

staff of the Committee—181. (In addition, 5 alleged violations from previous years were carried into 2025.)

(2) The number of alleged violations that were dismissed—

(A) For lack of subject matter jurisdiction or in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist: 150.

(B) Because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion: 10.

(3) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry: 27. (This figure includes 5 matters from previous years carried into 2025.)

(4) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry that resulted in an adjudicatory review: 0.

(5) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee dismissed the matter for lack of substantial merit or because it was inadvertent, technical or otherwise of a *de minimis* nature: 18.

(6) The number of alleged violations for which the Committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry and the Committee issued private or public letters of admonition: 0.

(7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction: 0.

(8) Any other information deemed by the Committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the previous year:

In 2025, the Committee staff conducted 20 Member and office campaign activity briefings; 26 employee code of conduct training sessions; 3 public financial disclosure clinics, seminars, and webinars; 32 ethics seminars and customized briefings for Member DC offices, state offices, and Senate committees; and 1 private sector ethics briefing.

In 2025, the Committee staff handled approximately 12,974 inquiries (via telephone and email) for ethics advice and guidance.

In 2025, the Committee wrote approximately 1,023 ethics advisory letters and responses including, but not limited to, 822 travel and gifts matters (Senate Rule 35) and 137 conflict of interest matters (Senate Rule 37).

In 2025, the Committee received 4,485 public financial disclosure reports including periodic transaction reports.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I was unable to attend votes on January 15, 2026. Had I been able to attend, I would have continued to vote in favor of H.R. 6938, Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations on rollcall vote No. 10.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in 1826, 6 years after Maine became our Nation's 23rd State, a small fishing town was incorporated in downeast Maine. Cutler, named after Joseph Cutler, an early settler from Massachusetts, is a beacon of Maine's nationally renowned beauty and a stronghold for Maine's traditional lobstering sector. From its humble beginnings to a booming fishing industry, Cutler remains a great pearl of the State of Maine.

During the mid-19th century, Cutler Harbor fostered substantial growth in the town's fishing industry, lumber shipping, and small boat operations. Known as the Harbor of Refuge, it became a safe place for fisherman to ride out the vicious storms of the coast.

As the town grew, Cutler played an important role in the promotion of maritime safety and American national security. Since 1876, the Little River Lighthouse, with a formidable cast iron tower, has guided fishermen and has been integral to U.S. Coast Guard operations in the area. It is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, ensuring its existence for generations to come.

In addition, for 65 years, the Cutler Naval Station, with one of the most powerful radio transmitters in the world, has provided critical communications for the U.S. Navy's submarine fleet, anywhere in the world, whether on the surface or submerged.

Cutler is home to Maine's spectacular Bold Coast. The Cutler Coast Public Reserved land boasts an abundance of scenic hiking trails, peatlands, secluded beaches, and wild ocean views, offering a stunning example of the beauty that defines the State of Maine. In addition, Cutler remains a hub of the Maine blueberry industry that produces almost 85 percent of the world's wild blueberries.

Cutler's spirit and historic connection to America's freedom continues today. Every Fourth of July, the townspeople honor the courage, sacrifice, and vision that won our Nation's independence. This year's observation will be especially meaningful with the addition of a fun-filled bicentennial celebration.

The Maine State motto is "Dirigo," meaning "I Lead." With the beacon from its Little River Lighthouse lighting the way, Cutler has a bright and hopeful future. I congratulate the people of Cutler, ME, on this 200th anniversary and wish them all the best in the years to come.

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 appropriate committees.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Gregory LoGerfo, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Nominee: LoGerfo, Gregory Daniel.  
Post: Counterterrorism Coordinator.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Scott Brown for Senate, \$50, June 2025, Gregory LoGerfo; Brian Shortleeve for Governor, \$50, July 2025, Gregory LoGerfo; Louis Ingrassia for New York Assembly, \$50, Oct. 2024, Gregory LoGerfo.

Spouse: None.

\*Eric Meyer, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Nominee: Eric Meyer.  
Post: Sri Lanka.

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Contributions, donee, date, and amount:

Eric Meyer: None.  
Karina Fausing (spouse): None.

\*Jennifer Wicks McNamara, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Nominee: Jennifer Wicks McNamara.  
Post: Hanoi, Vietnam.

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Contributions, donee, date, and amount:

Self: None.  
Spouse: None.

\*Frank Weiland, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd, to be General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Joshua E. Izenour and ending with Col. Guillermo Rosales, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 10, 2025.

\*Air Force nomination of Gen. John D. Lamontagne, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Christopher A. Eason, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Phillip C. Baker and ending with Brig. Gen. Patrick A. Teague, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2025.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Rhett R. Cox, to be Major General.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nominations beginning with Lt. Gen. Stephen F. Jost and ending with Maj. Gen. Joel L. Carey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2025. (minus 4 nominees: Lt. Gen. Patrick D.

Frank; Maj. Gen. Steven M. Marks; Maj. Gen. Jefferson J. O'Donnell; Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Suelzer)

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Raymond L. Adams and ending with Brig. Gen. John K. Jarrard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2025.

\*Navy nominations beginning with Vice Adm. Jeffrey T. Jablon and ending with Rear Adm. Douglas C. Verissimo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2025. (minus 2 nominees: Maj. Gen. Lorna M. Mahlock; Maj. Gen. Sean M. Salene)

\*Marine Corps nominations beginning with Maj. Gen. Lorna M. Mahlock and ending with Maj. Gen. Sean M. Salene, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2025. (minus 4 nominees: Vice Adm. Jeffrey T. Jablon; Vice Adm. Robert M. Gaucher; Rear Adm. Darin K. Via; Rear Adm. Douglas C. Verissimo)

Air Force nomination of Col. Christine C. Piper, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Jodi J. Smith, to be Brigadier General.

\*Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Francis L. Donovan, to be General.

\*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Brian W. Gibson, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. B. Mark Pye, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Marine Corps nominations beginning with Lt. Gen. James H. Adams III and ending with Lt. Gen. Joseph A. Matos III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026. (minus 6 nominees beginning with Maj. Gen. Brian W. Gibson).

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Derek L. Adams and ending with Brig. Gen. Matthew S. Woodruff, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026. (minus 4 nominees: Brig. Gen. Tracey L. Poirier; Brig. Gen. William E. Temple V; Brig. Gen. Kendrick D. Traylor; Brig. Gen. Brian F. Wertzler).

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Diane L. Dunn, to be Major General.

\*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Marcus B. Annibale, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Richard E. Seif, Jr., to be Vice 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 nomination of Patrick W. McMorrow, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Sunil L. Amin, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Leslie A. Woll, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ayad M. Abisaab and ending with Anthony P. Zelasko, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Air Force nomination of Evangeline C. Obi, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Adrianna Perez, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Marcus W. C. MacNealy, to be Major.

Army nomination of Paul V. Johnson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Raymond F. Jaklitsch, Jr., to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Timothy T. Chan, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael P. Thomas, to be Major.

Army nomination of Scott M. McGinley, to be Major.

Army nomination of Anthony C. Kight, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Krista L. Bartolomucci and ending with Abraham L. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Army nomination of Scott M. Katalenich, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Mark J. Crow, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Mark C. Rummel, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Christopher Fuhrman, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Javier F. Barrera, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Joseph D. Frjelic, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Scott D. Gale and ending with Allie M. Scott, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026.

Army nomination of Andrew J. Withington, to be Major.

Army nomination of Casey C. Gower, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Clyde B. Gore, Jr. and ending with Matthew B. McDonald, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Andrew J. Clarke and ending with Joel C. Ellis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Darien J. Garland and ending with Andres A. Madera, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jason R. McLamb and ending with George Vinay, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Travis L. Elliott and ending with Nathen J. Werner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nomination of Thomas J. Heinsohn, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brencent T. Berry and ending with Andrew J. Vanhoogmoed, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John R. Hall, Jr. and ending with Nicholas G. Welborne, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Robert S. Jevning and ending with Gregorio W. Pro, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with David K. Burger and ending with Joseph F. Soileau, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Marine Corps nomination of Steven S. Mitchell, Jr., to be Major.

Navy nomination of Ryan D. Curran, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Satya K. Gutta and ending with Luis E. Torres, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Navy nomination of Timothy R. Trimble, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Victor C. Schaefer, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Ashley E. Allison, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Jess B. Feldon, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Reza J. Mehran and ending with Parsa P. Salehi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Navy nominations beginning with Anita R. Bhardwaj and ending with Brandee D. Wimberly, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2026.

Navy nominations beginning with John B. Newman and ending with Natasha Rai Morris, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026.

Navy nomination of Ian W. McMenamin, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Lawrence E. Burkart and ending with Brendon W. Kiely, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026.

Navy nominations beginning with Ali A.W. Abdul Wahid and ending with Imani N. Williams-Vaughn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2026.

\*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:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3721. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 3722. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and extend certain tax credits to incentivize energy efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 3723. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a project to supply municipal, rural, and industrial water from the Missouri River to the Western Dakota Regional Water System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):