

Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1999, he graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Pittsburgh, earning a bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice, and was commissioned as a military police officer. Throughout his career, Colonel Jemmott served in leadership positions ranging from platoon leader to Joint Task Force commander. His assignments took him across the globe, including Fort Bragg, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Italy, Germany, and Cuba. He deployed to Kosovo and Iraq and served two tours at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including as the Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, leading over 1,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and coastguardsmen. Colonel Jemmott's expertise extended beyond tactical operations to the critical realm of congressional affairs. Selected for the Army's Congressional Fellowship Program, he served in the Senate for 15 months, addressing issues such as defense, veterans' affairs, foreign policy, and appropriations. He later served as an Army legislative liaison, managing portfolios that included soldier equipping and wheeled tactical vehicles.

In his final military assignment, Colonel Jemmott served as the legislative assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and director of legislative affairs for the Joint Staff. In this role, he operated at the nexus of military strategy and legislative policy, providing critical guidance that shaped national defense priorities and strengthened civil-military relations. His strategic foresight and diplomatic acumen were instrumental in securing congressional support for key defense initiatives, budgets, and policy reforms.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DR. ELIJAH WASHINGTON

• Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Elijah Washington, a native son of South Carolina, who dedicated his life to healing bodies and nurturing souls in Beaufort County.

Dr. Washington, who passed at the age of 83, exemplified the highest ideals of service to his community and country. Rising from humble beginnings in Sheldon, SC, he pursued excellence in education at Morehouse College and Meharry Medical College before embarking on a medical career that would touch thousands of lives.

In the early 1970s, Dr. Washington made a choice that would define his legacy when, after serving in the U.S. Navy, he returned home and served the people of rural Beaufort County with the Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services. At a time when malnutrition and healthcare disparities plagued these communities, Dr. Washington answered the call.

Not only did he deliver more than 10,000 babies during his career in Beaufort County, for almost a decade, he was the only obstetrician-gynecologist at the clinic in Sheldon. Dr. Washington's impact extended beyond the delivery room. When he joined the staff at Beaufort Memorial Hospital, he rose to become chief of staff and played a critical role in integrating the hospital's medical staff. He mentored countless young physicians, setting an example by treating every patient with dignity and compassion. Today, the BJHCHS clinic in Sheldon bears his name, a lasting testament to a man who made a difference in the Lowcountry.

In addition to the medical field, he also lived out his calling in ministry. He not only tended to the physical ailments of the community, but as the pastor at First African Baptist Church on St. Helena Island, he tended to people's spiritual needs as well.

South Carolina has lost a giant, and I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Dr. Washington's family and in celebrating a life extraordinarily well-lived in service to others.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN KILLEEN

• Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I commend Robin Killeen for more than 26 years of dedicated service to her community. The residents of Mississippi's gulf coast are better off because Robin has creatively and persistently extended a hand to those in need.

A Pearl River County native, Robin Killeen devoted her career to meeting the staffing requirements of various companies. In 1999, she turned her talents in another direction. Robin founded Women of Wisdom, an organization that helps women uplift one another up through their faith, fellowship, and service. Since Robin launched Women of Wisdom, it has become a pillar of strength and wellbeing in south Mississippi.

It is in Robin's nature to continue improving. She has expanded the resources offered by Women of Wisdom to include "The Care Closet," a wardrobe filled with free clothing available to women in times of financial need. Robin has also pursued a holistic vision for uplifting Mississippi women, including a wellness group that improves physical, spiritual, and mental well-being. She has also extended the reach of her nonprofit by partnering with others in the Mississippi community, including Advocates for Freedom and Women's Resource Center. Through this collaboration, she is able to help men, women, and children in need.

As impactful as her work with Women of Wisdom has been, Robin has gone even further, embracing leadership roles in several community organizations. She has served as executive president of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the Jackson

County Chamber of Commerce, as ambassador chairperson for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, and as a leader with the Unified Coast Prayer Movement.

Robin moved to the coast in 1986 and currently resides in Gulfport, MS, with her husband Pat Killeen. They are proud parents of two children and are thrilled to date on five wonderful grandchildren.

Robin Killeen's unrelenting dedication to community service represents the best of our State. I join my fellow Mississippians in thanking her for a quarter-century of meaningful contributions and lasting impact.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3705. An act to provide for the creation of a congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY). ●

At 3:08 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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 261. An act to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit the Secretary of Commerce from prohibiting, or requiring any permit or other authorization for, the installation, continued presence, operation, maintenance, repair, or recovery of undersea fiber optic cables in a national marine sanctuary if such activities have been authorized by a Federal or State agency.

H.R. 3617. An act to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure the supply of critical energy resources, including critical minerals and other materials, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5616. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$2.50 numismatic coins, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 72. Joint resolution relating to a national emergency by the President on February 1, 2025.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1383. An act to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 261. An act to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit the Secretary of Commerce from prohibiting, or requiring any permit or other authorization for, the installation, continued presence, operation, maintenance, repair, or recovery of undersea fiber optic cables in a national marine sanctuary if such activities have been authorized by a Federal or State agency; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3617. An act to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure the supply of critical energy resources, including critical minerals and other materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.J. Res. 72. Joint resolution relating to a national emergency by the President on February 1, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 103, a resolution on 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", and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Richard Blumenthal, Ron Wyden, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Martin Heinrich, Angela D. Alsobrooks, Ruben Gallego, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Mark R. Warner, Jon Ossoff, Raphael G. Warnock, Jeff Merkley, Chris Van Hollen, Elissa Slotkin, Angus S. King, Jr., Gary C. Peters, Tammy Baldwin, Jeanne Shaheen, Peter Welch, Elizabeth Warren, Tim Kaine, Alex Padilla, Jacky Rosen, Mazie K. Hirono, Christopher A. Coons, Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, Brian Schatz, Charles E. Schumer, John W. Hickenlooper, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Christopher Murphy, Richard J. Durbin, Jack Reed, Amy Klobuchar, Sheldon Whitehouse, Cory A. Booker.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Veterans Affairs, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 103. 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".

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 12, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3705. An act to provide for the creation of a congressional time capsule in com-

memoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, 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-2765. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: Alaska; Updates to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 13106-01-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2766. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: Connecticut; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 13084-01-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2767. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: California; Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 12606-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2768. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; CCR Management Unit Deadline Extension Rule" (RIN2050-AH36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2769. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nevada; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period" (FRL No. 12600-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2770. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: Pennsylvania; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Certification for Moderate Nonattainment Under the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 11444-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2771. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; Kentucky; Redesignation of the Kentucky Por-

tion of the Louisville, Kentucky-Indiana 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 10888-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2772. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generation Point Source Category-Deadline Extensions; Correction" (RIN2040-AG54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2773. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date and Clean Data Determination; California, San Joaquin Valley 1997 Annual PM2.5 Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 12825-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2774. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: Oregon; Lane County Permitting Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 12455-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1070. A bill to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities (Rept. No. 119-110).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

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

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. Jo-Ann F. Burdian and ending with Rear Adm. Douglas M. Schofield, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 23, 2025.

*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: