

of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-404. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-405. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-406. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-407. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-408. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-409. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-410. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-411. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-412. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General

Counsel, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-413. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-414. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-415. A communication from the Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the U.S. Navy Training and Testing Activities in the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Study Area" (RIN0648-BL72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-416. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Compressors" (RIN1904-AF08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-417. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Clothes Washers and Consumer Clothes Dryers" (RIN1904-AF68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-418. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for General Service Lamps" (RIN1904-AB99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-419. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers" (RIN1904-AD82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-420. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Power Production or Utilization Facility License Renewal" (RIN3150-AI96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. Res. 76. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

\*Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

\*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 Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 532. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect registration fees from members of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. LEE):

S. 533. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 534. A bill to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 535. A bill to reauthorize the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, to improve access to relative caregivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. RICKETTS, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 536. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax on the sale of electric vehicles and batteries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN,

Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BUDD):

S. 537. 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; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 538. A bill to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of Presidential election campaigns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 539. A bill to reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE:

S. 540. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the consideration of continuity of health care in determining best medical interest under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 541. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for new clean vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 542. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 543. A bill to prohibit certain discrimination against athletes on the basis of sex by State athletic associations, intercollegiate athletic associations, and covered institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 544. A bill to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. KELLY, Mr. Kaine, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 545. A bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 546. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 547. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study and issue a report on grant programs to support the nursing workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 548. A bill to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to require a Caribbean border counternarcotics strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 549. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exemption from the excise tax on alternative motorboat fuels sold as supplies for vessels or aircraft to include certain vessels serving only one coast; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 550. A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 551. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of a cost-of-living adjustment to the non-labor related portion for hospital outpatient department services furnished in Alaska and Hawaii; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 552. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of critical access hospital services furnished by a critical access hospital located in a noncontiguous State; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 553. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a floor on payments to sole community hospitals located in Alaska and Hawaii under the hospital outpatient prospective payment system; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. RICKETTS, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 554. A bill to enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 555. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to establish a national registry of Korean American divided families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 556. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BOOZ-

MAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 557. A bill to repeal the small business loan data collection requirements under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. DAINES, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 75. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that member countries of NATO must commit at least 2 percent of their national gross domestic product to national defense spending to hold leadership or benefit at the expense of those countries who meet their obligations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. Res. 76. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 157

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to authorize certain States to take certain actions on certain Federal land to secure an international border of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 158

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 158, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of, or who have committed, sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, 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.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of