

EC-299. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-664, "Review of Agency Action Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-300. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-665, "Department of Energy and Environment Definitions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-301. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-559, "Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-302. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-641, "Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-303. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-642, "Illegal Dumping Enforcement Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-304. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-643, "Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-305. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-644, "Radiation Protection Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-306. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-645, "Child Behavioral Health Services Dashboard Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-307. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-646, "Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-308. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-687, "Electrical and Gas Utility Underground Work Wage Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-309. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-686, "Insurance Database Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-2. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio

urging the federal government to select Ohio for the permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 8

Whereas, The United States Space Command is temporarily located in Colorado; and Whereas, The United States Space Command is the unified combatant command for all military space operations; and

Whereas, The federal government has not made a final decision regarding the final permanent location for Space Command headquarters; and

Whereas, Ohio's history of support for national defense, along with its many space-related resources, would make a fitting host for new Space Force missions or the permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command; and

Whereas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, is one of the largest and most complex bases in the United States Air Force, with a long history of flight tests spanning from the Wright Brothers into the Space Age; and

Whereas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command, a major Air Force Medical Center, and the Air Force Institute of Technology; and

Whereas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the home of the 88th Air Base Wing consisting of more than 5,000 officers, enlisted Air Force, civilian and contractor employees, and the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing; and

Whereas, Ohio's federal resources, including the National Air and Space Intelligence Center and the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; the 178th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group at the Springfield Air National Guard Base; and NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, are uniquely situated to assist United States Space Command; now therefore be it *Resolved*, That we, the members of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the federal government to select Ohio for the location of the United States Space Command's permanent headquarters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Secretary of Defense, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 14

Whereas, On February 6, 2024, a group of bipartisan U.S. Senators introduced the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024, which reauthorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for five years, from 2027 to 2031, and provides funding in the amount of \$500 million per year; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Ohio and the other seven states within the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 21 percent of the world's surface freshwater and 84 percent of the United States' surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and directly supports 1.3 million jobs, generating \$82 billion in wages; and

Whereas, The GLRI has provided crucial funding to support long overdue work to protect and restore the Great Lakes. In partnership with the states, local governments, and other organizations, the federal government has invested more than \$3 billion and supported over 7,000 projects since 2010. These projects have cleaned up toxic pollution, reduced runoff from cities and farms, combatted invasive species, and restored fish and wildlife habitats; and

Whereas, The GLRI has made a significant difference and represents a sound investment in both the environment and the economies of the Great Lakes region. A 2018 study calculated that for every federal dollar invested in Great Lakes restoration there is an additional \$3.35 created in economic activity; and

Whereas, Far more work needs to be done. Toxic algal blooms and hotspots contaminating water supplies along Lake Erie, invasive species threatening native species and Ohio industries, and contaminated sediments restricting recreational opportunities pose substantial limitations and threats to habitats for fish and wildlife and the use of the Great Lakes. These problems require a collaborative effort; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024, which reauthorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for five years, from 2027 to 2031; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

*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:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 353. A bill to establish a commission to study the relocation of certain agencies outside of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 354. A bill to require Executive agencies to submit to Congress a study of the impacts

of expanded telework and remote work by agency employees during the COVID-19 pandemic and a plan for the agency's future use of telework and remote work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 355. 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. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. KELLY, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CURTIS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BENNET, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JUSTICE, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 356. A bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 357. A bill to impose restrictions on Federal agencies with respect to appointments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 358. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the threshold amounts for inclusion of Social Security benefits in income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 359. A bill to implement a 5-year pilot program establishing a performance-based pay structure for certain Federal employees in order to enhance productivity, accountability, and employee satisfaction in public service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 360. A bill to provide for across-the-board rescissions of nonsecurity discretionary spending; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

S. 361. A bill to strengthen trafficking victim assistance grant funding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 362. A bill to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. MORENO):

S. 363. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign governments that resist efforts to repatriate their citizens who have unlawfully entered the United States and foreign governments and foreign persons that knowingly facilitate unlawful immigration into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LEE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms.

LUMMIS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 364. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 365. A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to allow for additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 366. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammad Ali, in recognition of his contributions to the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIM, Mr. GALLEGGO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 367. A bill to prohibit the importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of .50 caliber rifles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 368. A bill to require congressional approval for rules that are expected to cost not less than \$50,000,000 annually, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 369. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny certain green energy tax benefits to companies associated with foreign adversaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 370. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax credits to encourage individual and corporate taxpayers to contribute to scholarships for students through eligible scholarship-granting organizations and eligible workforce training organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 371. A bill to require certain reports on small business disaster assistance to be published on the website of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 372. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 373. A bill to prohibit discrimination based on political affiliation in granting disaster assistance; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 374. A bill to establish a pilot program for property acquisition projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 375. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award

grants to eligible entities to establish, expand, or support school-based mentoring programs to assist at-risk middle school students with the transition from middle school to high school; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 376. A bill to provide the Food and Drug Administration with authority to conduct microbial sampling on concentrated animal feeding operations as necessary to facilitate a foodborne illness outbreak investigation, determine the root cause of an outbreak of foodborne illness, or address other public health needs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 377. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, to add a work-study program for off-campus community service at selected after-school activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 378. A bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to waive certain requirements for property acquisition and structure demolition or relocation projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GALLEGGO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 51. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Agency for International Development is essential for advancing the national security interests of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 107

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 107, a bill to amend the Lumber Act of 1956.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana