

economically disadvantaged individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 7105. An act to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3853. A bill to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining.

### 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-3646. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3647. A communication from the Acting Director of Legislative Affairs, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Tribal Cybersecurity Needs Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3648. A communication from the Senior Advisor of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Memorandum, Increasing Small Business Participation on Multiple-Award Contracts [\*Note: OMB has concluded that this memorandum is not a 'rule' within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 804(3). Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, OMB is submitting it to each House of Congress and to the Comptroller General consistent with the procedures set forth in 5 U.S.C. 801(a).]" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 22, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3649. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-377, "Term Clarification Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3650. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-378, "Shirley Chisholm Elementary School Redesignation Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3651. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-379, "School Improvement Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3652. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-389, "Proactive Inspection Program Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3653. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-390, "Home Visiting Services Reimbursement Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3654. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-391, "Childhood Continuous Coverage Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3655. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-392, "Minor Access to Medical Records and Appointments Regulations Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3656. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) for fiscal year 2023; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3657. A communication from the Assistant to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments; Annual Adjustments" (RIN1076-AF74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3658. A communication from the Assistant to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals From Administrative Actions" (RIN1076-AF74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3659. A communication from the Assistant to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Acquisitions" (RIN1076-AF74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3660. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting, pursuant to Section 301(l) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act, the Office's annual reports regarding covered payments from the account described in section 415(a) of the Act that were the result of claims alleging a violation of part A of title II of the Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3661. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uninformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1939. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kelly Harrison Rankin, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Susan M. Bazis, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Ann Marie McIff Allen, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

### 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. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. SMITH, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 4. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3832. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 3833. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of, or who have committed, an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 3834. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans may obtain a physical copy of a form for reimbursement of certain travel expenses by mail or at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 3835. A bill to establish an interagency Working Group to study financial safety and inclusion for survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3836. A bill to improve drought-related disaster assistance programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 3837. A bill to improve financial literacy training for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH:

S. 3838. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize assistance for emergency measures in response to pine beetle outbreaks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 3839. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 East 6th Street in Lexington, Nebraska, as the "Bill Barrett Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LEE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 3840. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit exchanges from effecting transactions in securities issued by natural asset companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3841. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the impact of a proposed rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on access of veterans to long-term care facilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, and Mrs. GILLI-BRAND):

S. 3842. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammed Ali, in recognition of his contributions to the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3843. A bill to amend chapters 95 and 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential election campaigns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3844. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the number of members of the Federal Election Commission from 6 to 5, to revise the method

of selection and terms of service of members of the Commission, to distribute the powers of the Commission between the Chair and the remaining members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 3845. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to create a national zero-emission vehicle standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 3846. A bill to establish a task force on waterway freight diversification and economic development in the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela River corridors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3847. A bill to authorize the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to carry out a Social Determinants of Health Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 3848. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to freeze the existing adverse effect wage rate applicable to H-2A nonimmigrants through December 31, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3849. A bill to promote United States leadership in technical standards by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Department of State to take certain actions to encourage and enable United States participation in developing standards and specifications for artificial intelligence and other critical and emerging technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3850. A bill to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 3851. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the "Sojourner Truth Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3852. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to promulgate regulations prohibiting the use of lead ammunition on all land and water under the jurisdiction and control of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3853. A bill to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating

to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining; read the first time.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3854. A bill to combat transnational repression abroad, to strengthen tools to combat authoritarianism, corruption, and kleptocracy, to invest in democracy research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 3855. 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. ROUNDS:

S. 3856. A bill to require certain forest supervisors of units of the National Forest System to submit to the Chief of the Forest Service a harvesting improvement report, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 3857. A bill to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 3858. A bill to establish within the Office of Land and Emergency Management of the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 3859. A bill to ensure that homicides can be prosecuted under Federal law without regard to the time elapsed between the act or omission that caused the death of the victim and the death itself; considered and passed.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. Res. 569. A resolution recognizing religious freedom as a fundamental right, expressing support for international religious freedom as a cornerstone of United States foreign policy, and expressing concern over increased threats to and attacks on religious freedom around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KING, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 570. A resolution designating March 1, 2024, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 140

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through