

Frank Yaoyung Wong settled in San Francisco. Despite their advanced age, they embraced their new life with vigor and curiosity, exploring new cultures and continually learning. Rebecca's sharp mind and strong will made her a central figure in her family and community.

In her later years, Rebecca and her husband became beloved members of the OnLok 30th Street Senior Center, where they engaged in various activities, enriching their lives and those around them. Even in her 90s, Rebecca remained a source of wisdom and care, particularly for her husband until his passing.

Rebecca's passing at the age of 98 marks the end of a life filled with love, sacrifice, and resilience. Her legacy lives on through her children, grandchildren, and the countless lives she touched.

I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Rebecca Wenchu Wong for her indomitable spirit, her unwavering love for her family, and her lifelong commitment to service. Her story is a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who strive for a better future.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:08 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1516. An act to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9456. An act to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 with respect to foreign investments in United States agriculture, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1516. An act to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 9456. An act to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 with respect to foreign investments in United States agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolution was discharged from the Committee on the Budget pursuant section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year

2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 8580. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8771. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8774. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8998. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 820. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 4000. A bill to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-223).

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4755. A bill to reauthorize traumatic brain injury programs, and for other purposes.

S. 4762. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs and research relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 4776. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, and for other purposes.

#### 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. CASSIDY:

S. 5029. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish a research and development-intensive small biotech manufacturer exception from the Medicare drug price negotiation program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5030. A bill to establish a National Critical Minerals Council within the Executive

Office of the President to develop and coordinate the implementation of a national critical mineral strategy for the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BUTLER (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 5031. A bill to promote a 21st century artificial intelligence workforce and to authorize the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to increase access to prekindergarten through grade 12 emerging and advanced technology education and upskill workers in the technology of the future; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 5032. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restrict the sale and procurement of certain weapons and ammunition by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 5033. A bill to amend the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 5034. A bill to provide additional benefits to American workers whose employment has been impacted as a result of the transition to a clean energy economy; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5035. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an external provider scheduling program to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 5036. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COONS):

S. 5037. A bill to strengthen the role of the United States with respect to the Indian Ocean region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 5038. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate a waiver under that Act, to eliminate an authorization for States to use new motor vehicle emission and new motor vehicle engine emissions standards identical to standards adopted in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER:

S. 5039. A bill to establish a mineral and mining innovation program within the Department of Energy to advance domestic mineral resources, economic growth, and national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 5040. A bill to provide for the regulation of certain communications regarding prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 5041. A bill to provide grants to local educational agencies to help public schools reduce class size in the early elementary grades, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 5042. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the exercise of eminent domain for the construction or modification of electric transmission facilities and to protect State control over the siting of electric transmission facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 5043. A bill to require coordination among Federal agencies that administer sanctions lists with respect to the inclusion of individuals and entities on such lists; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 5044. A bill to authorize grants to implement school-community partnerships for preventing substance use and misuse among youth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 5045. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to criminal penalties for damaging or destroying pipeline facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. KING, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LUJAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 5046. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to publish a final rule relating to nonclinical testing methods; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 5047. A bill to require carbon scoring by the Congressional Budget Office; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 5048. A bill to establish the use of ranked choice voting in elections for the offices of Senator and Representative in Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 5049. A bill to modify the definition of disaster in the Small Business Act to include low or no snowfall amounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 5050. A bill to prohibit the importation of certain minerals from the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5051. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating Washington's Trail—1753 as a national historic trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 5052. A bill to prohibit the importation of critical minerals from the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. REED, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 5053. A bill to reauthorize the national service laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 5054. A bill to impose an assessment related to fossil fuel emissions, to establish the Polluters Pay Climate Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. Res. 812. A resolution supporting the designation of September 20, 2024, as "National Concussion Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 813. A resolution honoring the life of Steven D. Symms, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KING, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 814. A resolution designating September 2024 as "National Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. KELLY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 815. A resolution designating the week beginning on September 9, 2024, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. Res. 816. A resolution recognizing the 73rd anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Philippines and the strong bilateral security alliance between our two nations in the wake of persistent and escalating aggres-

sion by the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Con. Res. 41. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; placed on the calendar.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the United States.

S. 656

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans educational assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1185, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 1274

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut