

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).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF
COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*Coast Guard nomination of Vice Adm. Thomas G. Allan, Jr., to be Admiral.

*John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2026.

*Daniel Edwards, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Steven Haines, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Robert Harvey, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

*Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

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 nominations beginning with Jarod M. Ross and ending with Andrew R. Younkle, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2025.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Jonathan B. Bernhardt and ending with Ryan S. Townsend, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2025.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Michael Adams and ending with Dewey W. Worker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2025. (minus 1 nominee: Kryisia V. Pohl)

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Margaret A. Harward and ending with Jennifer A. Rogers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 2, 2025.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with James M. Hurtt and ending with Kelli A. Knight, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 10, 2025.

*Coast Guard nomination of Michelle J. Moravek, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*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 Mr. GRASSLEY for himself, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 3761. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt qualified student loan bonds from the volume cap and the alternative minimum tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 3762. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for prior authorization reforms under the Medicare Advantage program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. COONS):

S. 3763. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of ALS-related services under the Medicare program for individuals diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. 3764. A bill to amend the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to make improvements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3765. A bill to establish a medal of service for law enforcement officers and first responders; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

S. 3766. A bill to prohibit the use of funds available to Representatives and Senators with respect to official expenses to purchase or lease a motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is manufactured in the United States by unionized workers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3767. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3768. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a grant competition for the development of single- and multi-family homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 3769. A bill to amend the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Act of 1989 to clarify that amounts in the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Trust Fund may be withdrawn by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

S. 3770. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make new child payments, to provide for American Dream Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 266

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 266, a bill to reauthorize the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 944

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 944, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1054

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1054, a bill to abolish the United States African Development Foundation.

S. 1353

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to extend the authority for modifications to the Second Division Memorial in the District of Columbia.

S. 1572

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Federal carjacking statute.

S. 1748

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1748, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1877

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1877, a bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate rules with respect to the electronic delivery of certain required disclosures, and for other purposes.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 2252

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to require United States foreign assistance commodities to be made available for their intended purposes before they expire.

S. 2343

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina