

to go in person to an election center, and who knows where that election center is.

And they are going to have to miss class or go to do it, and they are like, well, why can't I upload these documents online to be examined? Well, because they are trying to make it hard for you to vote. Why? Because students tend to vote on the blue side of the aisle.

And if you need your birth certificate to register, now, if you are going to school in a different State from where you are registered to vote or where you would register to vote, you would have to travel home.

Well, many students don't travel home during holidays because it is expensive, and students often don't have money.

Oh, they are rich; they are fine. I am sure they will take a private jet to go get their voter registration.

But ordinary students, they are struggling to pay that tuition. That is a big imposition to say you have to travel to another State in order to be able to register to vote.

So here we are with yet another attack beyond these groups, and that is an attack on vote-by-mail. Under the amendment that has been filed by the Republicans this evening, it bans vote-by-mail.

Now, let's think about how hard it is to hold an election in a State like Oregon or a State like Utah that votes by mail. Oregon hasn't had a vote at a polling booth in 28 years.

So here we are. This law goes into effect immediately. Our primary election in Oregon is on May 20. How are you supposed to get all those polling places in place, all that whole new system, in just a few weeks' time? Extremely difficult.

And then you submit your voter database to Team Trump. They purge it with a very big bias to make it hard for demographic groups that associate more with Democrats to vote. They ping them and say: You are no longer registered. You have to reregister.

And maybe they get that ping. I don't know. The election in Oregon is on May 19. Maybe they get that notice on May 10. You have 9 days to get a passport. It is not going to happen.

You have got 9 days to reach out to your county somewhere around the country, where you were born, and get a birth certificate. It is not going to happen.

Millions of people are instantly disenfranchised in an impossible-to-set-up system in a few weeks' time.

Those groups that I talked about—students, Tribal members, the less affluent, women—this bill is targeted at them with extraordinary precision because this bill is about rigging the November election.

And that is exactly what Trump said: You give me this bill; my party will win November and every other election for a long time to come.

So, colleagues, this is wrong. Every one of my fellow Senators on both sides

of the aisle knows what this is. This is an attack on a partisan basis to rig the November election. Every person here who took an oath to the Constitution to defend the right to vote knows that this is about rigging the election by stopping people from voting. It is really a violation of your oath of office.

So let's not let this happen—this egregious assault by an authoritarian President. We have already seen this authoritarian President take away powers from this body—the House and the Senate, Congress—that belong under the Constitution to Congress.

Our Founders said the power of taxation, including tariffs, belongs to Congress. This President took it anyway and said: I don't care that I am violating the Constitution. Challenge me in court.

It took a year for the courts to act.

He proceeded to say: I am going to cancel programs that are both funded and authorized by Congress—which is a violation of law and the Constitution.

It is the power of the purse, and he said: I don't care. Challenge me in court.

He proceeded to launch a war without authorization, even though the Constitution requires this body to authorize a war.

So here we are, three major powers—power of the purse, power of taxation, power of war—all stolen by the President and not confronted by the House or Senate leadership.

And now we have House and Senate leadership conspiring with the President to strip the vote from millions of Americans, an extraordinarily unconstitutional act. But this time, it is not the President acting alone. He is acting with the support, the cooperation, the partnership of the majority party.

There is probably nothing more sacred in a democratic republic than the ballot box. It is the beating heart of what it means to be a democratic republic. This bill takes a knife and stabs it through that beating heart.

Let's not let this happen.

MORNING BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 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 bill, without amendment:

S. 1884. An act to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

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

H.R. 528. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a program for Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 831. An act to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal con-

tributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1422. An act to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in significant transactions related or incidental to the processing, refining, export, transfer or sale of oil, condensates, or other petroleum or petrochemical products in whole or in part from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

H.R. 1665. An act to require the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish online portals to accept, process, and dispose of certain Form 299s, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2196. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs.

H.R. 2294. An act to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

H.R. 2709. An act to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3073. An act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4284. An act to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, certain cemeteries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4467. An act to modify the boundary of the Vicksburg National Military Park in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5254. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to host private events in Gateway Arch National Park buildings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5729. An act to authorize direct emergency acquisition flexibilities for the National Park Service for the purpose of retaining, vetting, approving, and expediting contractor approval for the clearing rebuilding, maintenance, and improvement of the Grand Canyon grounds that have been impacted by the Dragon Bravo Fire.

H.R. 6380. An act to redesignate the Chiricahua National Monument in the State of Arizona as Chiricahua National Park, 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. 528. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a program for Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1422. An act to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in significant transactions related or incidental to the processing, refining, export, transfer or sale of oil, condensates, or other petroleum or petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign in whole or in part Relations.

H.R. 1665. An act to require the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish online portals to accept, process, and dispose of certain Form 299s, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2196. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its

environs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2294. An act to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2709. An act to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3073. An act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 4284. An act to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, certain cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 5254. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to host private events in Gateway Arch National Park buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5729. An act to authorize direct emergency acquisition flexibilities for the National Park Service for the purpose of retaining, vetting, approving, and expediting contractor approval for the clearing, rebuilding, maintenance, and improvement of the Grand Canyon grounds that have been impacted by the Dragon Bravo Fire; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6380. An act to redesignate the Chiricahua National monument in the State of Arizona as Chiricahua National park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1366. An act to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6392. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to recognize students who have completed secondary school education in a home school setting as high school graduates, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 4124. A bill to prohibit funds made available to the Department of Justice from being used to make a personal payment to the President in connection with a claim that is subject to the Federal Tort Claims Act, whether in the form of a settlement or any other payment from the Judgment Fund for the personal benefit of the President.

S. 4125. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on damages received by certain officers of the United States on account of any civil action filed against the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 4126. A bill to address the ineligibility of Ashli Babbitt for military funeral honors.

S. 4127. A bill making continuing appropriations for essential Transportation Security Administration pay and operations during the lapse in appropriations beginning on February 14, 2026, and for other purposes.

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-2982. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13664 with respect to South Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2983. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of the 30-Day Notification Requirement Prior to Termination of Lease for Nonpayment of Rent" (RIN2501-AE14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2984. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Regulations for the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program" (RIN2506-AC65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2985. 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 "Fair Housing Home Loan Data System" (RIN1557-AF42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2986. 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 "National Bank Chartering" (RIN1557-AF47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2987. 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 "Community Bank Licensing Amendments" (RIN1557-AF38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Crisis Set-Aside Funds, 2022-2024"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2025 Report to Congress: Mental Health Crisis Response Partnership Pilot Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2990. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (United States of America v. Swarner) received in the Office of the Presi-

dent pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2991. A communication from the Research Director of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of the recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 84th Plenary Session received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The CY 2021 Competitive Acquisition Ombudsman Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2993. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974, the 2026 Trade Policy Agenda and 2025 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2994. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911(d) (4) - 2025 Update" (Rev. Proc. 2026-16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2995. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers (SMART) Act Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) Threshold Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2996. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Regulations under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 for Calendar Year 2025"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2997. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation's fiscal year 2025 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2998. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit Administration's fiscal year 2025 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2999. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3000. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assateague Island National Seashore; Oversand Vehicles" (RIN1024-AE90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.