

160,000 homes in Massachusetts; 195,000 homes in Michigan; 95,000 homes in Minnesota; 35,000 homes in Mississippi; 125,000 homes in Missouri; 15,000 homes in Montana; 35,000 homes in Nebraska; 75,000 homes in Nevada; 25,000 homes in New Hampshire; 190,000 homes in New Jersey; 40,000 homes in New Mexico; 600,000 homes in New York; 200,000 homes in North Carolina; 15,000 homes in North Dakota; 260,000 homes in Ohio; 80,000 homes in Oklahoma; 110,000 homes in Oregon; 260,000 homes in Pennsylvania; 25,000 homes in Rhode Island; 90,000 homes in South Carolina; 10,000 homes in South Dakota; 135,000 homes in Tennessee; 700,000 homes in Texas; 40,000 homes in Utah; 10,000 homes in Vermont; 160,000 homes in Virginia; 180,000 homes in Washington; 25,000 homes in West Virginia; 115,000 homes in Wisconsin; and 10,000 homes in Wyoming.

#### SECURE AMERICA ACT

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the reconciliation bill, S. 2, it is my intention to make the following motions to the bill:

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and would extend the enhanced premium tax credit under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect for 2025, for two years.

#### SECURE AMERICA ACT

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the reconciliation bill, S. 2, it is my intention to make the following motions to the bill:

A motion to recommit S. 2 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with amendments that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would increase homeownership and lower housing costs by providing \$20,000 in downpayment assistance for more than 3,500,000 first-time homebuyers.

A motion to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would fund assistance for farmers that have been hurt by tariffs imposed by the current Administration.

A motion to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) provide assistance to lower Medicare Part B premiums.

A motion to commit S. 2 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with amendments that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would lower costs for Americans by paying all rental costs for a year for 4,250,000 households.

A motion to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would increase housing supply by constructing or preserving more than 840,000 homes.

A motion to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would provide funding for universal pre-kindergarten in the United States for all children ages 3 and 4, including through Head Start programs.

A motion to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would repeal the funding and eligibility cuts to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) made by title VII of the Act titled "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14" (Public Law 119-21).

#### SECURE AMERICA ACT

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the reconciliation bill, S. 2, it is my intention to make the following motions to the bill:

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, Forestry to provide relief is for farmers affected by increased costs of fertilizer, fuel, and other input costs as a result of the Iran War.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, Forestry to promote research into reducing reliance on foreign-produced agricultural inputs.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, Forestry to reduce inflated farm input costs to support United States agricultural production.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, Forestry to make strong investments in rural communities, including improvements to water and wastewater infrastructure, energy efficiency, business development, and high-speed internet infrastructure.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to ensure that \$31.75 billion is available to FEMA to implement climate and resiliency programs

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to ensure that \$31.75 billion is available to FEMA to accelerate the delivery of disaster response and mitigation assistance to rural communities.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to ensure that \$31.75 billion is available to FEMA to increase the capacity of rural communities to better respond to natural disasters.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

tation, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—provide funding for rural communities detrimentally impacted by a significant reduction in international tourism during the 2025 and 2026 calendar years.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—require CBP to prioritize providing tariff refunds to small businesses first.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—provide relief for tariff-related cost increases to household staples, such as food and paperware.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—prohibit the use of intrusive electronic and facial recognition surveillance tools by federal immigration agencies.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—prohibit the use of generative Artificial Intelligence tools by immigration agents to write incident reports related to their interactions with civilians.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to prevent the Secretary of Energy from using emergency authorities to order uneconomical fossil fuel power plants to continue operating at ratepayer expense, which may include uneconomical coal-fired power plants scheduled for retirement.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to prevent utilities from allocating to residential consumers the costs primarily incurred to serve large load interconnection.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from approving liquified natural gas exports that have been determined to increase energy prices in the U.S.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance to lower the price of energy by extending the Investment and Production Tax Credits for solar and wind projects through 2032.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Judiciary with instructions to limit the use of FBI Director luxury travel.

A motion to commit the bill to the committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs with instructions to ensure that DHS is complying with all IG investigations.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to reallocate funds appropriated under this bill to support community health centers.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DEMOCRATIC STAFF OF THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I would like to thank the Democratic staff of the Senate Budget Committee for all their hard work in both removing the corrupt provisions of this bill

that ignored working families and fighting against tens of billions of dollars being funneled to the President's rogue agencies. Staff includes: Ben Ward, Mike Jones, Jill Harrelson, Josh Smith, Tyler Evilsizer, Melissa Kaplan-Pistiner, Misha Rafiq, Brian Lyons, Anna Barnes, Connor Jennings, Ethan Rosenkranz, Andrew Cobian, Anirudh Srirangam, Fiona Forrester, Lauran Pauley, and Hilary Gelfond-Gross.

#### WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. President, I rise today to thank guest Chaplain Dr. Gurwant Kaur for delivering the Sikh prayer to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Nation's independence and commitment of Sikh Americans to protect our Nation's freedom. In addition to being a practicing physician, Dr. Kaur also serves as an additional granthi (priest) at the Blue Mountain Gurdwara near Allentown, PA.

Sikhism is the world's fifth-largest religion with nearly 30 million followers worldwide, including hundreds of thousands in the United States. It was founded by Guru Nanak born in West Punjab (Pakistan) in 1469. Sikh soldiers fought in both World Wars along with Allied forces to protect the free world. Sikhs began migrating to the United States over 150 years ago and have since established large Sikh communities in several U.S. States, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Historically, Sikhs have showcased a commitment to serving individuals from all religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, demonstrating their generosity and deep sense of community and are very proud and patriotic Americans.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION FOR DIPLOMATIC STUDIES AND TRAINING'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, ADST. ADST is an educational organization dedicated to immortalizing the stories and experiences of former American diplomats.

ADST was founded in 1986 by then-Director of the Foreign Service Institute Steven Low and Ambassador Richard Parker. That same year, freshly retired Foreign Service Officer Charles Stuart Kennedy began recording oral histories of retired American diplomats to capture their lived experience and insight. In 1988, Ambassador Parker invited Mr. KENNEDY to incorporate his oral history program into ADST's work, creating the association we know today.

In 1995, ADST inaugurated its book program to support diplomatic practitioners and scholars in their efforts to

spread awareness of American diplomacy. Under the leadership of publishing director Margery Boichel Thompson, the program blossomed into an inspiring source of knowledge on diplomacy and the Foreign Service with over 120 books published. The program established a joint partnership with Diplomats and Consular Officers, Retired—DACOR—to form the Diplomats and Diplomacy Book Series, established the Memoirs and Occasional Papers series, and founded their very own Arlington Hall Press.

For decades, ADST's Foreign Affairs Oral History Program has remained its cornerstone. Rich in historical insights, the archive is a treasure for congressional offices, current and aspiring diplomats, scholars, educators, students, and the American public.

Today, ADST has collected over 3,100 oral histories spanning over 100 years of the American diplomatic legacy. Through their efforts, the ADST team has helped preserve the invaluable experiences of our foreign service officers—whether that be through archiving oral accounts, editing and publishing book manuscripts, sharing our history with the American public, or supporting the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, NFATC.

Since its inception, ADST's work has grown from the vision of two men into a dedicated and professional foreign affairs organization, and I am confident that they will continue to carry their mission forward. I invite my colleagues to join me in applauding ADST's tremendous work in preserving our legacy. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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 appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:45 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 bill, without amendment:

S. 254. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and marine mammal ivory products, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2680. An act to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7618. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain costsharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7726. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from noncompliant States under such Act.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 7618. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain cost-sharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 7726. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from noncompliant States under such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2860. An act to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, 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-3732. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3733. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for a position covered