

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

APPOINTMENT

The Presiding Officer. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), as amended by Public Law 118-159, appoints the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: the Honorable MIKE ROUNDS of South Dakota (Appropriations).

ALLOWING EMANCIPATION HALL TO BE USED FOR A CEREMONY TO DEDICATE THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME CAPSULE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 109, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 109) allowing Emancipation Hall to be used for a ceremony to dedicate the Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 109) was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO EMELIA AJAVON

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Emelia Ajavon of Grantham as June's Granite Stater of the Month for creating the Chess Club 4 Kids in New Hampshire's Upper Valley.

After developing a love of mathematics and strategy at just 9 years old, Emelia attended a local chess club and discovered that there were few opportunities for kids her age to learn and play chess with their peers. Emelia, in true Granite State spirit, rolled up her sleeves and established the Chess Club 4 Kids at the Howe Library in Hanover.

Working with library staff, local schools, and community members, Emelia helped transform a simple idea into a thriving program. What began with just four participants has grown

into a vibrant community that now welcomes an average 20 to 30 students each meeting and has served more than 100 families throughout the Upper Valley.

Through Chess Club 4 Kids, students from multiple communities across New Hampshire come together to learn, compete, and build friendships. By creating separate learning opportunities for beginners and more experienced players, Emelia's club ensures that every participant feels welcomed, challenged, and supported. For many students, Emelia's club has become a place not only to strengthen critical thinking and strategic skills, but also to find a sense of belonging among peers who share similar interests.

As Emelia prepares to enter high school, she is already working to pass leadership of her club to younger students so it can continue to thrive for years to come. Her commitment to ensuring the Chess Club 4 Kids endures reflects the same vision and dedication that inspired its creation. Emelia's initiative and generosity embody the very best of the New Hampshire, which is why I am proud to name her June's Granite Stater of the Month. ●

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. 5103. An act to establish a program to Beautify the District of Columbia and establish the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Commission.

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-3854. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Administration, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, twelve (12) 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 June 4, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3855. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a nomination for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3856. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program" (RIN2132-AB58)

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3857. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection" (RIN2132-AB57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3858. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Private Investment Project Procedures" (RIN2132-AB60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3859. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Relief Program" (RIN2132-AB61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3860. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project Management Oversight" (RIN2132-AB59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3861. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney RTX Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Pratt & Whitney Division United Technologies Corporation)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0923)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3862. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23353" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-3988)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3863. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG; Amendment 39-23346" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-4635)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3864. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honda Aircraft Company LLC Airplanes; Amendment 39-23342" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3865. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Amendment 39-23365” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-4645)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3888. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Various Helicopters; Amendment 39-23366” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-2297)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3889. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines; Amendment 39-23361” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0742)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3890. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Clarification of Accident Reporting Requirements for Hazardous Liquid and Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Facilities” (RIN2137-AG48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3891. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Editorial Corrections and Clarifications to Criteria for Conducting Integrity Assessments Using Guided Wave Ultrasonic Testing” (RIN2137-AG47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3892. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Clarification of Incident Reporting Requirements for Gas Pipeline Facilities” (RIN2137-AG44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3893. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Electronic Submission of Requests for Written Interpretations and Special Permits” (RIN2137-AG43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3894. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Consent Orders” (RIN2137-AG42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3895. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled “Pipeline Safety: Standards Update-NFPA 59” (RIN2137-AG25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3896. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Clarifying Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Integrity Management Guidance” (RIN2137-AG24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3897. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Editorial Correction to Requirements for Low-Stress Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in Rural Areas” (RIN2137-AG49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3898. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Removing Obsolete Provision from Safety-Related Condition Reporting Requirements for Hazardous Liquid and Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Facilities” (RIN2137-AG50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3899. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Editorial Correction to 49 CFR 195.9” (RIN2137-AG51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3900. A communication from the Paralegal of the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pipeline Safety: Editorial Corrections to Telephone and Facsimile Numbers” (RIN2137-AG52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3901. A communication from the Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project on Interstate 5 between Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington” (RIN0648-BN34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 Mrs. MOODY:

S. 4788. A bill 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.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4789. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, to designate February 1 of each year as “Blue Star Mothers Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4790. A bill to establish, at the Department of State, the Esther Coopersmith Award in recognition of a distinguished diplomat advancing sustainable peace and security; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr.

BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 4791. A bill to abolish the Anti-Weaponization Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 4792. A bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers and sellers of stone slab products for damages, injunctive, or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mrs. BRITT):

S. 4793. A bill to clarify provisions of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act and the Foreign Trade Zones Act with respect to the appropriate tariff treatment of merchandise in a United States foreign-trade zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 4794. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report regarding cybersecurity in precision agriculture technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 4795. A bill to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to establish enforceable Federal authorization timelines and expedited judicial remedies, to limit Federal actions halting fully permitted projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 4796. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the rate of the excise tax on the repurchase of corporate stock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 4797. A bill to require States to consider legal issues affecting youth as part of case planning and to provide States with the option to use funds from the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for successful Transition to Adulthood to support access to legal services and counseling; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HUSTED:

S. 4798. A bill to require that Federal Government equity stakes in private companies be liquidated to pay down the debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4799. A bill to cap the amount authorized to be appropriated for the national defense