

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 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. 6392. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to recognize students who have completed secondary school education in a home school setting as high school graduates, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6472. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for in-state tuition rates for certain residents of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7744. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

S. 723. An act to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3377. An act 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.

H.R. 7194. An act to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Nicholas Dockery for acts of valor as a member of the Army while serving in Afghanistan.

H.R. 7211. An act to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6472. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for in-state tuition rates for certain residents of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 7744. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-2923. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to military action taken on March 6, 2026, against the facilities of narco-terrorists affiliated with a designated terrorist organization; this action was taken at the invitation of, with the consent of, and in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Ecuador; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## 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 Ms. SMITH:

S. 4025. A bill to support the preparation and retention of outstanding educators in all fields to ensure a bright future for children and youth in under-resourced and underserved communities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 4026. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create American dream accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HUSTED:

S. 4027. A bill to ban anticompetitive terms in facility and insurance contracts that limit access to higher quality, lower cost care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIM:

S. 4028. A bill to expand equitable access to developmentally-appropriate literacy materials, programs, and family engagement in reading, especially in underserved communities, and strengthen the connection between literacy and long-term academic and economic success; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIM, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4029. A bill to reinforce the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 by establishing a limitations period of 10 years for antibribery offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 4030. A bill to provide out-of-school time educators with professional development in STEM subjects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GALLEGO (for himself and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. 4031. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as innovative therapies centers of excellence, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 4032. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a gasoline tax holiday; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 119. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; Montana; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 120. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category-Deadline Extensions; Correction"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 121. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review: Extension of Deadlines in Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 122. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. Res. 629. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., and commending him for his significant leadership during the Civil Rights Movement and his decades of advocacy in pursuit of justice, equality, and human rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to transfer the functions, duties, responsibilities, assets, liabilities, orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privileges of the United States Agency for International Development relating to implementing and administering the Food for Peace Act to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 567, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 698, a bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

S. 943

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 943, a bill to establish a manufactured housing community improvement grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to reauthorize the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1045

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1045, a bill to provide for funding from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for all Federal Aviation Administration activities in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

S. 1343

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to improve coordination between the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on activities carried out under the National Quantum Initiative Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2175

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2175, a bill to establish requirements and limitations regarding the use of automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast data, and for other purposes.

S. 2541

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2541, a bill to establish requirements for quality and discard date phrases that are voluntarily declared on the food label to display calendar dates.

S. 2547

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally enter and reenter the United States after being removed, and for other purposes.

S. 2890

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2890, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require transportation planners to consider projects and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.

S. 2988

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2988, a bill to bolster upgrades and infrastructure for lasting development at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3378

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3378, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish name, image, and likeness investment accounts for student-athletes, and for other purposes.

S. 3394

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3394, a bill to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to

amend the sentencing guideline relating to child sexual abuse material.

S. 3397

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3397, a bill to make coercion of children to commit harm a criminal offense, and for other purposes.

S. 3398

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) 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. 3400

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors 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. 3456

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3456, a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a free annual National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for law enforcement officers and firefighters.

S. 3492

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3492, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S. 3514

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) 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. 3674

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3674, a bill to expand and clarify the grounds for civil denaturalization proceedings for individuals who have defrauded a governmental program,

joined a terrorist organization, or committed certain criminal offenses.

S. 3788

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3788, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require drug labeling to include original manufacturer and supply chain information.

S. 3905

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3905, a bill to provide for the refund of duties imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

S. 3915

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3915, a bill to require a report on the competitiveness of United States exports of specialty crops.

S. 3949

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3949, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the promulgation of cybersecurity and digital service regulations relating to the use of EBT cards under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 4007

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4007, a bill to restore competition in the meatpacking industry by reducing excessive concentration and market power and ultimately reduce prices for American consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 4010

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4010, a bill to clarify the classification of service provider payees as employees or independent contractors in Federal law.

S. 4023

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4023, a bill to establish the America's Living Library Project, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4320

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4320 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6644, a bill a bill to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 629—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND JESSE LOUIS JACKSON, SR., AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND HIS DECADES OF ADVOCACY IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 629

Whereas Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., (referred to in this preamble as "Reverend Jackson") was born as Jesse Louis Burns on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina, to his mother Helen Burns and father Noah L. Robinson, and was later adopted by his stepfather Charles Henry Jackson;

Whereas Reverend Jackson graduated from Sterling High School in Greenville, South Carolina, in 1959 and, shortly thereafter, enrolled at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign before transferring to North Carolina Agricultural & Technical College in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1960;

Whereas, in July 1960, Reverend Jackson began his civil rights activism by leading the "Greenville Eight" in a peaceful "read-in" protest at the segregated Greenville County Public Library in Greenville, South Carolina, where he and other students were arrested and taken to jail before being released on \$30 bond, leading to a lawsuit and the eventual desegregation of the library in September 1960;

Whereas, on December 31, 1962, Reverend Jackson married the love of his life, and fellow civil rights activist, Jacqueline Lavinia Brown Jackson, to whom he was married for 63 years;

Whereas Reverend Jackson leaves behind 6 children;

Whereas, in 1964, Reverend Jackson earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical College in sociology;

Whereas Reverend Jackson and his wife moved to Chicago, Illinois, and he enrolled as a graduate student at the Chicago Theological Seminary;

Whereas, in 1965, Reverend Jackson went to work directly with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference;

Whereas, in 1966, Reverend Jackson was named national director of "Operation Breadbasket", an economic development and empowerment program, with Dr. King stating that there was no one "more effective" than Reverend Jackson;

Whereas, in December 1971, in Chicago, Illinois, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity), an organization devoted to improving the economic condition of Black Americans, while also leading literacy programs and job placement opportunities for inner-city youth;

Whereas, in 1983, Reverend Jackson traveled to Syria to secure the release of captured United States Navy Lieutenant Robert O. Goodman Jr., and President Reagan said, "Reverend Jackson's mission was a personal mission of mercy and he has earned our gratitude and our admiration.";

Whereas, in 1984, Reverend Jackson founded the National Rainbow Coalition, a polit-

ical organization seeking to appeal to a wide swath of Americans, including racial minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and the poor;

Whereas Reverend Jackson followed in the footsteps of Shirley Chisholm with his historic 1984 campaign for President, becoming the first Black candidate to win a statewide presidential primary and delivering his famous "Rainbow Coalition" speech to the Democratic National Convention, in which he said, "Our flag is red, white and blue, but our nation is a rainbow—red, yellow, brown, black and white—and we're all precious in God's sight.";

Whereas Reverend Jackson's 1988 campaign for President, known for its iconic mantra, "Keep Hope Alive", garnered almost 7,000,000 votes, more than double the 3,000,000 votes he received in 1984;

Whereas, in 1989, Reverend Jackson relocated to Washington, D.C., where he served as a "shadow senator" from 1991 to 1997;

Whereas, in 1997, Reverend Jackson was appointed Special Envoy for the President and the Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa by President Clinton, helping to reduce conflicts in Kenya, Zambia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Liberia;

Whereas, on August 9, 2000, Reverend Jackson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton, with President Clinton stating that "the cause of justice has no greater co-worker than Jesse Jackson"; and

Whereas, on February 17, 2026, Reverend Jackson died, leaving a remarkable legacy of determination and ingenuity in his work to champion civil and human rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and legacy of Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., (referred to in this resolution as "Reverend Jackson"), a distinguished American and pivotal civil rights leader who—

(A) dedicated his life to giving voice to the voiceless; and

(B) pioneered countless campaigns for the liberation of people across the globe;

(2) commends Reverend Jackson for his contributions to the United States of America and its pledge to ensure "liberty and justice for all";

(3) extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to the family of Reverend Jackson; and

(4) requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Jackson.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4370. Mr. BARRASSO 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 4371. Mr. TUBERVILLE 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 4372. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4308 proposed by Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. WARREN) to the bill H.R. 6644, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4373. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4308 proposed by Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. WARREN) to the bill H.R. 6644, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.