

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.

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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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

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4051, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins that are emblematic of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the service and sacrifice of firefighters throughout the history of the United States.

S. 4073

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4073, 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.

S. 4127

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 4139

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 4157

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4157, a bill to prohibit bailouts of digital asset market participants, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 116

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 116, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. RES. 525

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 525, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 526

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 526, a resolution withholding the

pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 654—EX-  
PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE  
SENATE THAT THE UNITED  
STATES SHOULD REDUCE AND  
MAINTAIN THE FEDERAL UNI-  
FIED BUDGET DEFICIT AT OR  
BELOW 3 PERCENT OF GROSS  
DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MCCORMICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

S. RES. 654

Whereas reducing annual deficits to 3 percent of gross domestic product has attracted bipartisan support as a target to stabilize the national debt;

Whereas the budget deficit was \$1,800,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025, or roughly 6 percent of gross domestic product (referred to in this preamble as "GDP"), even in the absence of major new emergency spending;

Whereas the national debt held by the public now stands at nearly \$31,000,000,000,000;

Whereas interest payments on the national debt are now projected to total more than \$1,000,000,000,000, the highest level in American history and more than total defense spending;

Whereas the rising deficits and debt represent a threat to national security, economic growth, and future generations;

Whereas rising deficits also threaten to increase interest rates and the cost of living, reduce the government's flexibility to respond to fiscal emergencies, and create risks of a fiscal crisis;

Whereas the Federal budget ran a sub-3 percent deficit-to-GDP in 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2014, and 2015;

Whereas the Federal Government ran a surplus in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001;

Whereas deficit reduction is best achieved when aiming toward a manageable, meaningful target; and

Whereas Congress has a bipartisan responsibility to enact fiscal policies that promote long-term economic growth and to safeguard future generations, and to be ready for future emergencies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Congress should adopt a fiscal target to reduce the Federal budget deficit to 3 percent of gross domestic product (in this resolution referred to as "the target") or less as soon as possible and no later than the end of fiscal year 2030;

(2) following the achievement of the target, Congress should continue to pursue further deficit reduction with the goal of achieving a balanced Federal budget;

(3) the President should submit budgets designed to create a path to meet and sustain the target;

(4) the congressional budget resolution should set allocations consistent with meeting the target on schedule;

(5) the Committee on the Budget of the Senate should, within 180 days, recommend enforcement options for consideration, which may include points of order and a backstop mechanism for when the target is not projected to be met;

(6) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate should, within 180 days,

recommend changes to the rules of the Senate to ensure that the target can be met, including ensuring that rules of the Senate for budget enforcement are difficult to waive, and that enforcement of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139) is difficult to waive;

(7) the Congressional Budget Office should include statements within its cost estimates for major legislation that demonstrate how the legislation affects consistency toward the target under a current law baseline;

(8) the Joint Committee on Taxation is encouraged to provide supplemental analysis of whether major legislation advances or impedes progress toward the target; and

(9) efforts to meet the target should examine changes to address current levels and the growth of discretionary appropriations, direct spending, and revenues and the gap between current revenues and expenditures of the Federal Government that avoid timing shifts, reclassifications, or other budgetary gimmicks.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4709. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4710. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4711. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4712. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4713. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4714. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4715. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4716. Mr. KIM (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4717. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4718. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4719. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4720. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4721. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4722. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr.