

that her legacy of kindness and integrity will inspire generations to come.

It is with great pride that I recognize Caroline Nilsson Troy for her outstanding contributions to the Gem State. Thank you, Caroline, for your many years of service and commitment to making Idaho the best place to live, work, and raise a family.●

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

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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 978. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Doug LaMalfa, a Representative from the State of California.

At 4:06 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6938. An act making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations, by motion, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1546a, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 98. Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

January 8 (Legislative Day January 7), 2026

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 6938. An act making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 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-2418. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2419. 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 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2420. A communication from the Management Analyst, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Land Order for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota" (PLO7917) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2421. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; 2015 Ozone Reasonably Available Control Technology" (FRL No. 9995-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2422. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the State Implementation Plan Due Date for the Regional Haze Third Implementation Period" ((RIN2060-AW41) (FRL No. 12160-02-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2423. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan and Minnesota; Revision to Taconite Federal Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 12351-02-R5)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2424. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Revision; California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District; New Source Review" (FRL No. 12530-03-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2425. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 12832-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2426. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah; Northern Washch Front; 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattain-

ment Area Boundary Expansion and Applicability of Certain Clean Air Act Requirements" (FRL No. 12971-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2427. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS; Michigan State Board Requirements; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 13010-03-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2428. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category-Deadline Extensions" ((RIN2040-AG54) (FRL No. 8794.3-04-OW)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2429. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma" (FRL No. 12761-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2430. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Colorado; Revisions to Colorado Procedural Rules and Common Provisions Regulation" (FRL No. 13050-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2431. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma" (FRL No. 12826-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2432. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Louisiana" (FRL No. 12688-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2433. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 11747-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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 Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3596. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the earned income threshold for the refundable child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3597. A bill to reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3598. A bill to provide for the periodic issuance of up-to-date clinical guidance on addressing the health effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. 3599. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish a public health insurance option, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

S. 3600. A bill to require the President to declare a national housing emergency and invoke the Defense Production Act to incentivize residential housing production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 3601. A bill to authorize a grant program to support institutions of higher education in hiring veterans as campus security, to prohibit Federal funding for Equity Assistance Centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3602. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify the definitions of "public charge" and "likely at any time to become a public charge," to establish requirements for affidavits of support and public charge bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 3603. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to improve the cost of living adjustment exclusion from income under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3604. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out activities to establish, expand, and sustain a public health nursing workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3605. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a portion of general business credit carryforwards to be transferred by certain taxpayers affected by

federally declared disasters and other incidents; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 3606. A bill to subject aliens convicted of fraud to deportation and to bestow concurrent jurisdiction to revoke the citizenship of any naturalized United States citizen convicted of fraud on any court that enters such a conviction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 3607. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expanded coverage of services furnished by genetic counselors under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHEEHY:

S. 3608. A bill to require a strategy for the expanded use of Trade Transparency Units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 3609. A bill to establish a community protection and wildfire resilience grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 3610. A bill to prohibit the provision of United States financial assistance to any entity that is controlled by an agent of a covered foreign principal; 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. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 576. A resolution commending the United States military action in Venezuela; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 577. A resolution observing the 1-year anniversary of the 2025 Southern California wildfires; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 578. A resolution congratulating the University of Washington men's soccer team on winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Soccer National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 579. A resolution affirming the importance of the Social Security program to the people of the United States and expressing the sense of the Senate that Social Security must be preserved, protected, and strengthened for current and future generations; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 580. A resolution directing the Architect of the Capitol to prominently display, in a publicly accessible location in the Senate wing of the United States Capitol, a plaque honoring the members of law enforcement responding on January 6, 2021, until the

plaque can be placed in its permanent location; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REED, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 15th anniversary of the January 8, 2011, Tucson, Arizona, shooting and honoring the survivors and victims, including former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, a gun violence survivor and one of the most influential voices of courage in the United States in the fight to end gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 121

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 121, a bill to extend the statute of limitations for violations relating to pandemic-era programs to be 10 years.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 276

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 276, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and improve health savings accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 405

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 405, a bill to modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports governing organizations.

S. 749

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death, and for other purposes.

S. 1021

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) and the Senator from