

H.R. 7224. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 8667. An act to rename the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Cadillac, Michigan, as the “Duane E. Dewey VA Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

H.R. 9124. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Auburn, California, as the “Louis A. Conter VA Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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. 8150. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities.

H.R. 9489. An act to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, 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-6834. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (Credit Cards, HOEPA, and Qualified Mortgages)” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6835. A communication from the Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold” (RIN1557-AF28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6836. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosures” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6837. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Eighth Biennial Report to Congress: Estimates of Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Federal and State Waters off the Coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6838. A communication from the Biologist of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wild-

life and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Swale Paintbrush” (RIN1018-BF79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6839. A communication from the Manager of Delisting and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Plumbeous Swallowtail Butterfly, Harris’ Mimic Swallowtail Butterfly, and Hahnel’s Amazonian Swallowtail Butterfly” (RIN1018-BG69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6840. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Reports of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee in FY 2023 and FY 2024”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6841. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Department of State Actions in FY 2023 and FY 2024 Pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6842. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revised Timeline Regarding Implementation of Amended Section 6050W(e)” (Notice 2024-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6843. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exempt organization rulings and determination letters procedures” (Rev. Proc. 2025-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6844. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Taxable Income or Loss and Currency Gain or Loss with Respect to a Qualified Business Unit” (RIN1545-B007) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6845. A communication from the Chief of Policy Analysis and Program Standards, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Black Lung Benefits Act: Authorization of Self-Insure” (RIN1240-AA16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6846. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Personal Protective Equipment in Construction” (RIN1218-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6847. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6848. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6849. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6850. A communication from the Senior Advisor for Oversight, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Rates VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation; Delay of Effective Date from February 16, 2025, until February 16, 2029” (RIN2900-AS19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2024; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 131. A bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers’ compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-299).

S. 2270. A bill to establish and maintain a database within each agency for executive branch ethics records of noncareer appointees (Rept. No. 118-300).

S. 3926. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-301).

S. 4700. A bill to modify the government-wide financial management plan, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-302).

S. 5312. A bill to require agencies to create consistent organizational hierarchies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-303).

H.R. 3208. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-304).

H.R. 6972. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to require an Executive agency whose head is a member of the National Security Council to notify the Executive Office of the President, the Comptroller General of the United States, and congressional leadership of such head becoming medically incapacitated within 24 hours, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-305).

H.R. 7528. An act to amend section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002 to improve the integrity and management of mass comments and computer-generated comments in the regulatory review process, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-306).

H.R. 8631. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-307).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 9592. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-308).

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

S. 690. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1008. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard with respect to rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices, and for other purposes.

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

S. 2238. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to develop a National Strategy to Close the Digital Divide, and for other purposes.

S. 2645. A bill to reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, requiring a study, and establishing financial assistance programs to address heat effects, and for other purposes.

S. 2714. A bill to establish the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource, and for other purposes.

S. 3162. A bill to improve the requirement for the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish testbeds to support the development and testing of trustworthy artificial intelligence systems and to improve interagency coordination in development of such testbeds, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Brady, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Johnny K. Davis, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Walter H. Allman III and ending with Capt. Thomas J. Zerr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Andrew M. Biehn and ending with Capt. Brian A. Metcalf, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2024.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Timothy S. Brady, Jr. and ending with Col. Jeremy S. Winters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) John E. Dougherty IV and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Douglas L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas M. Henderschedt, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Christopher D. Alexander and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Michael S. Wosje, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Luke C. G. Cropsey, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mark B. Pye, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Matthew C. Brown, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Joseph P. McGee, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Tonri C. Brown, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. John W. Sannes, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Curtis A. Buzzard, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Brett G. Sylvia, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Justin S. Alberico and ending with Jonathan A. Zannis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Stephen M. Addington and ending with Joshua J. Wolfram, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lee Edmond Akers and ending with Michael Gray Yttri, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Phillip N. Alvarez and ending with Stanley Y. Wong, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Eric Starr Buss and ending with Jonathan M. Walker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Stephen V. S. Alexander and ending with Yesun Yoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lakisha N. Albertie and ending with Keri L. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 18, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with John C. Batka and ending with Richard Y. K. Yoo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 18, 2024.

Air Force nomination of Keith A. Schultz, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Francis X. Parr III, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Jay E. Butterfield, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Thomas A. Hutton and ending with Robert D. Mcallister, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert L. Bell and ending with Daniel J.

Brown, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

Air Force nomination of Gabriel R. Bultz, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Cora L. Allen and ending with 0003434384, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

Army nomination of Rafael J. Kaplan, to be Major.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher D. Caraway and ending with Bradford M. Winkelman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2024.

Navy nomination of Erik C. Hedval, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Keith C. Braddy, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Space Force nomination of Kenneth N. Wooten, to be Major.

Space Force nomination of Brenda L. Beegle, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

*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.

(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. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 5544. A bill to reduce the number of student visas available to nationals of the People's Republic of China until China removes certain restrictions on United States students pursuing postsecondary educational opportunities in China and to restrict the types of postsecondary study available to Chinese nationals in the United States to include sensitive topics with potential dual-use military application; Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. KIM):

S. 5545. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to laws relating to the payment of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that are affected by death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 5546. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide funding for innovations in community policing, mental health care, and community safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 5547. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to verify certain eligibility criteria for individuals enrolled for medical assistance quarterly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5548. A bill to amend title III of the Social Security Act to improve the accuracy of payment of unemployment compensation benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.