

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 590" ((RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31651)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2863. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc. Airplanes; Amendment 39-23263" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-1327)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2864. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Miami, Florida" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1183)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2865. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment and Amendment of Class E Airspace; South Bend, Indiana" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5136)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2866. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of United States Area navigation (RNAV) Routes Q-190 and T-497, and Amendment of Domestic Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways V-1, V-70, and V-194; Eastern United States; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0668)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2867. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Beeville, Texas" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5106)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2868. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Textron Aviation, Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Cessna Aircraft Company) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23255" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5037)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2869. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amend-

ment No. 4203" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31647)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2870. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4204" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31648)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2871. A communication from the Assistant Director of Policy, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appellate Procedures for the Board of Immigration Appeals" (RIN1125-AB37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 3963. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide overtime compensation exceptions to employers of emergency medical technicians and paramedics in rural areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3964. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish a goal for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans in procurement contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3965. A bill to require the establishment and use of short form applications for rural communities applying for economic development grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3966. A bill to prohibit the enforcement of certain contractual clauses that restrict disclosure of sexual abuse of minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 3967. A bill to establish a rural area digital infrastructure technology grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 3968. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to study and recommend a definition for workforce housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 3969. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a

study that identifies options to remove barriers and improve housing for persons who are elderly or disabled; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 3970. A bill to exempt from the requirements of NEPA the provision of certain assistance for the construction or modification of residential housing on infill sites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3971. A bill to extend the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. GALLEGRO):

S. 3972. A bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3973. A bill to reauthorize the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3974. A bill to establish uniform accessibility standards for web content and applications of employers, employment agencies, labor organizations, joint labor-management committees, public entities, public accommodations, testing entities, and commercial providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3975. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow charitable rollovers from individual retirement accounts to donor advised funds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3976. A bill to interconnect the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to its neighbors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. COONS):

S. 3977. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to modify certain bankruptcy eligibility requirements, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. BALDWIN):

S. 3978. A bill to increase the Federal operating share for rural transit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946.

S. 942

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to amend the

Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 1260

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to reform rural housing programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the payment method for oxygen and oxygen related equipment, supplies, and services, to increase beneficiary access to oxygen and oxygen related equipment, supplies, and services, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure equitable and nondiscriminatory contributions to the mechanisms that preserve and advance universal service, to reduce the financial burden on consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors 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. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors 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. 1939

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1939, a bill to provide protections for good faith donations of pet food and supplies.

S. 2195

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 2195, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solution by committing illegal violent acts.

S. 2703

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2703, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving age discrimination.

S. 3007

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3007, a bill to prohibit the enforcement of laws relating to the installation, certification, and maintenance of emissions control devices under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3257

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3257, a bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations for certain individuals carrying out aviation activities who disclose a mental health diagnosis or condition, and for other purposes.

S. 3365

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3365, a bill to ensure that students in schools have a right to read, and for other purposes.

S. 3398

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3398, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize intentional threats to distribute child sexual abuse material, and to provide appropriate penalties for the use of child sexual abuse material to extort or coerce victims.

S. 3514

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3514, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize the National Firearms Act to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

S. 3596

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 3596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the earned income threshold for the refundable child tax credit.

S. 3855

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3855, a bill to enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 3875

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3875, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices that may be prevalent in the advertising or marketing of firearms and to issue regulations to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices related to the advertising or marketing of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 3894

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3894, a bill to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from constructing, acquiring, renovating, or operating any new processing site or detention center without providing a mechanism for public comments regarding such activity, entering into a signed, written agreement with appropriate State and local officials, and providing Congress with advance notice of such activity.

S. 3900

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3900, a bill to promote human rights, internet freedom and accountability in Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 3916

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3916, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of State firearm ownership databases, and for other purposes.

S. 3917

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3917, a bill to prohibit the issuance of commercial driver's licenses to individuals who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States or holders of certain work visas, and for other purposes.

S. J. RES. 103

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 624

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 624, a resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of March 2 through March 6, 2026, as "National Social and Emotional Learning Week" to recognize the critical role social and emotional learning plays in supporting the academic success and overall well-being of students, educators, and families.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3965. A bill to require the establishment and use of short form applications for rural communities applying for economic development grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3965

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "EDA Short Form Application Act".

SEC. 2. SHORT FORM APPLICATIONS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term "Assistant Secretary" means the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

(2) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term "rural community" means an incorporated municipality, Tribal area, or territory—

(A) with a population of not more than 10,000 individuals, as determined by the Bureau of the Census in the most recent decennial census; or

(B) that, as determined by the Assistant Secretary, is not located in a metropolitan statistical area, as designated by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(b) SHORT FORM APPLICATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Assistant Secretary shall establish a short form application for rural communities that may be used by applicants in rural communities for any grant program administered by the Economic Development Administration.

(c) RURAL STAKEHOLDER INPUT.—In establishing a short form application under subsection (b), the Assistant Secretary shall solicit input from a representative group of stakeholders in rural communities on ways to improve the application process for grants from the Economic Development Administration, including—

(1) the length of the applications;

(2) the information and documentation required or requested to be submitted as part of the applications;

(3) the possibility of standardizing base materials, such as budget templates, forms, and required attachments, across grant programs administered by the Economic Development Administration;

(4) the possibility of reducing repetitive sections of the applications that ask for information already provided to the Federal Government, such as information provided through SAM.gov, the Bureau of the Census, or a comprehensive economic development strategy (as defined in section 3 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3122));

(5) the degree of applicability to rural communities of questions in the applications and information and documentation described in paragraph (2); and

(6) any other considerations the Assistant Secretary determines to be necessary for the establishment of the short form application.

(d) TRANSPARENCY.—In carrying out this section, the Assistant Secretary shall make publicly available—

(1) sample successful applications, with personal and sensitive information redacted;

(2) criteria decision guides that explain how applications are reviewed and rated; and

(3) standardized guidance for rural communities to use in applying for grants from the Economic Development Administration.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4303. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6644, a bill to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4304. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6644, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4305. Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6644, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4303. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6644, a bill to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ WITHDRAWALS FOR FIRST-TIME HOME PURCHASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(m) DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME HOME PURCHASES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Gross income does not include any payment or distribution received by an individual from a plan to the extent such payment or distribution is used by the individual before the close of the 120th day after the day on which such payment or distribution is received to pay qualified acquisition costs with respect to a principal residence of a first-time homebuyer who is such individual, the spouse of such individual, or any child, grandchild, or ancestor of such individual or the individual's spouse.

"(2) DISTRIBUTIONS MUST OTHERWISE BE INCLUDIBLE.—Rules similar to the rules of subsection (1)(3) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

"(3) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) QUALIFIED ACQUISITION COSTS.—The term 'qualified acquisition costs' means the costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence. Such term includes any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs.

"(B) FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER.—The term 'first-time homebuyer' means any individual if such individual (and if married, such individual's spouse) had no present ownership interest in a principal residence at any time prior to the date of acquisition of the principal residence to which this paragraph applies.

"(C) PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.—The term 'principal residence' has the same meaning as when used in section 121.

"(D) DATE OF ACQUISITION.—The term 'date of acquisition' means the date—

"(i) on which a binding contract to acquire the principal residence to which paragraph (1) applies is entered into, or

"(ii) on which construction or reconstruction of such a principal residence is commenced.

"(E) SPECIAL RULE WHERE DELAY IN ACQUISITION.—If any distribution from a plan fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (1) solely by reason of a delay or cancellation of the purchase or construction of the residence, the amount of the distribution may be contributed to the plan and, if so contributed, the distribution shall be treated as not having been made.

"(F) OTHER SPECIAL RULES.—Rules similar to the rules of subsection (1)(5) shall apply.

"(4) COORDINATION WITH SECTION 401.—A plan shall not be treated as violating the requirements of section 401, or as engaging in a prohibited transaction for purposes of section 503(b), merely because it allows for a distribution described in paragraph (1)."

(b) QUALIFIED CASH OR DEFERRED ARRANGEMENTS.—Clause (i) of section 401(k)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "or" at the end of subclause (VI), by adding "or" at the end of subclause (VII), and by adding at the end the following new subclause:

"(VIII) as provided in section 402(m)."

(c) ANNUITIES.—Subsection (a) of section 403 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(7) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME HOME PURCHASES.—To the extent provided in section 402(m), paragraph (1) shall not apply to the amount distributed under the contract which is otherwise includible in gross income under this subsection."

(d) GOVERNMENTAL ANNUITIES.—Subsection (b) of section 403 of the Internal Revenue