

its centennial, I join my fellow Floridians in congratulating the city on this remarkable milestone and commend its residents for their contributions to the prosperity and history of the State of Florida and the United States.●

TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN BLANCHARD

● Mr. WICKER. Madam President, on the evening of May 6, 2026, Jonathan Blanchard heard tornado sirens blare through his hometown Bogue Chitto, MS. A volunteer firefighter accustomed to responding to emergencies, Blanchard gathered his family and found shelter. Once the storm passed, he set out to assess the damage. A walk that would typically take minutes turned into a 2-hour trek through uprooted trees and storm debris. When he arrived at his home, Blanchard found it had been virtually destroyed. Instead of being paralyzed by his loss, he reached out and helped others.

A short distance away, Blanchard heard cries for help. He sprang into action, followed the sound, and found a woman trapped beneath an overturned camper. He put his 30 years of emergency response experience to use. Blanchard and another neighbor carried the woman nearly a quarter mile to an ambulance, delivering her to safety. He continued his rescue efforts throughout the night.

Like Mississippians across the State affected by the tornadoes, Mr. Blanchard could not sit by as his community suffered. That spirit characterizes his whole life. When he is not on duty at the Hog Chain Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Blanchard works as a welder at Wastequip in Brookhaven. He and his wife Rebecca Blanchard have three children.

Jonathan Blanchard's selfless service to his town is a true testament to his character and is an example to the State. I join my fellow Mississippians in saluting Jonathan Blanchard for his swift action and selflessness in the face of disaster.●

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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 5221. A bill to prohibit the purchase, sale, or exchange of nonpublic information, 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-4272. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to section 203(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, a report relative to the safeguard measures on imports of quartz surface products; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4273. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 898(c) Transition Rule for Allocating Foreign Taxes and Section 960(d) (4) Foreign Tax Credit Disallowance" (RIN1545-BR76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4274. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Mexico and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4275. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Australia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4276. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Kuwait in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 26-040); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4277. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Australia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4278. 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 0C-23); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4279. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Rescission of Outdated Veterans Choice Program Regulations" (RIN2900-AS32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4280. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Data Transparency Act Joint Data Standards" (RIN3133-AF70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-375, "Education Code Adjustments Amendment Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4282. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-379, "Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4283. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-379, "Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4284. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, proposed legislation to expand the Secretary of Energy's authority to counter threatening unmanned aircraft systems for the protection of critical Department of Energy facilities and assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4285. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13395-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4286. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isometamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13401-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4287. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 13485-01-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4288. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operating Permit Program Approval; New Hampshire; Revised Definitions" (FRL No. 13018-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4289. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 13058-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4290. A communication from the Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pribilof Islands Administration; Dogs Prohibited" (RIN0648-BN39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4291. A communication from the Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Fisheries Research" (RIN0648-BN58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4292. A communication from the Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Navy Operations of Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active Sonar in the Western and Central North Pacific Ocean and Eastern Indian Ocean" (RIN0648-BN61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. 2511. A bill to establish a postsecondary student data system.

S. 3097. A bill to provide additional protections with respect to health information, and for other purposes.

S. 4097. A bill to establish that a State-based education loan program is excluded from certain requirements relating to a preferred lender arrangement.

S. 4965. A bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to establish a Railroad Retirement Board Administrative Account, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment:

S. 5046. A bill to prohibit the transfer of certain offices and functions of the Department of Education to other Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Todd Blanche, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

(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. MORAN (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 5224. A bill to improve training for airport drivers in the movement area at commercial service airports through the establishment of a task force and the use of technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 5225. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include certain curriculum expenses as permissible use of funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GALLEGGO:

S. 5226. A bill to require social media platform providers to obtain parental consent with respect to children creating or maintaining accounts or profiles on their platforms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 5227. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain distributions from long-term qualified tuition programs for first home purchases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARSHALL:

S. 5228. A bill to amend the Revised Statutes to provide that a person who refuses to answer certain questions or is finally convicted of perjury before either House of Congress shall be debarred from Federal employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 5229. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance penalties for certain cases of gift card fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 5230. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the wildlife conservation and restoration program of a State within a certain period of time, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 5231. A bill to remove limitations under Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, and the Department of Veterans Affairs on benefits for persons in custody pending disposition of charges; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5232. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize rural residency planning and development grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 5233. A bill to terminate the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding and require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress a study on the economic viability and job-creating benefits of alternative uses of the Yucca Mountain site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 5234. A bill to amend the Act of March 2, 1931, to establish a Human-Wildlife Con-

flict Reduction Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 5235. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution in commerce of commercial asbestos and mixtures and articles containing commercial asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 5236. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicaid coverage of mental health services and primary care services furnished on the same day; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 5237. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to award a competitive grant for the Antibiotic Resistance Leadership Group for the purpose of facilitating a clinical research network on antibiotic resistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 5238. A bill to preserve the democratic republic of the United States from the overreach of authoritarian tactics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 5239. A bill to ensure that nitrile glove procurements comply with the requirements of the Make PPE in America Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5240. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish a budgetary Tribal Government consultation process at the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 5241. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 1st Avenue Southeast in Austin, Minnesota, as the "John Madden Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5242. A bill to provide for digital communication of prescribing information for drugs (including biological products), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. Res. 828. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that President Trump's lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service, the resulting settlement from that lawsuit, the purported "Anti-Weaponization Fund", and the purported grant of immunity from tax investigations to the plaintiffs in President Trump's lawsuit, should be rejected, equal protection arguments by others with similar claims should be forestalled, and this settlement should not serve as a precedent and should never be repeated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.