

maintained that the student-athletes come first. He helped ensure that student-athletes maintained a strong academic focus. The student-athlete GPA for the last 27 consecutive semesters has remained a 3.0 and above.

In 2018, Joe was named Co-National Athletic Director of the Year. A 2017 Sports Illustrated survey named him the best athletics director in the country. He has also been the recipient of the LEAD1 Association Pearl Award of Excellence, the John L. Toner Award from the National Football Foundation, and has been inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. He is also the only person in history to have served on the College Football Playoff Committee and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball and Baseball Committees.

His wife Kristen has supported his endeavors for 30 years. Retirement will give both of them the chance to spend a bit more time together in the years ahead. They have two sons Joseph Jr. and Jonathan.

In his nearly three decades at OU, Joe C's vision for Sooner magic created the gold standard of athletics at OU today. Since Joe will not be officially retiring until 2028, this is not the final goodbye, but an opportunity to thank Joe for his decades of service and dedication to a program that owes him so much. Joe, thank you for your leadership.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ADAM CHENAULT

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Deputy Adam Chenault of the Cooper County Sheriff's Office for his extraordinary bravery, composure, and willingness to put his life on the line for others.

In the middle of February, Deputy Chenault responded to an urgent call along the frigid Missouri River. A woman in distress was perched above a 70-foot drop amidst icy and snowy conditions. After Deputy Chenault arrived on the scene, he quickly exited his patrol vehicle and approached the cliff's edge, placing himself at great personal risk. He kept responding units back while he calmly spoke with the distressed woman, eventually talking her off the ledge to safety.

Deputy Chenault remained by her side until medical personnel arrived, and he ensured her safe transportation to a nearby hospital. His decisive action, disregard for personal safety, and calming words saved a life.

Deputy Adam Chenault is truly a Champion of Missouri. Chenault was presented with the Life Saving Award by the Cooper County Sheriff's Office. His unwavering commitment to protecting those in danger exemplifies the best of Missouri law enforcement. I commend Deputy Chenault for his life-saving service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CLARA HILL

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Clara Hill of Missouri

Middle School for her election as president of Missouri Middle School FBLA.

Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, is a nationally recognized organization dedicated to preparing the next generation of students for careers in business, leadership, and service. By earning the trust and support of her peers in this competitive election, Clara Hill has demonstrated maturity and a strong commitment to excellence well beyond her years. Her achievement reflects not only her personal dedication and leadership ability, but also a bright future for the next generation of Missouri youth.

As a newly elected leader in the Missouri Middle School's FBLA chapter, Clara Hill will play a vital role in empowering her fellow classmates to grow as leaders and citizens. Her accomplishment serves as a powerful example of how determination, character, and vision can inspire others to succeed.

Clara Hill is truly a Champion of Missouri. Her ability to lead and strong determination were critical in winning her school's FBLA election. I commend Clara Hill for her service to Missouri and wish her all the best in her future endeavors with the Future Business Leaders of America.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL PAUL NICHOLS

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Corporal Paul Nichols of Hartsburg, MO, and to thank him for his years of service to our State and great Nation. Over his time in the U.S. Army during the closing months of World War II through his discharge just prior to the Korean war, Corporal Nichols, then serving with the 48th Field Artillery Battalion, demonstrated excellence in his work as an electrical lineman and inspector for communication lines across Korea. Through both his time in our Republic's armed forces and his time at home, he more than demonstrated his capability.

Corporal Paul Nichols is truly a member of the greatest generation and is an outstanding example of a Heartland Hero. I am truly grateful for his commitment to protecting our fellow Americans, am honored by his devotion, and know that my colleagues will join me in wishing him the best.●

#### REMEMBERING ADRIENNE L. OTTAVIANI

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of Adrienne L. Ottaviani, who passed away on September 23, 2025, at the age of 78. Adrienne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and a leader whose kindness and dedication enriched western Maryland for more than four decades.

Born in Denbo, PA, and raised in Baltimore, Adrienne married her husband Philip in 1968. Together, they shared 57 years of marriage and built a loving

family. In 1980, the Ottavianis moved to Cumberland, MD, where Adrienne quickly became a pillar of the community. She was first active in the PTA and served on the Allegany County Board of Education. In 1990, she was elected to the Allegany County Board of Commissioners, becoming one of only four women ever to hold that office. Adrienne demonstrated leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to public service throughout her tenure.

Adrienne's greatest legacy, however, may be the warmth and fellowship she shared through Ristorante Ottaviani, which she and her husband opened in downtown Cumberland in 2005. Known affectionately as "Mama O," she welcomed every guest like family, serving food, friendship, and her signature hugs. The restaurant became a cherished community gathering place, reflecting her love of people and her belief that everyone deserved to feel special.

Adrienne Ottaviani was a trailblazer, a friend, and a source of light to all who knew her. She will be remembered for her service, her compassion, and her extraordinary generosity of spirit. She leaves behind her husband, three children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, who will carry forward her legacy of love and community. Her memory will remain a blessing to her family, her community, and to the State of Maryland.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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 a nomination 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 bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

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-1975. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled “Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) User Fee Update” (RIN1545–BR55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1976. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Unconditioned Code Cases” (RIN3150–AL20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1977. 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; Definitions and Common Reference Tables” (FRL No. 12821–02–R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1978. 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; San Joaquin Valley 1-Hour Ozone Area; Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request” (FRL No. 12521–02–R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1979. 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; Washington; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period” (FRL No. 12449–02–R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1980. 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; 2024 Amendments to West Virginia’s Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 12329–02–R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1981. 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; New York; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference” (FRL No. 12028–01–R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1982. 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; Delaware; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Certification” (FRL No. 11841–02–R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1983. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Water Quality Standards to Protect Aquatic Life in the Delaware River” (RIN2040–AG30) (FRL No. 10760–02–OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30,

2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1984. A communication from the Associate Director of Congressional Research, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.101 Revision 7, ‘Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness for Nuclear Power Reactors’” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1985. 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 “Extension of Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Eligibility for Legacy Participants and Legacy Applicants” (RIN2900–AR28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–1986. 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 “Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation” (RIN2900–AS11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–1987. 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 “Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance and Veterans’ Group Life Insurance-Accelerated Benefit Option Regulation Update” (RIN2900–AR67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–1988. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “OCC Withdraws Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions” (News Release 2025–27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1989. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14257 with respect to regulating imports with a reciprocal tariff to rectify trade practices that contribute to large and persistent annual United States goods trade deficits; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1990. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amicarbazone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 12992–01–OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1991. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Update to Section 355 PLR Procedures” (Rev. Proc. 2025–30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1992. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interest Capitalization Requirements for

Improvements that constitute Designated Property” (RIN1545–BN93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1993. A communication from the Chairwoman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1994. A communication from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Facilitating Earlier Filing of Certain Electronically Submitted H–2A Petitions” (RIN1615–AD04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–1995. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material of Chile” (RIN1685–AA35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1996. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category-Initial Notification Date Extension” ((RIN2040–AG48) (FRL No. 8794.3–02–OW)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1997. 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 and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Revisions to Regulation for Control of Ozone Season Nitrogen Oxide Emissions” (FRL No. 12075–02–R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1998. 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; North Carolina; Revisions to Regulations for Sulfur Dioxide Emissions from Combustion Sources” (FRL No. 12823–02–R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1999. 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; Georgia; Updates to the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule” (FRL No. 12862–02–R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–2000. 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; Alabama; Standards for Granting Permits and Major New Source Review Permit Rules” (FRL No. 12923–02–R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2001. 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; Georgia; Removal of Emissions Statements Requirement and Updates to Permit by Rule" (FRL No. 12937-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

\*Derek Theurer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Jonathan Greenstein, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Donald Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

By Ms. ERNST for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

By Mr. MORAN for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

\*Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

\*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.

(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. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 2984. A bill to reform the labor laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2985. A bill to secure the dignity and safety of incarcerated women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2986. A bill to establish certain conditions on employment and other work arrangements at the Food and Drug Administration to ensure the safety and security of drugs and devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2987. A bill to establish a program of workforce development as an alternative to college for all, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2988. A bill to bolster upgrades and infrastructure for lasting development at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2989. A bill to prohibit certain sales or leases of real property for a health care entity if the terms of such a sale or lease would lead to long-term weakened financial status of the health care entity or place the public health at risk, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2990. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual assault, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2991. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the requirement to test drivers of commercial motor vehicles for English proficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 2992. A bill to repeal the Portable Fuel Container Safety Act of 2020 and the Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S.J. Res. 89. 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 "Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 442. A resolution condemning Russian incursions into NATO territory and reaffirming Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 443. A resolution expressing concern about the growing problem of book banning, and the proliferation of threats to freedom of expression in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 332

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to require a study on Holocaust education efforts of States, local educational agencies, and public elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to cap credit card interest rates at 10 percent.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) 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. 558

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to improve mental health services of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to establish a pilot program to improve the family self-sufficiency program, and for other purposes.

S. 1454

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1454, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit discrimination against