

I am proud to honor Dr. Marshall's life of service, mentorship, and innovation. He embodied the very best of the Show-Me spirit, and I am grateful for the mark he left on Missouri, on Mizzou, and on all of us who call ourselves Tigers.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER HOOD

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Commander Hood, a proud native of Dexter, MO, whose distinguished service in the U.S. Navy embodies the very best of our State and our country.

Moved by the tragic events of September 11, Lieutenant Commander Hood answered the call to serve by enlisting as a nuclear machinist's mate. His dedication and talent quickly set him apart, earning him a commission and assignments aboard the USS *Maryland*. He went on to serve with distinction in several critical roles, including auxiliaries division officer aboard the USS *Ronald Reagan*, anti-submarine warfare officer aboard the USS *Hue City*, and chief engineer aboard the USS *Rafael Peralta*.

Now on his fourth tour, Lieutenant Commander Hood commands a crew of 80 American sailors aboard the Mine Countermeasure Ship USS *Pioneer*. His leadership on the frontlines of the Indo-Pacific has been vital in preserving a free and open region in the face of growing threats from the Chinese Communist Party. Through every mission, his steady hand and unwavering resolve have made a difference.

For his outstanding service, Lieutenant Commander Hood has earned numerous commendations, including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. These accolades reflect not just his professional excellence, but a steadfast commitment to duty and country. Lieutenant Commander Hood's career is a testament to the strength, character, and patriotism that define the American people. I am proud to honor him today for his exemplary service and sacrifice. Lieutenant Commander Hood is truly a Champion of Missouri and a credit to the uniform he wears and the nation he defends.●

TRIBUTE TO TED MARTIN

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Ted Martin of Branson, MO. Over his remarkable 30 years with Branson Fire Rescue, he has guided the city's fire department through a period of rapid change and modernization. During his time as fire chief, he has consistently demonstrated a deep-rooted commitment to ensuring the brave men and women of Branson Fire Rescue are able to protect their fellow people of Branson as safely as possible. Over Chief Martin's incredible 13-year term, his team has maintained some of the lowest fire loss values across the region, serving as a

testament to the entire force's selfless dedication and commitment to community safety.

Chief Ted Martin has continually shown himself to be an outstanding community leader, and his stable leadership will no doubt be deeply missed. I am blessed to call Chief Martin a fellow Missourian, and he has more than proven himself as a Champion of Missouri. I wish him and his family the best as he begins his retirement this April.●

TRIBUTE TO HARRIET TURNER

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Harriet Turner and her fellow volunteers as Missourians who have gone above and beyond in serving the St. Louis community. Shortly after retiring from a remarkable 25-year career as a nurse at Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Ms. Turner quickly began looking for ways to help others in need and began volunteering at the same hospital. She and her colleagues' warmth and compassion for others, especially for those in crisis, is commendable and has helped countless families over the years.

Ms. Turner is truly a Champion of Missouri. Her spirit of service is not limited to Missouri Baptist. In her free time, she has helped organize a community garden to help struggling St. Louis families access fresh produce and has volunteered her time to creating prom dresses for young adults in the foster system. Her dedication to helping others—not for acclaim, but out of a genuine love of service—is truly inspiring. Her commitment to serving our fellow Missourians is nothing short of remarkable, and I am deeply grateful for her selfless work, which has had a profound impact on the St. Louis community.●

RECOGNIZING MISSOURI ON A MISSION

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the selfless service and commitment to serving others shown by the volunteers of Missouri on a Mission, lineworkers and community leaders from various electric cooperatives across the Show-Me-State. Whenever severe weather or harsh conditions damage our State's key infrastructure, these brave men and women are quick to respond and devote their energy to restoring power for impacted families.

On January 12, 10 outstanding linemen volunteered their time and expertise and traveled to Jamaica to help the nation recover from serious damage caused by Hurricane Melissa last October. Over the next weeks, these heroic men restored key transmission lines, rebuilt and raised fallen poles, and overall helped the island nation get back to an even footing. I would like to briefly recognize and thank each of these remarkable Missourians:

-From the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, Craig Moeller and Jim McCarty

-From Black River Electric Cooperative, Chris Turner and Colton Stickferd

-From Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Jacob Tiefenthaler and Rodney Braddy

-From Lewis County Electric Cooperative, Joe Lay

-From Northwest Electric Power Cooperative, Eric Peepers

-From SEMO Electric Cooperative, Jared Kelley

-From Three Rivers Electric Cooperative, Alex Buschjost

I am deeply grateful to each of these selfless individuals for their service and for their commitment to helping the people of Jamaica regain a sense of normalcy. Each of them exemplifies the principle of citizen leadership that has made our Nation great and are truly Heartland Heroes.●

TRIBUTE TO DOUG ALLISON

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my honor today to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary career of Doug Allison, who is retiring after 31 remarkable years as the head coach of the Furman University men's soccer program.

Coach Allison's tenure at Furman represents one of the most successful coaching careers in collegiate soccer history. With a career record of 365 wins, 175 losses, and 77 ties, he stands as the winningest coach in Southern Conference history, a true testament to his talent, leadership, and commitment to excellence over three decades.

Under Coach Allison's guidance, the Furman Paladins have achieved unprecedented success. He led the program to 12 Southern Conference regular season titles, 11 conference tournament championships, and 11 NCAA Tournament appearances. His final season, though, may have been his finest. With a record of 16-2-5, he steered the team to win both the regular season and tournament titles, as well as the school's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Men's College Cup, finishing the season ranked third in the Nation.

Beyond wins and championships, Coach Allison has been a mentor and developer of young talent. During his 31 seasons, he produced 151 All-Southern Conference selections, 31 All-Americans, 15 United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Americans, and 9 MLS draft picks. His influence extended far beyond college soccer. Three of his former players went on to represent the U.S. National Soccer Team and scored in the FIFA World Cup competition, bringing honor to Furman University and the Palmetto State.

Coach Allison's impact on Furman University, the Southern Conference, and collegiate soccer cannot be overstated. He has built a legacy of excellence, integrity, and leadership that will inspire future generations of student-athletes.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Coach Doug Allison on his 31 years of service to Furman University and wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:44 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. 658. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration.

H.R. 980. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the provision of on-campus educational and vocational counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 988. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to move the place of incorporation and domicile of the National Women's Relief Corps to Illinois, to move the principal office of such Corps to Murphysboro, Illinois, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1458. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the criteria for approval of certain independent study programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 3123. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to laws relating to the payment of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that are affected by death, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3497. An act to establish a medal of service for law enforcement officers and first responders.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7148) making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3424. An act to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7148. An act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 780, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Council on Disability: Mr. Brian Patchett of Bossier City, Louisiana.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 658. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 980. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the provision of on-campus educational and vocational counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 988. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to move the place of incorporation and domicile of the National Woman's Relief Corps to Illinois, to move the principal office of such Corps to Murphysboro, Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1458. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the criteria for approval of certain independent study programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3123. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to laws relating to the payment of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that are affected by death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3497. An act to establish a medal of service for law enforcement officers and first responders; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 3, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 269. An act to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system.

S. 3424. An act to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, 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-2672. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting, pursuant to Section 301(1) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act, the Office's annual reports regarding covered payments from the account described in section 415(a) of the Act that were the result of claims alleging a violation of part A of title II of the Act, received in the office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2673. A communication from the Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Regulations Regarding Public Access, Use, and Recreation for Four National Wildlife Refuges" (RIN1018-B179) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on January 30, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2674. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Preserving Medicaid Funding for Vulnerable Populations-Closing a Health Care-Related Tax Loophole" (RIN0938-AV58) (CMS-2448-F) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2675. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's fiscal year 2024 Actuarial Evaluation of the Expected Operations and Status of the PBGC Funds; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2676. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2677. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2678. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2025 Agency Financial Report received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2679. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Annual Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2680. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2025 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2681. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 688. A bill to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally (Rept. No. 119-101).