

the vulnerable in Bismarck, across North Dakota, and throughout the Nation.

Sister Kathleen announced her retirement effective December 31, and I join the many who know this national leader in thanking her for being the hands and feet of Christ. Her ministry embodies Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount, where He says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:35-40.

Mayor Mike Schmidt has designated December 10 as Sister Kathleen Atkinson Day in Bismarck, where the community will be able to come together and personally express their appreciation. The impact of Sister Kathleen's ministry will resonate for decades to come. She is a State treasure and one of Bismarck's most beautiful souls. North Dakota is a better place because of her vision and dedication. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I thank Sister Kathleen Atkinson for her years of ministry. I wish her many years of health and happiness in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN SHAPIRO

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, the holidays are a great reminder of the joy that comes from giving of our time and talents. It is also a time to reflect on those like LTC Susan Shapiro of New Market, AL, who are willing to spend holidays away from loved ones so that we can celebrate in peace with ours.

Susan grew up in a military family. Her father was a master sergeant in the Air Force, and many of her four older siblings either served themselves or are military spouses. Susan decided to join herself in 1989 as a means to pay for her college. However, this decision led to more than two decades of service. While in basic training in California, Susan met her husband—and fellow Army veteran—Jeff. They later welcomed their son Trent.

Susan spent the next decade going back and forth serving in both Active Duty and in the Army Reserves. During a stint in Oklahoma, she helped in the recovery and investigation logistics from the tragic Oklahoma City bombing. Her work took her all over the country: California, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New York. But the traveling stopped in 1999 when her husband was located to Huntsville, and they knew they had found their home. Shortly upon this move, Susan was assigned an overseas deployment to Iraq.

But before fighting on the battlefield abroad, she had to defeat a battle here at home: breast cancer. And that she did. Just 3 years after defeating cancer, Susan deployed to the Middle East to serve with the Headquarters Company Command and fight in the war on terror. While she was overseas, she connected deeply with two other women—her "battle buddies" as she calls them—Tammy and Sabine. One of her fondest memories of her time in Iraq is when her team members coordinated a Cancer Walk with her entire command as her family members back in the States did a Cancer Walk of their own.

The bond Susan formed with her team, Tammy, and Sabine was truly unbreakable. After returning home from deployment, the three remained inseparable. Susan walked with them through their own personal battles with breast cancer and has taken Tammy's family as her own after Tammy sadly lost her fight with cancer.

Susan also played a key part in Redstone Arsenal's Missile Defense Agency until her retirement in 2013. She now spends most of her time with her friends and family and rescuing animals in need of a home.

As we enter into this holiday season, I am honored to recognize Susan Shapiro as the December Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, 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 sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 21, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 260. An act to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.

S. 2392. An act 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.

H.R. 1512. An act to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines.

S.J. Res. 80. 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 "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision".

H.J. Res. 133. Joint resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the enrolled bills were signed on November 21, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. SHEEHY).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3109. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3426. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution denouncing the horrors of socialism.

H. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to unveil the statue of Barbara Rose Johns.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3109. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3426. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 520. An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

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-2153. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Castor oil, polymer with 2-ethylhexanol, maleic anhydride and soybean oil, sodium salt in pesticide formulations; Tolerance exemption" (FRL No. 12955-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2154. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopyram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12909-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2155. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluazinam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12959-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2156. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Various Fragrance Components in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance" (FRL No. 12962-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2157. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 12973-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2158. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oxirane, Methyl-, Polymer with Oxirane, Monobutyl Ether And Oxirane, 2-Methyl-, Polymer with Oxirane, Monomethyl Ether in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance" (FRL No. 12955-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3282. A bill to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to significant ac-

tions that exacerbate climate change, to reinforce comprehensive efforts to limit global average temperature rise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 3283. A bill to establish that citizens of the United States shall owe sole and exclusive allegiance to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 3284. A bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to allow funding recipients to assume certain responsibilities relating to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. HUSTED):

S. 3285. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize unlawful adoption practices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3286. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 3287. A bill to prohibit the allocation of costs for certain electric transmission facilities to consumers in a State the public officials of which did not expressly consent to the transmission facility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG:

S. 3288. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to develop a strategy on intelligence coordination and sharing relating to critical and emerging technologies; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3289. A bill to amend section 923 of title 18, United States Code, to require an electronic, searchable database of the importation, production, shipment, receipt, sale, or other disposition of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGERTY:

S. 3290. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. YOUNG:

S. 3291. A bill to require a declassification review for intelligence relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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

S. 3292. A bill to support research about the impact of digital communication platforms on society by providing privacy-protected, secure pathways for independent research on data held by large internet companies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3293. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KELLY (for himself, Mr. GALLEGGO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. OSSOFF, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. Res. 519. A resolution recognizing the achievements and contributions of the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter to the national defense of the United States and its allies and honoring the dedication, service, and sacrifice of the United States Army aviators, maintainers, and support personnel who operate and sustain the Apache; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. Res. 520. An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar; placed on the executive calendar.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 475

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 475, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally.

S. 926

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGGO) were added as cosponsors of S. 926, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to furnish to certain veterans items used for the secure storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to provide for health coverage with no cost-sharing for additional breast screenings for certain individuals at greater risk for breast cancer.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to amend the