

achieved national recognition through high-profile composer residencies and critically acclaimed world premieres.

Throughout its history, the symphony has remained dedicated to Mr. Silva's mission of inspiring joy and building community through the power of music. Today's performers carry on his tradition of excellence as they electrify audiences and shape a vibrant and inclusive culture in the Central Valley.

As the Stockton Symphony celebrates its 100th anniversary, I commend the musicians, staff, and community whose commitment ensure its enduring success. I ask all Members to join me in honoring the centennial of the Stockton Symphony on February 27, 2026 and in recognizing a century of artistic excellence, community service, and cultural enrichment in California's Central Valley. ●

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3805. A bill to amend chapter 93 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit obstruction of immigration laws by official interference.

H.R. 1834. An act to advance policy priorities that will break the gridlock.

H.R. 6500. An act to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees, 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-2729. 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 amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Switzerland in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-049) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2730. 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 the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-094) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2731. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 8 of the Clayton Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2732. A communication from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Exercise of Time-Limited Authority to Increase the Fiscal Year 2026 Numerical Limitation for the H-2B Temporary Nonagricultural Worker Program" (RIN1615-AD16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2733. A communication from the Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising Definition of 'Unlawful User of or Addicted to Controlled Substance'" (RIN1140-AB03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2734. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of Fair Lending, Fair Housing, and Equitable Housing Finance Plans Regulation" (RIN2590-AB53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2735. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination and discontinuation of service in an acting role for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Inspector General, Department of Health & Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committees on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and Finance.

EC-2736. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit" (RIN1545-BR30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2737. A communication from the Branch Chief, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing the Gordie Howe International Bridge as a Port of Entry in Detroit, Michigan" (RIN1651-AB64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2738. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of SECURE 2.0 Act Amendment Deadline for IRAs" (Notice 2026-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2739. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of VA's Processing of Survivors Benefits Claims" (RIN2900-AR32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2740. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation" (RIN2900-AS11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2741. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management,

Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reproductive Health Services" (RIN2900-AS31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2742. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program Amendments" (RIN2900-AS12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2743. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2027 Budget and Performance Plan received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2744. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2745. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2025 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2746. 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; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2747. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2748. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-252, "Energy Efficiency Financing Debt Cap Temporary Amendment Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2749. A communication from the Commissioners, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2750. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-204, "Early Childhood Educator Pay Scales Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2751. A communication from the President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Management Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2752. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-59, "Institution of Higher Education Sexual Misconduct Reporting and Resource Accessibility Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2753. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 26-247, "Petition Administration Clarification Amendment Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2754. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-248, "Phillip Reed Memorial Park Designation Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2755. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-250, "Public Benefits Security Amendment Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2756. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-251, "Community Health Amendment Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 260. An act to require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries and nongovernmental organizations to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

S. 1216. A bill to support Taiwan's international space, and for other purposes.

S. 1369. A bill to support the execution of bilateral agreements concerning illicit transnational maritime activity and to authorize the President to impose sanctions with respect to illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing and the sale, supply, purchase, or transfer of endangered species, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2222. A bill to enhance the security, resilience, and protection of undersea communication cables vital to Taiwan's national security, economic stability, and defense, particularly in countering gray zone tactics employed by the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2236. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 2722. A bill to promote the energy security of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 2904. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the shadow fleet of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 3249. A bill to enhance United States Government strategic coordination of the security, installation, maintenance, and repair of international subsea fiber-optic cables.

S. 3360. A bill to require a report on internet freedom in Iran.

S. 3496. A bill to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. COTTON for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd, to be General.

\*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. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3812. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance and regulations regarding opioid overdose reversal medication and employee training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3813. A bill to require a notice be submitted to the Register of Copyrights with respect to copyrighted works used in building generative artificial intelligence models, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0):

S. 3814. A bill to provide enhanced provisions for advanced nuclear energy projects receiving loan guarantees through the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3815. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to create a civil cause of action for certain crimes and to eliminate the statute of limitations for civil actions relating to certain crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3816. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit a private cause of action for damages in the case of a group health plan which fails to provide for primary payment or appropriate reimbursement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LUJAN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3817. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on damages received by certain officers of the United States on account of any civil action filed against the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 3818. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal a certain limitation on the receipt of assistance under both the Veteran Readiness and Employment program and the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. HUSTED):

S. 3819. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to include certain yellow coloring as construction materials for purposes of the Build America, Buy America Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3820. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and maintain a training program for Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel and third-party providers on the rapidly evolving methodologies, science, and practices of soil health management systems on agricultural land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LUJAN:

S. 3821. A bill to require original equipment manufacturers of digital electronic equipment to make available certain documentation, diagnostic, and repair information to independent repair providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 3822. A bill to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers, insurers, and prescription drug or medical device wholesalers from being under common ownership with certain medical service providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3823. A bill to increase the rates of pay under the statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 4.1 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3824. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for certain actions by State attorneys general; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3825. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to expand the types of one-stop centers used to provide services; 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. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 603. A resolution supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on February 1, 2026, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery; considered and agreed to.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 138

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to require each enterprise to include on the Uniform Residential Loan Application a disclaimer to increase awareness of the direct and guaranteed home loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 199

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 199, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide