

others. His philanthropy and civic engagement made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless Pennsylvanians and strengthened communities throughout the region.

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I extend my deepest condolences to the Sheetz family, friends, and all those mourning his loss. May we honor Mr. Steve Sheetz's memory by continuing to uphold the values he embodied and the legacy he leaves behind.●

RECOGNIZING CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Boise, ID, as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. This historic landmark has played a vital role in the spiritual and cultural fabric of our community since its founding in 1876, symbolizing growth, resilience, and our unwavering faith in God. It stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of the Catholic Church in Idaho and continues to serve as a gathering place for generations of worshippers.

From its humble beginnings as St. John's parish in 1876, the cathedral has gone through significant milestones. Originally established in a modest wooden structure, the parish quickly outgrew its facility. In the early 1900s, Bishop Alphonse J. Glorieux purchased the current site to construct a more permanent cathedral. The cornerstone was laid in 1906, and construction progressed slowly but steadily despite the challenges posed by World War I. After 15 years of persistent efforts, the cathedral was finally dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1921.

Architecturally, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist is an exemplary representation of the Romanesque revival style, crafted from locally sourced Boise sandstone. Its cruciform layout spans 170 feet in length and 65 feet in width, featuring a barrel-vaulted ceiling, intricate stained-glass windows, and ornate marble finishes. The magnificent rose window above the choir loft depicting the patroness of musicians, St. Cecilia, draws the eye of all visitors. Over the decades, significant renovations have preserved the cathedral's legacy while adapting to the community's needs, including a centennial project in 2021 that revitalized the sanctuary and returned the tabernacle to its center.

The cathedral serves not only as a place of worship but also as a cultural landmark, anchoring the local Catholic community and attracting visitors with its stunning design and historical significance. It has witnessed countless weddings, baptisms, and celebrations and is a cherished gathering place for parishioners. Its proximity to the Idaho State Capitol further underscores its role as a spiritual and civic beacon in the heart of Boise.

As we commemorate 150 years of the cathedral's history, we honor the vi-

sionary leaders, dedicated parishioners, and the wider community that have contributed to its enduring legacy. The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist stands as a monument of faith, our Father, and the resilience of Idaho's Catholic community. May it continue to inspire future generations as a place of worship and a pillar of Catholic tradition in our ever-changing world.●

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

As 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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 269. An act to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 3:21 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. 4593. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to revise the definition of showerhead.

H.R. 7006. An act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. WALKINSHAW of Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule 1, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MORELLE of New York, Ms. OMAR of Minnesota, Mr. THANEDAR of Michigan, and Mr. KENNEDY of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule 1, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Ms. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. NORCROSS of New Jersey, and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2103(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House of Representatives for a term of 6 years: Mr. Robert Anacletus Underwood of Tamueng, Guam.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4593. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to revise the definition of showerhead; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3674. A bill to expand and clarify the grounds for civil denaturalization proceedings for individuals who have defrauded a governmental program, joined a terrorist organization, or committed certain criminal offenses.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator TIM KAINE, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to Committee on Foreign Relation: Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2030.

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-2486. 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 Japan in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-090); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2487. 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 Germany in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-080); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2488. 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 amendment for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Germany and the Republic of Korea in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-079); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2489. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Exemption for Defense Trade and Cooperation Among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States" (RIN1400-AF84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2490. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy, designation of an acting officer, and discontinuation of service in an acting role for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, Office of the Inspector General (Tax Administration), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committees on Finance; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2491. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) 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 January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2492. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14257 with respect to regulating imports with a reciprocal tariff to rectify trade practices that contribute to large and persistent annual United States goods trade deficits; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2493. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age; Missing Participants Mortality Assumption" (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2494. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, Secretary of Labor's response to the Office of the Ombudsman's 2024 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2495. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, nine (9) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for posi-

tions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2496. 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 14064 with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2497. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Dominance Financing Amendments" (RIN1901-AB72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2498. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application for Presidential Permit Authorizing the Construction, Connection, Operation, and Maintenance of Facilities for Transmission of Electric Energy at International Boundaries" (RIN1901-AB68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2499. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Energy for New Federal Buildings and Major Renovations of Federal Buildings; Stay" (RIN1904-AB96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2500. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apportionments" (RIN2900-AP67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reproductive Health Services" (RIN2900-AS31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2502. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program Amendments" (RIN2900-AS12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2503. A communication from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment to Premium Processing Fees" ((CIS No. 2830-25) (8 CFR Part 106)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2504. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report relative to its compliance with Section 3686(c)

of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2505. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Curing Missed Loan Payments" (RIN3322-AA01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2506. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2507. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) 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 January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2508. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Final Withdrawal of Determination of Miscellaneous Gas Products as a Covered Consumer Product" (RIN1904-AF70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2510. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semi-annual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2511. A communication from the Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2512. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing Voluntary Agreements Under the Defense Production Act" (RIN1901-AB73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2513. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Sports Programs Arising Out of Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN1903-AA25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2514. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment Corrections" (Docket No. EERE-2023-BT-CE-0001) received in the Office of the President of Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2515. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps" (RIN1904-AF49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2516. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of the Definition of Showerhead" (RIN1904-AF75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2517. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Acquisition of Petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve" (RIN1901-AB66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2518. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amending the Administrative Procedures With Respect to the Import and Export of Natural Gas" (RIN1901-AB67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Daniel E. Burrows, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Megan Blair Benton, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

David Clay Fowlkes, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Nicholas Jon Ganjei, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Brian Charles Lea, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Justin R. Olson, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

Aaron Christian Peterson, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Andrew Benson, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

William Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern Dis-

trict of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Kevin Holmes, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Brian David Miller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Richard Price, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Darin Smith, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

(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:

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 3647. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to address bowel and bladder care needs for veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3648. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow disabled individuals with incurable terminal illnesses listed on the Compassionate Allowance list to receive disability insurance benefits without a waiting period, to prohibit concurrent receipt of disability insurance benefits and unemployment insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MOODY (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3649. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5 to prohibit Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents from owning or trading stocks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MOODY (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3650. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3651. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit doxing of special operations personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 3652. A bill to enhance criminal penalties for welfare fraud, to provide adequate immigration consequences for fraud convictions, to establish a welfare fraud recovery task force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 3653. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out efforts to inform veterans of their rights with regards to the receipt of health care, benefits, and services furnished under provisions of law administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. ERNST, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 3654. A bill to improve housing and environmental health and safety protections for members of the Armed Forces and their families residing in military family housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3655. A bill to require the President to remove the extension of certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices if Hong Kong no longer enjoys a high degree of autonomy from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3656. A bill to designate the portion of Interstate Route 680 in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Hal Daub Freeway"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3657. A bill to modify the procedures used by the United States Postal Service for the closure or consolidation of any post office or any processing and distribution center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3658. A bill to support healthy fisheries in dynamic ocean conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3659. A bill to establish a Strategic Resilience Reserve of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3660. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reduce excessive credit card late fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. 3661. A bill to increase access to higher education and center-based Head Start programs by providing public transit grants; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Mr. KIM):

S. 3662. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to raise the offering amount threshold for when issuers using the crowdfunding exemption are required to file financial statements reviewed by a public accountant who is independent of the issuer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 3663. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify delayed notice requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3664. A bill to require the Bureau of Prisons to submit to Congress an annual summary report of disaster damage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):