

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

special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain the prohibition on allowing any deduction or credit associated with a trade or business involved in trafficking marijuana.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes.

S. 926

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 926, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to furnish to certain veterans items used for the secure storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 986

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 986, a bill to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to amend the definitions of firearm silencer and firearm muffler in section 921 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for certain casualty losses of uncut timber.

S. 1194

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1194, a bill to ensure that federally backed financing for the construction, rehabilitation, or purchase of manufactured home communities is available only for communities whose owner has implemented minimum consumer protections in the lease agreements with residents of all manufactured home communities owned by such owner, and for other purposes.

S. 1289

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1289, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and to support programs at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1504, a bill to require the Social Security Administration to make changes to the social security terminology used in the rules, regulation, guidance, or other materials of the Administration.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to minimum participation standards for pension plans and qualified trusts.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to allow for periodic automatic reenrollment under qualified automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes.

S. 1866

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1866, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and improve the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for fiscal years 2026 through 2030, and for other purposes.

S. 1879

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1879, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) 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. 2287

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2287, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, including social work, physician assistant, and chaplaincy education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative and hospice care.

S. 2488

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2488, a bill to promote transparency and accountability in covered digital labor platform work, and for other purposes.

S. 2993

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2993, a bill to establish appropriate rules for prosecutors and Federal judges to carry a concealed firearm.

S. 3054

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3054, a bill to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children.

S. 3258

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added

as cosponsors of S. 3258, a bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish the list of medications that the Administrator has compiled for purposes of the medical certification of airmen and air traffic control specialists, and for other purposes.

S. 3341

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3341, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to exclude from the limit on leverage certain amounts invested in smaller enterprises located in rural or low-income areas and small businesses in critical technology areas, and for other purposes.

S. 3400

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3400, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 3407

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3407, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a Western Refined Fuel Storage Reserve as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

S. 3532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3532, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline the certification process for State Veterans Homes by allowing certain facilities certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be deemed in compliance with specified Medicare and Medicaid requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 3653

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3653, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out efforts to inform veterans of their rights with regards to the receipt of health care, benefits, and services furnished under provisions of law administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 3725

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3725, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a project to supply municipal, rural, and industrial water to ex-

pand the capacity and reach of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc. (doing business as "Lewis & Clark Regional Water System"), in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

S. 3752

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3752, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 3761

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 3777

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3777, a bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 3781

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3781, a bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr., for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

S. 3811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3811, a bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 103

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 103, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to "Reproductive Health Services".

S. RES. 602

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 602, a resolution supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally on Virginia's Law, in a few minutes, I will go to a press conference where I will be joined by some truly courageous and inspiring individuals.

This morning, I will join with over half a dozen women who endured unimaginable horrors because of Jeffrey Epstein. I will also join with Sky and Amanda Roberts, the brother and sister of Virginia Giuffre, the late Epstein survivor who spoke out on behalf of so many.

I am wearing this blue butterfly to show solidarity with them.

Today, we will introduce Virginia's Law, a simple but essential piece of legislation eliminating the statute of limitations that has shielded horrific criminals like Jeffrey Epstein and denied survivors of the ability to hold them accountable.

I thank Representative TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ of New Mexico for working with me on this bill.

For years, survivors who were abused, trafficked, and exploited by Jeffrey Epstein were ignored by the justice system. They were told nobody believes them. They were told to be silent.

When the truth about Jeffrey Epstein finally started to come out, when the world started listening to their stories, oftentimes, the laws on the books said: Sorry, it is too late. The deadline to bring your case has passed.

Virginia's Law will change that because justice for victims of abuse should not have an expiration date.

Congress should pass this law immediately. We know when Congress has the will, it can pass legislation with lightning speed. We passed the Epstein Files Transparency Act through both Chambers in a day. There is no reason to delay this bill, which I will introduce later today.

I will have more to say later this morning. But for now, I simply want to thank all the survivors and family members who are here today at the Capitol. Their courage is inspiring. They have come a long way from across the country, taking red eyes and flying overnight so they can be here for this important moment. Their decision to be here today, to push Virginia's Law, will ensure others get the justice that they have been wrongly denied for far too long.

Again, I want to thank Virginia Giuffre's family who will also attend today. What they have gone through is unimaginable. Virginia was courageous and an inspiration to every single one of us. After facing unimaginable horrors, she spoke out—spoke out for