

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4294. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a pilot program with respect to the sale of blue catfish caught within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

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-3002. A communication from the Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy; March 2026"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3003. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada, Poland, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-125) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3004. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-085) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3005. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to discontinuation of service in an acting role for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March

17, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3006. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3007. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Dakota; Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Regional Haze Five Year Progress Report and Nitrogen Oxides Best Available Retrofit Technology Determination for Coal Creek Station for the First Implementation Period" (FRL No. 12157-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3008. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Large Municipal Waste Combustors Voluntary Remand Response and Five-Year Review" (FRL No. 5120-04-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3009. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Implementation Regulations" (RIN3150-AL14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3010. A communication from the Manager, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Southeast U.S. Distinct Population Segment of the Wood Stork from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BF53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3011. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating and Streamlining the Department of Commerce's Privacy Act Regulations" (RIN0605-AA84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3012. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updates to the Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order" (Docket No. AMS-SC-24-0038) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3013. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3014. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP; March 2026"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3015. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material of Colombia" (RIN1685-AA41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3016. 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 Renewal Communities Designations" (RIN2506-AC71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3017. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3018. A communication from the Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of Northern and Southern Distinct Population Segments of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in Compliance with Court Order" (RIN1018-BB27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3019. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrective Amendment Reinstating 'Grandfather' Exceptions to Restrictions on Private Transfer Fee Covenants" (RIN2590-AB61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3020. A communication from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-SC-23-0084) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3021. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paper and Paper-Based Packaging Promotion, Research, and Information Order Termination" (Docket No. AMS-SC-25-0353) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3022. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Christmas Tree Promotion, Research,

and Information Order” (Docket No. AMS-SC-24-0004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3023. 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; Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Campus Suicide Prevention Grant Program”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3024. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: Temporary-Use Incinerators and Air Curtain Incinerators Used in Disaster Recovery; Rescission of Interim Final Rule” (FRL No. 12232-04-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3025. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief 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: Polyether Polyols Production Industry Review” (FRL No. 10854-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2026; 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. ROSEN:

S. 4128. A bill to prohibit Cabinet Members and senior executive political appointees from using taxpayer funds to hire political consulting, advertising, and marketing firms, from expediting competitive open bidding processes to contract for official advertisements, and from using official advertisements for self-promotion; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 4129. A bill to provide for an international disability rights strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4130. A bill to put a public price tag on all projects supported with taxpayer dollars; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 4131. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide market-based rate adjustments to certain providers for furnishing qualifying specialized surgical services to veterans under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 4132. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase vaccination rates of pregnant and postpartum individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4133. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to en-

courage entrepreneurship training in after school programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 4134. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require certain restrictions on stocks for Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 4135. A bill to reauthorize the Federal lands access program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 4136. A bill to include a Federal defender as a nonvoting member of the United States Sentencing Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 4137. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide grants to outpatient mental health facilities for the provision of culturally competent, evidence-based mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4138. A bill to waive the 60-day notice requirement for the posthumous honorary promotion of Captain Cody Khork, United States Army; considered and passed.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4139. A bill to require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit a report on emerging threats posed to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

S.J. Res. 130. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to withdrawal of the rule relating to “Consumer Financial Protection Circular 2024-05: Improper Overdraft Opt-In Practices”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GALLEGRO:

S.J. Res. 131. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to the withdrawal of the rule relating to “Consumer Financial Protection Circular 2024-02: Deceptive Marketing Practices About the Speed or Cost of Sending a Remittance Transfer”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S.J. Res. 132. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to the withdrawal of the rule relating to “Examinations for Risks to Active-Duty Servicemembers and Their Covered Dependents”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S.J. Res. 133. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to the withdrawal of the rule relating to “Fair Credit Reporting; Background Screening”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S.J. Res. 134. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to the withdrawal of the rule relating to “Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Use of Digital User Accounts to Access Buy Now, Pay Later Loans”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 649. A resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the passage of the resolution of March 16, 1776, which declared May 17 as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 650. A resolution recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 567

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 784

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 784, a bill to expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 978

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma