

against the Rohingya and other Burmese minority groups.

The fallout from the Burmese military's February 2021 coup and jailing of State Counsellor and Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi continues to roil the country. Ethnic minority groups within Burma, which had long been at odds with the Burmese military junta, saw the ousting of Suu Kyi as a prelude to greater repression, and took up arms against the junta, in collaboration with the "People's Defense Forces" of the government in exile.

The violent conflict between opposition groups and the Burmese junta has caused immense suffering of Burmese civilians, primarily due to displacement and military bombing campaigns, targeting civilians as retribution for rebel gains on the battlefield.

The Burmese people are no stranger to displacement. A decade ago, Burma's military junta engaged in a violent persecution of the Rohingya minority, forcing 1.5 million people to flee to Bangladesh and Thailand. A recent investigation by the United Nations concluded the 2017 attacks were a "coordinated and organized operation" to strip the Rohingya of their land rights within the country. In 2022, the State Department officially determined that these actions constituted a genocide.

Today, refugees from the conflict in Burma, both Rohingya and members of other minority groups, face an even more dire situation. Amnesty International reports that the Arakan Army, one of the ethnic armed organizations controlling parts of Burma, is continuing to displace the Rohingya. Many other Burmese citizens are fleeing bombardment by junta artillery and warplanes. Despite these horrors, many countries are now refusing to accept any Burmese refugees—including, regrettably, the United States, which recently banned all travel to the U.S. by Burmese citizens following an executive order from President Trump.

Rather than slamming the door, the Trump administration should reverse this misguided decision and allow Burmese refugees who have a credible fear of persecution to seek refuge in the United States. The United States should also increase aid to the Burmese people and support for democratic forces within the country, strengthening the opposition's position in potential negotiations with the junta for an end to the conflict. Trump administration aid cuts, including in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake that hit the country earlier this year, contravene the express purposes of the bipartisan BURMA Act. I recently co-signed a letter to Secretary Rubio with eight of my Senate colleagues calling for the Trump administration to make Burma a diplomatic priority in the coming months.

REMEMBERING DANIEL TUCKER

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy

of Daniel "Danny" James Tucker, former longtime Chairman of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation in Southern California and a tireless champion for Tribal sovereignty, economic self-reliance, and cultural preservation of tribal communities.

Danny Tucker was born on February 5, 1952, in San Diego County to Francis Prietto and William Tucker. He grew up in El Cajon and graduated from Santana High School in 1970. At just 18 years old, he began what would become a lifelong career in public service when he was elected vice chair of the Sycuan Tribal Council. There, he became a strong voice in support of Tribal sovereignty during the fight to bring high-stakes bingo to the reservation.

His service on the council would eventually lead to four terms as Chairman, first from 1993–1996 and then from 2003–2014. It was through that role that Chairman Tucker continued to advocate for economic opportunities through gaming, leading the Tribe through a critical transition to Class III gaming, and eventually serving the entire State as chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association.

But Chairman Tucker's leadership extended beyond his local community to the national level, too—regularly engaging with Congress on Tribal issues while serving as vice chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association and leading the organization through its fight to offer casino gaming on Tribal land.

Under his leadership, Chairman Tucker implemented transformative policies to protect Tribal languages and cultural programs; expanded medical, public safety, and utility services; and strengthened Sycuan's enterprise investments.

But perhaps his most important roles in life were that of husband, father, grand- and great-grandfather, and friend to so many who knew him best on the golf course or behind a microphone singing R&B. Angela and I send our love to Chairman Tucker's wife Lori; his daughters Deedra and Dawnda; his siblings Charlotte, Lela Mae, Delores, and Willie; and all the family members and friends who loved him.

His legacy will surely be felt throughout the region, State, and country for generations to come.

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, December 10, 2025, he had signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 616. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.

H.J. Res. 131. 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 "Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision".

At 2:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 356. An act to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 2283. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Oklahoma Avenue in Guthrie, Oklahoma, as the "Oscar J. Upham Post Office".

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Prospect Street in Avon, New York, as the "Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 573. An act to require the Council on Environmental Quality to publish an annual report on environmental reviews and causes of action based on alleged non-compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

H.R. 655. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the City of The Dalles, Oregon.

H.R. 1008. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 298 Route 292 in Holmes, New York, as the "Sheriff Adrian 'Butch' Anderson Post Office Building".

H.R. 1009. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 86 Main Street in Haverstraw, New York, as the "Paul Piperato Post Office Building".

H.R. 1276. An act to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky.

H.R. 1372. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Macedonia Lane in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Reverend Harold Middlebrook Post Office Building".

H.R. 1461. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 521 Thorn Street in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, as the "Mary Elizabeth 'Bettie' Cole Post Office Building".

H.R. 1676. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the wildlife conservation and restoration program of a State within a certain period of time.

H.R. 1830. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the "Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office".

H.R. 2175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 South Patterson Avenue in Santa Barbara, California, as the “Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2290. An act to provide that the memorial to commemorate the sacrifice and service of the women who worked on the home front to support the efforts of the United States military during World War II may be located on the National Mall, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2293. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants at aquaculture facilities.

H.R. 2302. An act to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2306. An act to reauthorize the Adams Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2388. An act to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2389. An act to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Quinault Indian Nation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2466. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5225 Harrison Avenue in Rockford, Illinois, as the “Jay P. Larson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2916. An act to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4285. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to designate an entrance-fee free date in 2026 at National Park Service sites in order to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

H.R. 4503. An act to improve environmental reviews and authorizations through the use of interactive, digital, and cloud-based platforms, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5131. An act to extend military land withdrawals in Alaska, New Mexico, and California for a period of 25 years and to make technical corrections to descriptions for certain military land withdrawals, and for other purposes.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1071. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Prospect Street in Avon, New York, as the “Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz Memorial Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

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PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take immediate action to approve funding to end the federal government shutdown and urge the United States Senate to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of Representatives that would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, the federal government is currently in a state of shutdown due to a disagreement on the federal budget; and

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 5371, 119th Cong. (2025), Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, to temporarily fund the federal government; and

Whereas, the United States Senate has been unable to obtain the necessary votes to pass the continuing resolution; and

Whereas, on October 24, 2025, Governor Jeff Landry issued Executive Order JML 25-123 declaring a state of emergency as a result of the suspension of SNAP benefits due to the federal government shutdown; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana is considering all possible funding options to continue critical federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits disrupted by the federal government shutdown for its most vulnerable residents, including children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and