

law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23386" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-2551)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4217. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the designation of Brett Doyle as Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2028; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4218. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 14323 of July 30, 2025, with respect to Brazil; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4219. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the reasons for action to adjust imports of commercial aircraft, jet engines, and their associated parts so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States in relation to Proclamation 11040 of July 9, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4220. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a determination entitled "Extension of Section 907 Waiver"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4221. 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: USML Category I Firearm Suppressors" (RIN1400-AG11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2026; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4222. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, the notification of enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability (RSAT Case 0D-26); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4223. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, the notification of enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability (RSAT Case 0F-26); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4224. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, the notification of enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability (RSAT Case 0E-26); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 380. A bill to improve obstetric emergency care.

S. 494. A bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 1874. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain nursing workforce development programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2658. A bill to require sponsors of drug applications and holders of approved applications to provide certain submissions and communications to the Food and Drug Administration and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

S. 4110. A bill to revise and extend health workforce programs under title VII of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 4974. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food safety.

S. 5026. A bill to require warning labels on sugar-sweetened foods and beverages, foods and beverages containing high-intensity sweeteners, ultra-processed foods, and foods high in nutrients of concern, such as added sugar, saturated fat, or sodium, to restrict junk food advertising to children.

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. BENNET:

S. 5141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the notice and review procedure with respect to multi-year bans on claiming credits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 5142. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for providing refunds to taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 5143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify procedural requirements for penalties and disallowance periods; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 5144. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate installment agreement fees for certain individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 5145. A bill to clarify the use of certain existing grants under the Clean Air Act to purchase air sensors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 5146. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster care youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 5147. A bill to establish requirements for patriotic observances in elementary and secondary schools of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 5148. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, concerning case assignment procedures for district and circuit courts to ensure randomized case assignments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 5149. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Drive in Willingboro, New Jersey, as the "James A. Cotten Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5150. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on chameleon carriers in the United States and require the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to plan, develop, and test an advanced automation tool to help enforcement personnel detect chameleon carrier applications under the registration process of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 5151. A bill to establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative to carry out projects for the protection and restoration of the Mississippi River Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LEE, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 5152. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to modify the Federal Charter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to clarify its membership eligibility requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CURTIS:

S. 5153. A bill to require a quorum of Federal Trade Commissioners to undertake certain rulemaking and policymaking actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 5154. A bill to establish protections for minors who use companion artificial intelligence chatbots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 5155. A bill to require employers seeking a permanent labor certification classification for the hiring of foreign workers to pay a fee of at least \$10,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to discontinue the collection by the Federal Government of firearm transaction records of discontinued firearms businesses, to require the destruction of such already collected records, and for other purposes.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 618, a bill to prohibit the purchase or lease of agricultural land in the United States by persons associated with certain foreign governments, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve the administration of antidumping and countervailing duty laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to prohibit State excise taxes on firearms and ammunition manufacturers and dealers.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1829, a bill to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry.

S. 2006

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination in the Armed Forces on the basis of gender identity, and for other purposes.

S. 2195

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2195, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to promote fair and equal treatment by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration with respect to certain firearms industry applicants for assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 2813

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2813, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit capacity-based restrictions on firearm magazines, and for other purposes.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S.

2955, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal penalties for the knowing and intentional administration of any abortion-inducing drug to a woman without her informed consent, if the abortion-inducing drug has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 3085

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3085, a bill to ensure that certain operations, functions, and services of the Federal Government relating to enforcement of firearms laws and firearm export licensing continue during a lapse in appropriations.

S. 3267

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3267, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of blood-based dementia screening tests.

S. 3332

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3332, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence, and for other purposes.

S. 3524

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3524, a bill 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.

S. 3940

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3940, a bill to amend the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to require the Secretary of the Treasury to testify before Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 4117

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4117, a bill to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes.

S. 4172

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4172, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the retirement of certain animals used in Federal research, and for other purposes.

S. 4318

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr.

GRASSLEY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 4318, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal stamp to raise funds for breast cancer research.

S. 4429

At the request of Mr. MORENO, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 4429, a bill to prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale, resale, or introduction into interstate commerce in the United States of connected vehicles and related software and hardware associated with foreign adversaries.

S. 4456

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4456, a bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security to require a license for the export, reexport, or in-country transfer of certain integrated circuits, and for other purposes.

S. 4641

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4641, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 4775

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4775, a bill to amend the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to clarify liability protections for firearms and associated manufacturers and retailers, and for other purposes.

S. 4801

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4801, a bill to amend laws relating to duty performed by members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 4814

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4814, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status.

S. 4905

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4905, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to conduct a pilot program for investment in infrastructure projects at NASA Centers.

S. 4942

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4942, a bill to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 4944

At the request of Mr. ARMSTRONG, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) were added as cosponsors of S. 4944, a bill to streamline permitting under the Natural Gas Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

S. 4950

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4950, a bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 5126

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5126, a bill to amend the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act and the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to further plant cultivar and animal breed research, development, and commercialization, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 181

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 181, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

AMENDMENT NO. 6694

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a co-

sponsor of amendment No. 6694 intended to be proposed to S. 4784, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Arkansas.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 454, H.R. 5334, postclosure; further, that the Senate recess tomorrow from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly conference meetings and that all time during leader remarks, recess, and adjournment count postclosure on the motion to proceed to H.R. 5334.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the, no doubt, scintillating remarks of Senator WELCH.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Vermont.

SANCTIONS

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, we are faced today with two urgent and compelling foreign policy priorities: ending the war in Iran and winning the war in Ukraine.

The war in Iran is increasing the world price of oil, enriching Putin's Russian wanton war machine. On February 27, just before the start of the U.S.-Iran war, oil was at \$70 a barrel. Last week, it was up to \$100 a barrel. And if the Strait of Hormuz is closed again, experts warn prices could surge up to \$125 a barrel, driving up fuel, fertilizer, and food costs. And with every \$10 increase in global oil prices, Putin's war machine receives a windfall of more than \$1.5 billion a month—\$1.5 billion a month—in extra revenue. If oil reaches \$125 a barrel, as many experts predict, Putin's windfall would be \$9 billion a month or \$108 billion a year.

It is a very compelling reason why, to win the war in Ukraine, we must end the war in Iran. It is also a reason why taking up the Graham-Blumenthal Russia sanctions bill is urgent. From the first day of Putin's savage attack on Ukraine, no one has been a more stalwart defender of Ukrainian victory than our departed colleague Senator Lindsey Graham. He and Senator BLUMENTHAL had a compelling insight: You hurt Russia by going after the buyers of Russian oil. And the way to go after the buyers was by imposing a tariff on the major buyers of Russian oil, making it too costly for those buyers to continue purchasing it. It would starve the Russian beast of the revenue fueling its cruel aggression.

The language in that original bill by Senators BLUMENTHAL and Graham was specific and limited. Buyers of Russian oil would be targeted and tarified. It was a limited and specific delegation of congressional tariff authority that could be used for the limited and sole purpose of cutting off oil revenue to Russia—all for the purpose of assisting U.S. efforts to help defend Ukrainian freedom and repel Russian aggression. That is why the original Graham-Blumenthal bill had 84 bipartisan cosponsors, myself enthusiastically among them.

But we are now on the threshold and are now considering a new version of the Graham-Blumenthal bill, one that Senator Graham and, we understand, the White House have signed off on. But we have to remind ourselves, in any delegation of congressional tariff authority to the Executive, the statutory language must be specific, and it must be limited to the purpose of squeezing Russia and its oil revenues. To achieve Senator Graham's goal—starving Russia of its oil revenues—care must be taken in the drafting to guarantee that outcome and that outcome only and not language that would facilitate other outcomes.

In broad terms, the revised Graham-Blumenthal bill does two things. No. 1, it imposes tariffs at the discretion of the Executive of up to 100 percent on the top five purchasers of Russian oil and gas. No. 2, it allows the Executive to impose 100 percent tariffs on the top five countries "facilitating" the evasion of sanctions on Russian oil.

(Ms. LUMMIS assumed the Chair.)

Madam President, my concern is with this second provision. There is a fatal absence of specificity as to what countries could be considered "facilitators" or what conduct or the extent of that conduct that could constitute being a "facilitator."

In the bill text, the new tariffs would apply to "countries in which . . . foreign persons are knowingly engaging in transactions, activities, or services that circumvent, or assist any third party to circumvent, any sanction related to oil that originated in the Russian Federation."

This language is very general. In effect, this would be a blanket delegation