

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 82. 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 the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Policy on Adhering to the Text of the Administrative Procedure Act".

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

(Legislative Day October 21, 2025)

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 3030. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

S. 3031. A bill making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

S. 3032. A bill to extend the authority for the protections of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1318. A bill to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-89).

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 778. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2392. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Joel Rayburn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

*Nomination was reported without recommendation. The nominee has agreed to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

*Andrew Veprek, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

*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.

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

*John Bartrum, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*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.

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. JOHNSON:

S. 3027. A bill to amend Public Law 86-272 to expand the prohibition of State taxation relating to certain solicitation of orders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 3028. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with ballot initiatives and referenda; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 3029. A bill to provide for Department of Energy and National Aeronautics and Space Administration research and development coordination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 3030. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3031. A bill making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 3032. A bill to extend the authority for the protections of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3033. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish partnerships between medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and medical facilities in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GALLEG0, and Mr. BENNET):
S. Res. 462. A resolution recognizing Nobel Prize winner Maria Corina Machado and reaffirming support for democracy in Venezuela; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 137

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 343

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to require full funding of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

S. 943

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 943, a bill to establish a manufactured housing community improvement grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 977, a bill to prohibit taxpayer-funded gender transition procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities.

S. 1500

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage from imposing cost-sharing requirements with respect to diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator

from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors 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. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1985

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1985, a bill to improve aviation safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2028

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to authorize funding to expand and support enrollment at institutions of higher education that sponsor construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2229

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors 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. 2368

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) 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 Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) 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. 2481

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2481, a bill to ensure that teachers are paid a livable and competitive salary throughout their career, and for other purposes.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2707, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to exclude certain student income from eligibility determinations, and for other purposes.

S. 2717

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2717, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for deductions of student loan payments from income.

S. 2790

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2790, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the retreaded tire credit, to require Federal agencies to consider the use of retreaded tires, and for other purposes.

S. 2965

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 2966

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 3012

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3012, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of expected Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3018, a bill to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China.

S. 3024

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3024, a bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

S. 3025

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3025, a bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted services for farmers.

S.J. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms.

ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 48, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms an individual may serve as a Member of Congress.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 462—RECOGNIZING NOBEL PRIZE WINNER MARIA CORINA MACHADO AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GALLEGO, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 462

Whereas, on May 20, 2018, Venezuela held Presidential elections that were widely discredited as illegitimate;

Whereas the ensuing years under Nicolás Maduro were marred by devastating economic and political collapse, with millions fleeing the country and others jailed or killed for peacefully opposing the regime;

Whereas, amid that repressive environment, Venezuelan opposition parties conducted a credible Presidential primary election on October 22, 2023, won by former National Assembly member Maria Corina Machado;

Whereas the Maduro regime refused to allow Machado to be on the ballot for the July 2024 Presidential election;

Whereas retired Venezuelan diplomat Edmundo González was chosen by the opposition to run in Machado's stead;

Whereas, on July 28, 2024, González won two thirds of the vote in a process meticulously and transparently documented by credible election observers;

Whereas the Maduro regime refused to release actual election results and tabulations, instead conducting a sweeping crackdown of opposition leaders and supporters, including arbitrary detentions;

Whereas the Maduro regime refused to swear González into office on January 10, 2025, leading him to flee the country;

Whereas Machado, at great risk to her safety, has remained in Venezuela in hiding while continuing to call for respect for the election results and a return to democracy; and

Whereas Machado's courageous efforts led to her being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on October 10, 2025: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Maria Corina Machado for her peaceful and determined effort to see a free and democratic Venezuela;

(2) congratulates Maria Corina Machado for winning the Nobel Peace Prize;

(3) demands the Maduro regime ensure her safety and release her colleagues and other political prisoners from detention;

(4) recognizes the legitimate results of the July 2024 Venezuelan election won by Edmundo González and expects the Maduro regime to also recognize those results without any further delay; and

(5) supports the aspirations of the Venezuelan people to reverse the country's tragic decline by freely and democratically choosing their leaders.