

RECOGNIZING ALPHA PHI SORORITY, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CHAPTER

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Alpha Phi Sorority at the University of Maryland, College Park. Alpha Phi has dedicated its philanthropic efforts to advancing women's heart health, the leading cause of death among women in the United States.

Although the topic of women's heart health is often overlooked, the members of Alpha Phi have made it their mission to advance this vital cause through research, education, and advocacy. The University of Maryland chapter has received national recognition for its year-round efforts to not only raise funds, but to increase awareness of heart disease and relevant prevention methods.

Every year, the University of Maryland chapter hosts the Red Dress Gala, their capstone philanthropic event. This past year, they successfully raised over \$26,000 to benefit their cause. Beyond their fundraising, the members of Alpha Phi treat every event as an opportunity to educate the campus community, honor those affected by heart disease, and inspire others to support women's health.

I commend the Alpha Phi Sorority at the University of Maryland, College Park for its unshakable dedication to women's heart health and look forward to witnessing its continued impact on its community. •

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

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.

S. 5271. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require voters to provide photo identification.

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-4293. 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 Army's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$542 million ((RSAT Case 26-53) (OSS-2026-0587)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4294. 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 26-0W) (OSS-2026-0586)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4295. 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 26-0S) (OSS-2026-0588)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4296. 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 26-1F) (OSS-2026-0589)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4297. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023, with respect to the threat posed by advancement by countries of concern in sensitive technologies and products critical for the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of such countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4298. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to military action taken on July 27, 2026, against targets in the Republic of Iraq following Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-directed attacks by Iranian aligned militia groups; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4299. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Brazil that was declared in Executive Order 14323 of July 30, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4300. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the advancement by countries of concern in sensitive technologies and products critical for the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of such countries that was declared in Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4301. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original acquisition value of approximately \$255,900,000 (RSAT Case 26-11558); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4302. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original acquisition value of approximately \$28,000,000 (RSAT Case 26-11496); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4303. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4305. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4306. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) for fiscal year 2025; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-4307. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4308. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4309. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4311. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of 16 officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4312. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4313. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4314. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4315. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4316. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of 13 officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4317. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Defense-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Amendment" (RIN0790-AM02) received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on August 4, 2026; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4318. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation (Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Records)" (RIN0790-AL45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2026; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4319. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Assistance to Non-Government, Entertainment-Oriented Media Productions" (RIN0790-AL71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2026; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4320. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4321. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4322. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4323. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4324. A communication from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clingstone Peach Diversion Program; Amendment of Program Regulations" (RIN0581-AE58) (Docket No. AMS-SC-26-0496) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COTTON, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 4615, An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-133).

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 3010. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve provisions relating to dyslexia, and for other purposes.

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

S. 3333. A bill to modify the eligibility requirements and account contribution maximum for pension-linked emergency savings accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 3589. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 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.

*Coast Guard nomination of James C. Meyers, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Aaron J. Casavant and ending with Jeremy A. Weiss, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 2026.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Caroline M. Jenkins and ending with Christine E. Olds, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 13, 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.

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. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 5243. A bill to provide for the automatic establishment of Trump accounts using information collected under the Enumeration at Birth Program of the Social Security Administration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. Kaine, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 5244. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the drug discount program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 5245. A bill to establish the Karly Rain Wood Repeat Violent Felon Registration and Notification Program within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 5246. A bill to amend title XXX of the Public Health Service Act to establish standards and protocols to improve patient matching; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 5247. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include Indian Tribes in the defense community infrastructure program,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. KIM):

S. 5248. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to States to improve the knowledge, credentials, compensation, and professional development of early childhood educators working with children in early childhood education programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 5249. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to align the licensing of uranium enrichment facilities with other fuel cycle facilities under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 5250. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to decrease fraud related to home health agencies in Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ROSEN:

S. 5251. A bill to modify the termination of the aviation consumer protection advisory committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. KIM, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 5252. A bill to prevent foreign adversaries from threatening the national security of the United States by extracting key technical features of closed-source, United States-owned artificial intelligence models, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHMITT (for himself, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 5253. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to prioritize emerging tick-borne livestock disease research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5254. A bill to modify the prohibition on financing of civil nuclear energy by the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 5255. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to define the purpose, role, duties, and professional qualification requirements for chaplains in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 5256. A bill to provide increased oversight of certain pardons, to clarify the applicability of bribery prohibitions to pardons and commutations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 5257. A bill to expedite the provision of humanitarian assistance, including life-saving medical care, to the people of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 5258. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish a payment model to reimburse providers for furnishing comprehensive breast cancer risk assessments and developing personalized screening