

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK SHEEHAN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick Sheehan, my military and veterans liaison. Patrick is a native of Casper and graduated from Natrona County High School and the University of Wyoming. For over 4 years, Patrick has been an invaluable member of my team in Wyoming. Patrick is a veteran, having spent 12 years in the Air Force as a security forces defender. He served across the country and around the world with multiple Middle East deployments, including Iraq and Afghanistan. He later served as a member of the Wyoming Veterans Commission.

These experiences paved the way for his service to veterans across Wyoming. Patrick has an ability to connect with veterans and get them the help they need, while cutting through the bureaucratic redtape. In his time in my office, Patrick worked over 1,000 cases helping veterans and their families across and in every corner of Wyoming. As he moves on to his next journey, he leaves behind a legacy of unyielding advocacy for the Wyoming men and women who have answered the call to serve their country. I cannot thank Patrick enough for his hard work, dedication and his service to Wyoming and our Nation.

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RECOGNIZING WYRULEC COMPANY'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Wyrulec Company, a rural electric cooperative dedicated to serving electric power to southeastern Wyoming and western Nebraska.

On April 16, 2026, the Wyrulec Company will celebrate 90 years of service during its annual membership meeting, held at the Goshen County Fairgrounds in Torrington, WY. It is an opportunity for members to highlight Wyrulec's proven record of providing reliable, affordable power to Wyoming.

The Wyrulec Company has the distinction of being the first rural electric cooperative in the State of Wyoming. In 1936, after Congress passed the Rural Electrification Act, residents established the cooperative to bring electricity to rural areas long left without access to this essential service. They were confident the benefits of providing reliable rural electric services would transform daily life for members.

At the time, most farms and ranches operated without electricity, relying on labor-intensive methods for everyday tasks. But by December of 1937, electricity was flowing to Wyrulec's members, marking a historic turning point for rural Wyoming.

The advent of accessible electricity had a profound impact on the co-op's members. It fundamentally reshaped agricultural production for the area's farmers and ranchers. Wyrulec's formation also influenced regional economic

development. Rural electrification connected Wyoming's isolated communities in a way never seen before.

Wyrulec began with just over 100 members. Today, it serves 2,463 members. The company is a Touchstone Energy cooperative that receives its power primarily from the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and the Basin Electric Power Cooperative. It services five counties in Wyoming and Nebraska with over 2,000 miles of transmission line.

Wyrulec goes above and beyond to provide top-notch customer service. Experienced linemen, foremen, and supervisors are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, working to ensure the lights stay on. These dedicated workers often leave their families to brave hazardous conditions to repair broken lines and restore energy.

Wyrulec's ongoing efforts to maintain and modernize its electric systems support agriculture, small businesses, schools, and essential services, strengthening the economic stability and resilience of rural Wyoming.

Wyrulec is deeply committed to giving back. Beyond delivering power, Wyrulec supports Wyoming through infrastructure development, local employment, and community support initiatives. It offers incredible opportunities for young people, including energy leadership camps and scholarships. The co-op's Operation Round Up program provides financial assistance to local causes. Wyrulec's cooperative model prioritizes the needs of its members while reinvesting resources in the communities it serves.

The success of the Wyrulec Company can be credited to its experienced leadership. The organization's leadership includes:

Ryan Schilreff, General Manager
Dewey Hageman, Board President
Mark Knaub, Board Vice President
Kenda Knudsen, Board Treasurer
Ben Scott, Board Secretary
Kyle Kilty, Board Assistant Secretary

It is an honor to celebrate this significant milestone for the Wyrulec Company. Its legacy of serving rural Wyoming with reliability, innovation, and community focus has strengthened local economies and improved overall quality of life.

Wyrulec's resounding success stands as a testament to the strength of the cooperative model and the enduring spirit of innovation and collaboration in rural Wyoming.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT- ABILITY OFFICE OPINION LET- TER

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the GAO opinion letter dated March 5, 2026.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 5, 2026.

Hon. ELIZABETH WARREN,
Ranking Member, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate.

DEAR SENATOR WARREN: Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office provide its legal opinion on the applicability of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to ten (10) specific Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) agency actions that had been rescinded by a May 12, 2025 CFPB Notice.

As discussed with your staff, GAO cannot accept your request because this matter has been rendered moot for purposes of a GAO legal opinion. CRA requires agencies to submit rules to Congress and provides Congress with an opportunity to review and disapprove those rules so that they have no force or effect. GAO issues legal opinions on the applicability of CRA to agency actions that have not been submitted to Congress to ensure that Congress has an opportunity to disapprove those actions if they are rules under the statute. In this case, however, the 10 actions identified in your letter are no longer legally effective as a result of CFPB's May 12, 2025 Notice. The Notice therefore rendered the applicability of the CRA to those documents a moot question. Moreover, CFPB's submission of the May 12, 2025 Notice to Congress in October 2025 rendered the issue of the applicability of the CRA to that document also moot.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Edda Emmanuelli Perez at 202-512-5400 or emmanuellipereze@gao.gov, or Ms. Kisha H. Clark, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations on my staff at 202-512-3208 or clarkk@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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DEAR SENATOR WARREN: Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office provide its legal opinion on the applicability of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to sixteen (16) specific Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) agency actions that had been rescinded by a May 12, 2025 CFPB Notice.

As discussed with your staff, GAO cannot accept your request because this matter has been rendered moot for purposes of a GAO legal opinion. CRA requires agencies to submit rules to Congress and provides Congress with an opportunity to review and disapprove those rules so that they have no force or effect. GAO issues legal opinions on the applicability of CRA to agency actions that have not been submitted to Congress to ensure that Congress has an opportunity to disapprove those actions if they are rules under the statute. In this case, however, the

16 actions identified in your letter are no longer legally effective as a result of CFPB's May 12, 2025 Notice. The Notice therefore rendered GAO's opinion on the applicability of the CRA to those documents a moot question. Moreover, CFPB's submission of the May 12, 2025 Notice to Congress in October 2025 as a rule under the CRA also rendered the need for a GAO opinion on the applicability of the CRA to that document also moot.

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COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SERGEANT STUBBY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I am on the floor today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Sergeant Stubby, Connecticut's first-ever military working dog and an icon in our Nation's history.

In July 1917, members of the 102nd Infantry, 26th Yankee Division of the U.S. Army were training on the campus of Yale University in New Haven, CT, when a stray puppy wandered into their camp. Private J. Robert Conroy first found the dog and named him "Stubby." Despite an official ban on pets in the camp, Stubby quickly became the mascot of the 102nd Infantry.

When the 102nd was deployed to France in October 1917, Private Conroy managed to smuggle Stubby aboard the S.S. *Minnesota*—and the rest is history. Stubby served with remarkable valor in the trenches of France for 18 months, participating in four offensives and 17 battles. Stubby was an invaluable member of the 102nd beyond just improving the morale of his comrades; he warned his regiment of mustard gas attacks and artillery shells, located wounded soldiers between trenchlines, and was even solely responsible for capturing a German spy during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Stubby suffered wounds from hand grenades and mustard gas, but each time made a full recovery and returned to the frontlines, with a special gas mask custom-made for him by the 102nd.

At the end of the war, Private Conroy and Sergeant Stubby returned home safely to newfound celebrity. Stubby led parades across the country, met Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, and Warren G. Harding, and received many awards. In 1921, General of the Armies John J. Pershing presented Stubby with a gold medal from the Humane Education Society. That same year Private Conroy and Stubby enrolled in Georgetown University Law Center, where Stubby became the Georgetown Hoyas' team mascot and performed during halftime for the football team.

Sergeant Stubby died peacefully in his sleep on March 16, 1926, and was

preserved via taxidermy. Private Conroy presented Stubby to the Smithsonian Institution in 1956. He is now part of the permanent collection at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and is currently on display in the "Price of Freedom: Americans at War" exhibit.

Even 100 years later, Sergeant Stubby's legacy stands strong and tall. He has been called the most decorated war dog of World War I and has been posthumously honored numerous times. His memory lives on through the 928th Military Working Dog Detachment of the Connecticut Army National Guard, the only such unit in the U.S. Army Guard or Reserve.

In the past century, military working dogs like Sergeant Stubby have expanded their role, helping our service-members stay safe. I am proud to have successfully advocated for better treatment and respect for our military working dogs and their handlers. They are an important—and beloved—part of our military. Indeed, this past Friday, March 13, our nation celebrated National K9 Veterans Day.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating Sergeant Stubby and his steadfast service to our nation.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was referred sequentially to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation pursuant to the order of March 3, 1988, for 30 calendar days excluding any day on which the Senate is not in session, and if not reported by that day, the Committee be discharged from further consideration thereof, and the bill be placed on the calendar:

S. 1602. A bill to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 20, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 4138. An act to waive the 60-day notice requirement for the posthumous honorary promotion of Captain Cody Khork, United States Army.

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. COTTON:
S. 4158. A bill to temporarily suspend the clean electricity production credit to support the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 4159. A bill to require large social media platform providers to create, maintain, and make available to third-party safety software providers a set of real-time application programming interfaces, through which a child or a parent may delegate permission to a third-party safety software provider to manage the online interactions, content, and account settings of such child on the large scale social media platform in the same manner as is available to the child, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. Res. 654. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should reduce and maintain the Federal unified budget deficit at or below 3 percent of gross domestic product; to the Committee on the Budget.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 997

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 997, a bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 2808

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2808, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a report on the fertilizer industry, and for other purposes.

S. 3570

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3570, a bill to establish duties for online service providers with respect to end user data that such providers collect and use.

S. 4051

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut