

with a rocket motor and instrumentation unit in place of a warhead. The AIM 120C-8 AMRAAM air-instrumented vehicle verifies and assesses the ability to safely launch an AMRAAM and validate the missile's performance.

The KGV-135A communications device is a high-speed general purpose encryptor and decryptor module used for wideband data encryption.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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REMEMBERING CAROL MITCHELL POPP BENNETT

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a truly one-of-a-kind Hoosier Carol Mitchell Popp Bennett, who passed away on June 27, 2026, at the age of 96.

Born in Indianapolis in 1930 and raised in the wake of the Great Depression on a small family farm, Carol quickly found a creative outlet in making marionettes and puppets. Her passion, creativity, and skills created ample opportunities: By high school, she led a statewide tour of puppet shows, and she produced a children's television show on a local Bloomington affiliate during her studies at Indiana University. Before she knew it, Carol and her marionettes were featured in a national magazine, crowned Miss Indiana, and interviewed on the Ed Sullivan show during her trip to New York to win first runner-up in the Miss America Pageant.

After graduating from Indiana University, Carol met H. Leslie Popp, Jr., in Fort Wayne. The couple soon married and Carol followed her husband on his deployment to serve in the Korean war. She continued her artistic endeavors during this period, working with the U.S.O. to arrange entertainment for the families of American servicemen in Japan. Upon the couple's return to Fort Wayne, Carol started Indiana's first live children's educational television program, the "Carol and Corkie Show," for which she was honored by the Indiana Historical Society as an Indiana Community Builder in 2020.

Carol's contributions to the Fort Wayne community extended far beyond the "Carol and Corkie Show." She was a substitute teacher in the region for 13 years and a volunteer with the Trinity English Lutheran Church's women's group for more than a decade. She served on the boards of the Fine Arts Foundation, Fort Wayne Ballet Angels, and IU Friends of Music, and was an active leader in the Junior League of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne's Girl Scout and Cub Scout communities, all while continuing to use her creative talents as a professional interior designer for more than 20 years.

In her retirement, Carol continued to pursue her passions for art and education by illustrating shows for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's Children's

Concert Series and working with her sister to illustrate children's instructional books. She married Carl Bennett in 1989, and the couple enjoyed their retirement traveling and wintering in Bermuda Dunes, CA, where Carol continued to serve others by leading an art group and participating in the Coachella Valley Art Guild of Palm Springs.

Carol's legacy lives on in her extensive family, including her sister Elaine, daughter Catherine, and more than a hundred stepchildren, nieces, and nephews spanning four generations. It is my honor to recognize Carol for a lifetime well-spent using her talents and abilities in service of others in the Fort Wayne area, across the Hoosier State, and even around the globe. In these and many other ways, her memory and legacy will live on for years to come.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 1722. An act to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule.

H.R. 7008. An act to amend chapter 131 of title 5 to require certain restrictions on stocks for Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7283. An act to amend title 41, United States Code, to amend the time period for certain acquisition-related dollar thresholds.

H.R. 8205. An act to amend the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to reauthorize the provisions of such Act through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8884. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to reauthorize demonstration authority for the disability insurance program.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor the late Senator Lindsey O. Graham.

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

H. Con. Res. 89. 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.

H. Con. Res. 113. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 7283. An act to amend title 41, United States Code, to amend the time period for

certain acquisition-related dollar thresholds; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 8884. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to reauthorize demonstration authority for the disability insurance program; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 89. 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.

H. Con. Res. 113. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036; to the Committee on the Budget.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on the Budget pursuant to Sec. 300 of the Congressional Budget Act and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 113. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1722. An act to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule.

H.R. 8205. An act to amend the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to reauthorize the provisions of such Act through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes.

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 817. An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

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-4155. 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 Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$484 million (RSAT Case 26-61)(OSS-2026-0541)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4156. 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 Navy's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.96 billion ((RSAT Case 26-85) (OSS-2026-0542)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4157. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising HUD's Noise Abatement and Control Regulations" (RIN2506-AC63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4158. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Data Transparency Act Joint Data Standards" (RIN1557-AF22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-54. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ensure that all individuals in the Jeffrey Epstein files, including those involved in alleged criminal activities such as child sex trafficking, blackmail, and bribery are fully disclosed, investigated, prosecuted, and held responsible through every available legal process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Whereas, the Epstein Files Transparency Act (Pub. L. 119-38) was passed by Congress and signed into law on November 19, 2025, requiring the United States Department of Justice to release unclassified documents related to the prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein; and

Whereas, the Epstein Files Transparency Act mandates the public disclosure of records in a searchable format with redactions limited to protecting victim identities; and

Whereas, initial releases began on December 19, 2025, followed by additional disclosures in January 2026 that revealed details of Epstein's network including his association and connection to Ghislaine Maxwell; and

Whereas, the files have disclosed alleged involvement in criminal activities of high-profile individuals including Ghislaine Maxwell, that include child sex trafficking involving minors as young as nine years of age, rape, blackmail, bribery, and a client list implicating politicians, celebrities, royalty and wealthy individuals; and

Whereas, these allegations represent serious violations of law and public trust; and

Whereas, full accountability is essential to uphold justice and protect the public. Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to ensure that all individuals implicated in the Epstein files are fully disclosed, investigated, prosecuted, and charged through every available legal process, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each mem-

ber of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-55. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to support H.R. 1514 and S. 1078 of the 119th Congress, entitled the "Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission Act", and to take such actions as are necessary to ensure the state of Louisiana will join the commission as a voting member upon its passage; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

Whereas, the Mississippi River Basin is the fourth largest watershed in the world and the largest watershed in the nation, draining all or part of thirty-one states and two Canadian provinces, measuring approximately one million two hundred thousand square miles, and covering forty-one percent of the continental United States; and

Whereas, management of the inland fishery resources of the Mississippi River Basin is shared by thirty-one states, multiple federal agencies, and two Canadian provinces; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and its tributaries comprise one of the largest and most valuable ecosystems in the world; and

Whereas, states, including Louisiana, within the Mississippi River Basin have formed multiple regional interstate partnerships, and one basin-wide partnership, to promote cooperation and communication among the conservation agencies in order to manage the interjurisdictional fishery resources of the basin; and

Whereas, twenty-eight Mississippi River Basin state fishery agencies, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Geological Survey, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Chippewa-Cree Tribe, and the Chickasaw Nation ratified the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement in 1990 and formed the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (MICRA) in 1991 to improve the management of interjurisdictional fishery resources in the basin; and

Whereas, recognizing the economic, ecologic, and cultural value of the diverse interjurisdictional fishery resources in the Mississippi River Basin and the complexity and severity of issues facing resource management agencies, Congress has acknowledged the need for the establishment of a Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission for basin-wide, interagency collaboration in the establishment of shared management objectives, and the collaborative planning, implementation, and evaluation of management actions to provide for the long-term biologic and economic sustainability of interjurisdictional fishery resources in the basin; and

Whereas, with long-term sustainability of interjurisdictional fishery resources depending on the control of aquatic invasive species within the Mississippi River Basin, the commission is vital to provide for coordinated, inter-agency, basin-wide management, control, and removal of invasive carps and other prioritized aquatic invasive species within the basin; and

Whereas, by consent of Congress, and as directed by federal law under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., and the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986, 16 U.S.C. 4101 et seq., sustainable fisheries within the United States coastal waters of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of America, have been managed by multi-state commissions and fishery councils for many decades; and

Whereas, the interjurisdictional and international fishery resources of the Great Lakes are cooperatively managed by the

Great Lakes Fishery Commission, operating through the 1954 Convention on Great Lake Fisheries; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission will improve the management and utilization of sustainable interjurisdictional fishery resources in the Mississippi River Basin through the development of a multi-agency program for the joint management and protection of such fishery resources; and

Whereas, in Louisiana, reproducing populations of invasive carp are expanding in both range and numbers within the major rivers of the state, impacting fisheries production and recreation; apple snails are increasing their range and disrupting food chains; giant salvinia, water hyacinth, and other invasive plants are impacting boating and other recreation and modifying aquatic habitat; and other aquatic invasive species are negatively impacting fisheries production and recreation and the economic output and enjoyment that a healthy fishery brings to the state; and

Whereas, freshwater fishing provides more than two billion dollars in economic impact to the state of Louisiana, and therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to support H.R. 1514 and S. 1078 of the 119th Congress, entitled the "Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission Act", and to take such actions as are necessary to ensure the state of Louisiana will join the commission as a voting member upon its passage, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-56. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to re-evaluate and redraw flood-risk maps and systems upon fifty percent completion of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project and decrease insurance rates based on mitigation progress in Louisiana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, the Comite River Diversion Canal Project was developed to redirect excess flood water from the Comite River Basin toward the Mississippi River in order to reduce future flood damage; and

Whereas, during the August 2016 flood of record within the basin, approximately 109,000 homes flooded, of which 79,000 homes were located in East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish. Flood damages were estimated at \$3.8 billion in residential property damage with \$2.3 billion occurring in East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish; and

Whereas, following the 2016 flood, the project received major federal funding and advanced into active construction, including work on the diversion channel, control structures, bridges, and related infrastructure and has made measurable progress toward completion, representing a significant step toward long-term flood risk reduction for communities in and around East Baton Rouge Parish; and

Whereas, flood risk is a major factor in increased insurance costs in Louisiana, resulting in higher premiums, financial burdens on families, reduced housing affordability, and impaired economic growth in communities across this state; and

Whereas, the Comite River Diversion Canal Project in southeastern Louisiana is a long-standing federal and state flood mitigation project designed to reduce flood damages for residents and property owners; and