

of upward change for the church, its congregants, and the community.

Since being named senior pastor of "The Grove," Rev. Dr. Flippin, Sr., and First Lady Flippin have led transformational work inside the church. Under their leadership, the church has inaugurated a family life center, a 1500-seat worship center, a community resource center, and established the Grove's Gardens at East Lake Senior Living Community.

Beyond his devoted work at the pulpit, Rev. Dr. Flippin, Sr., has served as a mentor to many and as a leading advocate for education. During his time as assistant director of Black church relations for the Georgia Baptist Convention, he was responsible for the organization of Baptist Student Unions at colleges and universities across Georgia and the management of ministerial scholarships. In 2024, the State of Georgia honored him by naming the bridge on Glenwood Avenue crossing Interstate 20 in Atlanta as "The Reverend Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr. Bridge."

Originally from Nashville, TN, Rev. Dr. Flippin, Sr., holds a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and business administration from Fisk University. He graduated cum laude from Candler School of Theology at Emory University with a master of divinity degree, honored as a Benjamin E. Mays Fellow and recipient of the Fund for Theological Education scholarship. He furthered his education with a doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL, and is certified as a Life Transformational Coach and Leadership Coach Trainer.

First Lady Sylvia Flippin, a graduate of Vanderbilt University and holder of a master's degree in education from Georgia State University, served as a mathematics instructional coach for the DeKalb County Board of Education. The couple have four children: Rev. Dr. William Edward Flippin, Jr., and his wife Kedra Flippin; Rev. Dr. Richard Curtis Flippin; Rev. Joseph Charles Taylor Flippin; and Miss Sylvia Joi Flippin. They are also grandparents to Shamel Emani and Khloe Kristina Taylor.

Rev. Dr. Flippin, Sr., and First Lady Flippin's 35 years of ministry and service to our communities have been of thoughtful leadership both inside and outside of the church, and they have touched the lives of many Georgians along his journey.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I congratulate and commend Rev. Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr., and First Lady Sylvia T. Flippin for this esteemed milestone and for their continued service to the State of Georgia.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3012. A bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employ-

ees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

(October 15, 2025)

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3012. A bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

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. 1872. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-81).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Thomas Albus, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Adam Mildred, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

(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. COTTON (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 3013. A bill to require all testing relating to the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license to be conducted only in English, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3014. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to citizen petitions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3015. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize the water resources research and technology institutes program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3016. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to study new technologies and opportunities for recycling spent nuclear fuel; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S.J. Res. 90. A joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WELCH:

S. Res. 454. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2025, to October 31, 2025, as "Bat Week"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 455. A resolution commending and congratulating the Summerlin South Little League baseball team on winning the 2025 Little League World Series United States Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY):

S. Res. 456. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the inaugural flight of Space Shuttle Atlantis and recognizing Kennedy Space Center for its economic, educational, and cultural contributions to the State of Florida and the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 398

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS), the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 398, a bill to transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens.

S. 791

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 791, a bill to establish the Justice Thurgood Marshall National Historic Site in the State of Maryland as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to accelerate workplace time-to-contract under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 1000

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs.

S. 1098

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1098, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

S. 1442

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1442, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow for eligibility for projects for the installation of human trafficking awareness signs at rest stops, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1748

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1847

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1847, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes.

S. 2205

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2205, a bill to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all individuals.

S. 2211

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2211, a bill to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

S. 2368

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2368, a bill to take measures with respect to certain property that is nationalized or expropriated by foreign governments, to amend section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 to include expropriation of the assets of United States Persons in acts, policies, and practices of foreign countries that are unreasonable or discriminatory, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2506

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2506, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish and carry out a program to enable the rapid development, testing, and scalable manufacture of small unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for State-based maternal mortality review committees, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to disseminate best practices on maternal mortality prevention to hospitals, State-based professional societies, and perinatal quality collaboratives, and for other purposes.

S. 2690

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2690, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that commercial driver's licenses be restricted to United States citizens, lawful permanent residents, and individuals authorized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to engage in employment in the United States that includes driving a commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes.

S. 2960

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2960, a bill to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 454—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2025, TO OCTOBER 31, 2025, AS “BAT WEEK”

Mr. WELCH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

S. RES. 454

Whereas bats are vital to the sustainability of natural ecosystems, national economies, and human health by controlling damaging insect pests, pollinating plants that produce fruits and vegetables, dispersing seeds to ensure healthy functioning forests and fields, and saving farmers in the United States more than \$3,700,000,000 in pest control every year;

Whereas bats have captured the human imagination through backyard sightings, folklore, art, myths, and legends, making

outreach and education about the importance of bats instrumental;

Whereas bats are present throughout the world, except in extremely cold regions, and are the second-largest order of mammals with over 1,400 species;

Whereas white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in North America, has now spread to 40 States and 12 species of hibernating bats;

Whereas the disease has caused significant declines in populations of the tricolored bat, the little brown bat, and the northern long-eared bat, which is listed as endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

Whereas the Department of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Geological Survey, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, is leading the international response to the disease in partnership with the United States Forest Service and more than 150 Federal and State agencies, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and universities;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service co-lead the multinational, multi-agency North American Bat Monitoring Program, which, since 2015, has consolidated nearly 94,000,000 records from partners in 49 States, 9 Canadian Provinces, and 20 Tribal organizations, demonstrating the power of collaborative conservation science to monitor changes in North American bat populations;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey conducts scientific research on bats that helps resource managers and policymakers make informed decisions regarding the conservation of bats across North America; and

Whereas, in the past decade, the international partnership of States, Tribes, Federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other institutions has made extraordinary progress to understand white-nose syndrome, slow the spread of the disease, and develop treatments that hold promise for ending this epidemic: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2025, to October 31, 2025, as “Bat Week”;

(2) encourages the observance of Bat Week with appropriate events and activities;

(3) acknowledges the important role bats play as pollinators and pest control for agriculture; and

(4) intends to—

(A) continue working to conserve bat species and their habitat; and

(B) work to defeat the disease known as white-nose syndrome.

SENATE RESOLUTION 455—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SUMMERLIN SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2025 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 455

Whereas, on August 23, 2025, the Summerlin South Little League baseball team (referred to in this resolution as the “Summerlin South”) won the 2025 Little League World Series United States Championship;