denmark in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-100) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1921. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Ukraine in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-093) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1922. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Belgium, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-091) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1923. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-066) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1924. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by Section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, a semi-annual report relative to telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba during the period from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1925. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13694 with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1926. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of State's intent to designate Barrio 18 as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1927. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a final report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13338 with respect to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1928. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1929. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1930. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13894 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David Courcelle, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Jennifer Lee Mascott, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Harold D. Mooty III, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

(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. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mrs. MOODY):

S. 2959. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of State from issuing a passport, passport card, or Consular Report of Birth Abroad that includes the unspecified "X" gender designation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 2960. A bill to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 2961. A bill to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 2962. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction under section 199A to apply to qualified BDC interest dividends in the same manner as qualified REIT dividends; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. ALSBROOKS, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. KING, Mr. KIM, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 2963. A bill to provide back pay to Federal contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2964. A bill to allow penalty-free distributions from retirement accounts in the case of certain Federal contractors impacted by Federal Government shutdowns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. GALLEG0):

S. 2965. A bill to prohibit the use of the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Department of the Treasury to bail out Argentina's financial markets; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2966. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive certain penalties for affected Federal employees receiving a distribution from the Thrift Savings Plan during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 85. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: Temporary-Use Incinerators and Air Curtain Incinerators Used in Disaster Recovery; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 86. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 87. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness: Gulf of America"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 88, a bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to wildland firefighters in recognition of their strength, resiliency, sacrifice, and service to protect the forests, grasslands, and communities of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) 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. 599

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, and for other purposes.

S. 1173

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify and preserve the breadth of the protections under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.

S. 1404

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) 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. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 2229

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2229, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the Foreign Service of the United States and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 2628

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2628, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish new payment rules for certain catastrophic specialty hospitals under the Medicare program.

S. 2706

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2706, a bill to prohibit cashless bail in the District of Columbia.

S. 2873

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2873, a bill to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit requiring an authorization for the installation, continued presence, operation, maintenance, repair, or recovery of undersea fiber optic cables in a national marine sanctuary if such activities have previously been authorized by a Federal or State agency.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal penalties for the knowing and intentional administration of any abortion-inducing drug to a woman without her informed consent, if the abortion-inducing drug has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 77

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 77, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Canada.

S.J. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 81, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil.

S.J. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 82, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Secretary of