

Edward Anthony Jonathan Peek will be attending the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy after his graduation from Judge Memorial Catholic High School. AJ was a member of the state champion basketball team that went All-State three times. He also played football and lacrosse. He served as captain of the basketball team and as a counselor at Camp Elim youth camp. AJ enjoys making music by playing piano and writing and recording his own pieces.

Gianni Michael Renzetti is on his way to Kings Point, New York to attend the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. From Clinton, Gianni attended Northridge High School. As a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC, he earned the Air Force Sergeants Association Award and the American Veterans Award. He served as Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and Cadet Executive Officer. He was selected to attend the highly competitive AFJROTC Flight Academy where he logged over eighty hours of flight time and earned his private pilot's license.

Jacob Garrett Scott will trade the mountains of the Wasatch Front in Midway for the Colorado Front at the Air Force Academy. A graduate of Wasatch High School, Garrett kept a 4.0 GPA with sixteen AP classes and six concurrent enrollment classes. He was a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC, president of the Let's go to the Moon Club, the Hive Newsletter, the Milkmen Quartet, and vice president of Interact. He was captain of the cross country team and on the long jump team. He is a co-founder of Sycamore Swing and a host on the Heber Valley Railroad.

Berkley Jan Smith, after graduating from Mountain View High School and spending a year at the Georgia Military College as a Falcon Scholar will enter the U.S. Air Force Academy. Berkley has been preparing herself by taking a range of AP, concurrent enrollment, and college classes. She was a leader in the Mountain View Dance Company, a member of the mountain bike team, Model UN, and Mock Trial where she earned honors. She served as vice president of the Georgia Military College chapter of Turning Point USA.

Conor Lorin Squires, a graduate of Lone Peak High School, will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Conor served on the Alpine Youth Council and as a leader in his church youth group. With these groups and on his own he found countless ways to volunteer in his community, including assembling food kits, setting up flags, helping refugees and those with special needs. He maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school while still participating in several sports and extracurricular activities.

It has been inspiring to nominate each of these exceptional young men and women. They give me great hope for the future of our armed services and confidence in the destiny of our Nation.

To these 17 appointees, and to all their future classmates from around the country, I commend your achievements and your demonstrated lifelong commitment to service.

While this is but the beginning of your journey, I urge you to remember the foundation of your success thus far. You would not have arrived at this point without the dedication and example of your parents, family, teachers, coaches, and mentors. Moreover, you would not have arrived at this point without your own sacrifice and hard work.

Strive to continue on the path of strong moral character and to keep

love of country as a guiding principle. Look to the past with gratitude and to the future with conviction.

If you stay this course, I have no doubt your future holds great things in store.●

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY SHERIFF SILAS TAYLOR AND DISPATCHER STACY WOOD

● Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Bourbon County Deputy Sheriff Silas Taylor and Bourbon County Dispatcher Stacy Wood for their extraordinary actions in saving the life of a woman stranded in rising floodwaters on April 2, 2026.

On that day, a woman was trapped inside her vehicle after it was caught in high water along a flooded roadway. Unable to escape and with the cold water rising to her head, she faced a life-threatening situation. Throughout the ordeal, Dispatcher Wood remained on the phone with the victim, providing reassurance and critical assistance as emergency responders rushed to the scene.

Upon arrival, Deputy Taylor immediately assessed the danger and, without hesitation, entered the floodwaters to rescue the stranded woman. Acting alone and swimming against the water's current, he pulled her from the vehicle and brought her to safety. His quick actions and courage saved her life.

This rescue serves as a powerful reminder of the dedication and selflessness displayed by first responders every day. Dispatcher Wood's calm professionalism and Deputy Taylor's decisive actions exemplify the highest standards of public service. As a former marine and member of a family with deep roots in Bourbon County law enforcement, Deputy Taylor continues a proud tradition of service to others.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deputy Taylor and Dispatcher Wood as they receive the Life Saving Award. Their bravery and unwavering commitment to duty reflect the very best of Bourbon County and the State of Kansas.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES GARY ADCOX

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dr. James Gary Adcox for a lifetime of service to our Nation, our veterans, and the field of higher education.

A first-generation college student from Antioch, TN, Dr. Adcox exemplifies the power of hard work, perseverance, and service. He honorably served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years, retiring after a distinguished career that included leadership positions at the U.S. Air Force Academy and Headquarters Space Command. Throughout his military service, he provided critical support to servicemembers, wounded warriors, refugees, and military communities around the world, earning the re-

spect of colleagues and commanders alike.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Dr. Adcox dedicated more than two decades to advancing educational opportunity and student success. His leadership has been especially impactful for veterans, Active-Duty military personnel, first-generation students, and underserved communities. Through innovative programs such as the University of North Georgia's SOAR initiative and his work establishing support services for student veterans, he has helped countless individuals pursue their educational goals and achieve lasting success.

Dr. Adcox has also contributed significantly to higher education policy and access through his service on numerous State and regional boards and task forces, helping strengthen opportunities for students across Tennessee and beyond.

His many honors—including the Dr. John McCurdy Leadership Award, the President's Service Award, and his designation as president emeritus of the National Association of Branch Campus Administrators—reflect the extraordinary impact of his life's work.

Dr. Adcox's career has been defined by leadership, service, and a steadfast commitment to helping others succeed. I am proud to recognize his contributions and thank him for the lasting difference he has made in the lives of students, veterans, and communities across our country.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:59 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1041. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6047. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the dollar amounts for the payment of certain disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6644) to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 26, 2026, and ending May 14, 2028: Mr. Theogene Anthony Mills

III of Sunshine, Louisiana, to succeed Mrs. Maureen Ferguson.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 306(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a term of 4 years: Mr. Bruce Greenstein of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1041. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6047. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the dollar amounts for the payment of certain disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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-3678. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3679. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3680. 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 firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Turkmenistan in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 26-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3681. 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, India, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-104); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3682. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) 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 Japan, Denmark, and the Netherlands in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3683. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b) (1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Air Force's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Ukraine for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$108.1 million (RSAT Case 26-51); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3684. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the twenty-first report to Congress on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3685. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. William E. Temple V and ending with Brig. Gen. Brian F. Wertzler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026. (minus 2 nominees: Brig. Gen. Tracey L. Poirier; Brig. Gen. Kendrick D. Traylor)

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Constantin E. Nicolet, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nominations beginning with Lt. Gen. Daniel H. Tulley and ending with Maj. Gen. David G. Shoemaker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 30, 2026.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Guillaume N. Beaurpere, to be Lieutenant General.

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Joseph F. Cahill III, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Col. Michael W. Brancamp, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Carey H. Cash, to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ruben Adorno and ending with Taylor A. Youtsler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2026.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael R. Abbott and ending with Jay R. Zeigler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2026.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kathryn L. Abbott and ending with Jonathan G. Yap, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2026.

Air Force nominations beginning with Corbin A. Aldridge and ending with Sung B.

Yi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2026.

Air Force nominations beginning with Donald J. Adkins and ending with Zheng Zhong, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2026.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kaila W. Acres and ending with Jaimie M. Wyckoff, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 12, 2026.

Army nomination of Timothy M. Benedict, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Gladys E. Scales, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of John M. Heaton, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Andy Buissereth and ending with Eric S. Slater, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 30, 2026.

Army nominations beginning with Kevin A. Chesnut and ending with Trevor R. Robles, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 30, 2026.

Army nomination of Jeremy D. Reed, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Joshua T. Kresowaty and ending with Mary C. Penniman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 30, 2026.

Army nomination of Matthew S. McGuire, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Michele L. Buratti, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Scott M. Carter, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Steven M. Warner, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Garrett W. Vetter, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Michael J. Simpson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Steven A. Bolt, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Samir J. Glenn-Roundtree, to be Major.

Navy nomination of Jess A. Vaught, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of John H. Ross, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of John D. Morris IV, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Frances S. Thomas, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Daniel J. Clark and ending with Stephen M. Thomas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 30, 2026.

Navy nomination of Jami Lea G. Buckley, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Jeffrey T. Chewing, to be Captain.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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: