

Under the Provisions of S. Res. 412), I would have voted nay.

TEXAS MEASLES OUTBREAK

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Washington Examiner, Aug. 26, 2025]

RFK JR.'S LEADERSHIP BROUGHT AN END TO THE TEXAS MEASLES OUTBREAK

(By Rep. Jodey Arrington)

The world has witnessed a concerning surge of measles cases. Europe reported 127,350 cases in 2024—the highest number recorded on the continent since 1997. In Canada, 4,586 cases have been documented in 2024 and 2025, while Mexico has confirmed 3,911 cases to date.

And, on Jan. 17, 2025, just three days before President Donald Trump assumed office, the Houston Health Department reported two confirmed measles cases, marking the first case in Texas since 2023. While left-leaning media outlets were quick to criticize the Trump administration over these cases in Texas, they remained largely silent about the 383% nationwide increase in measles cases between 2023 and 2024 during the Biden administration, including Illinois's largest measles outbreak since 1990, which was linked to a migrant shelter in Chicago.

In stark contrast, the Trump administration's response to the measles outbreak, led by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., met the moment. It was prompt, aggressive, and wholly effective. And, this week, thanks to the secretary's leadership and tireless work, Texas health officials declared the outbreak over.

Kennedy's approach was not a top-down, government-knows-best strategy where the feds swoop in and usurp the direction from state and local leaders. Instead, he understands what too many people in Washington forget: The most effective solutions come from those closest to the problem and most accountable to the people. It's with this understanding that he listened first, acted decisively, and never left our community's side.

He spoke to leaders at every level public health officials, healthcare providers, and the community members affected—and not just once, but daily. I am convinced his personal commitment and sense of urgency enabled him to break through the bureaucracy, swiftly marshal the necessary resources, and successfully end the outbreak.

The secretary used his platform to raise awareness for the measles outbreak, publicly urging people to take it seriously and emphasizing the critical role of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

He directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response to work hand-in-glove with Texas health officials to deploy rapid response teams, give comprehensive support, and provide 7,000 doses of the MMR vaccine and therapeutic medications to our local communities. He made sure local health authorities, providers, and families had the tools and support they needed, providing prevention, guidance and establishing a local response network laboratory at Texas Tech to expedite measles testing in West Texas.

And he engaged the broader public as well. The CDC accelerated its public reporting of measles cases and outbreaks so that anyone who visited the CDC's website could see hot

spots of infection. It also posted a "Be Ready for Measles" toolkit, which provided outbreak response tools and communication materials for clinicians and the public health community. What's more, the CDC held biweekly national calls to share best practices on managing the outbreak for providers and health departments.

But beyond the policies, beyond the programs, what defined the secretary's leadership during the measles outbreak was his personal engagement and genuine compassion for the families affected. He personally visited the small town of Seminole, Texas, and he didn't just give its residents resources. He gave them what they needed most: the confidence and hope that their nation's healthcare system and their country would not abandon them. He developed real, meaningful connections with West Texas families—comforting them, mourning alongside them, and giving them the encouragement they needed to persist in the face of this crisis.

This is what good leadership looks like. Not command and control, but compassion and service. Not someone who thinks they have all the answers, but someone who seeks first to understand.

I have never witnessed a leader at his level, a man who leads an entire national agency, show such humility, humanity, and heart. Kennedy is not a conventional Cabinet secretary, and thank God. Because of his unique leadership, our families are safer, our communities are stronger, and, together, we are making America healthy again.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 61, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Thune, Steve Daines, Thom Tillis, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, John Boozman, James C. Justice, Tommy Tuberville, Tom Cotton, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Bernie Moreno, Eric Schmitt, Mike Rounds, John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer, Cynthia M. Lummis, Mike Crapo, Jerry Moran, Deb Fischer, Roger Marshall, Jon Husted, Ted Cruz, Ron Johnson, John Kennedy, Mike Lee, Lindsey Graham, David McCormick, Ashley Moody, John Cornyn, Tim Scott (SC).

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 62, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Thune, Steve Daines, Kevin Cramer, Tom Cotton, Ron Johnson,

Jim Banks, Ted Cruz, Eric Schmitt, Markwayne Mullin, Bill Cassidy, Pete Ricketts, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven, James Lankford, James E. Risch, Tommy Tuberville, John Cornyn, John Barrasso, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Cynthia M. Lummis, Ashley Moody, Katie Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Bernie Moreno, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chuck Grassley, Marsha Blackburn, Roger Marshall, David McCormick.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 63, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Thune, Steve Daines, Kevin Cramer, Tom Cotton, Ron Johnson, Jim Banks, Ted Cruz, Eric Schmitt, Markwayne Mullin, Bill Cassidy, Pete Ricketts, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven, James Lankford, James E. Risch, Tommy Tuberville, John Cornyn, John Barrasso, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Cynthia M. Lummis, Ashley Moody, Katie Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Bernie Moreno, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chuck Grassley, Marsha Blackburn, Roger Marshall, David McCormick, Dan Sullivan, Lisa Murkowski.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolutions were discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 61. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

S.J. Res. 62. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

S.J. Res. 63. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2983. A bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

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-1965. 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; Guam; Guam Environmental Protection Agency; New Source Review" (FRL No. 12613-02-R9) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1966. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hawaii: Amendment to Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 12586-02-R9) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1967. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2024 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1968. 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 Regarding Management Systems Pertaining to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Refuge Roads Program" (RIN2125-AG23) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1969. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-24-0042) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1970. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imported Walnuts; Suspension of Handling Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-SC-24-0053) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1971. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1972. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1973. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of 10 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-1974. A communication from the Director, 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; Corrections" (RIN1010-AE34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KANE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KIM, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2977. A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 5, United States Code, to ensure timely rulings by the Merit Systems Protection Board on appeals by Federal employees and applicants for employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BRITT, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2978. A bill to provide for the designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2979. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a confidential, voluntary information-sharing system to encourage the sharing of pipeline safety data and information in a nonpunitive context in order to improve the safety of pipeline facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2980. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study certain composite material pipelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2981. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of prosthetic and rehabilitative items and services by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KANE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2982. A bill to suspend the enforcement of certain civil liabilities of Federal employees and contractors during a lapse in appropriations, or during a breach of the statutory debt limit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2983. A bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015; read the first time.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KANE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. WARREN):

S.J. Res. 88. A joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose global tariffs; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BANKS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. DAINES, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MORENO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mrs. MOODY):

S. Res. 438. A resolution condemning the brutal Hamas-led terrorist attack on the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, and supporting an outcome that ensures the forever survival of Israel, the complete denial of Hamas's ability to reconstitute in the region, and the release of all the remaining hostages from the Gaza Strip, including two United States citizens; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. Res. 439. A resolution condemning antisemitic hatred on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mrs. MOODY):

S. Res. 440. A resolution designating September 2025 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 441. A resolution designating the week of October 5, 2025, through October 11, 2025, as "National Community Policing Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 107

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 107, a bill to amend the Lumber Act of 1956.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) 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.