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H.R. 6124. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to authorize voluntary agreements for coverage of Indian tribal council members, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6138. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for ambulatory surgical center representation during the review of hospital outpatient payment rates under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the resolution (H. Res. 1019) recommitting to the committee of conference the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and, in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and be respectfully recommitted to the committee of conference.

At 10:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 2409. An act to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed.

H.R. 2787. An act to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a pilot program instituting a clinical observation program for pre-med students preparing to attend medical school.

H.R. 5538. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans' entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Sec-

retary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs.

H.R. 5649. An act to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to amend the Social Security Act, and to direct the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Labor, and Homeland Security, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, to take certain actions to improve transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces who separate, retire, or are discharged from the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5882. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the termination by a spouse of a lessee of certain leases when the lessee dies while in military service.

H.R. 5938. An act to amend the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a vacancy and recruitment database to facilitate the recruitment of certain members of the Armed Forces to satisfy the occupational needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish and implement a training and certification program for intermediate care technicians in that Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5974. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.

At 1:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2353) to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2245. An act to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand.

S. 2850. An act to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

At 4:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1182. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 519. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

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H.R. 6138. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for ambulatory surgical center representation during the review of hospital outpatient payment rates under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

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## 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-6033. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Florasulam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9979-81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6034. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1,1-Difluoroethane; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9980-20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6035. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Ellen M. Pawlikowski, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6036. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Lawrence D. Nicholson, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6037. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of NMS Stock Alternative Trading Systems" (RIN3235-AL66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6038. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 9970-23)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6039. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Peters Cartridge Factory Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9981-26-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6040. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Davenport and Flagstaff Smelters Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9981-21-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6041. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Old Esco Manufacturing Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9981-36-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6042. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Withdrawal for Designated Facilities and Pollutants" (FRL No. 9980-95-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6043. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; MO; Redesignation of the Missouri Portion of the St. Louis Missouri-Illinois Area to the Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standards for Fine Particulate Matter and Approval of Associated Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9981-29-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6044. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Air Quality Designations for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards - San Antonio, Texas Area" ((RIN2060-AU13) (FRL No. 9981-17-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6045. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) non-medical redeterminations for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6046. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2017 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Report to the Nation: Reaching Victims Everywhere"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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 Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3262. A bill to provide the option of discharging certain unsecured financial obligations of self-governing territories of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3263. A bill to limit the separation of families at or near ports of entry, to provide access to counsel for unaccompanied alien children, and to improve immigration detention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3264. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, and to repeal Federal provisions related to switchblade knives which burden citizens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 3265. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 3266. A bill to require a study of the well-being of the United States automotive industry and to stay the investigation into the national security effects of automotive imports until the study is completed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3267. A bill to establish a National Commission on Fibrotic Diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3268. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3269. A bill to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3270. A bill to address the need for pilot development and encourage more individuals to enter the field of aviation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 3271. A bill to prohibit the use of payment of money as a condition of pretrial release in Federal criminal cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3272. A bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Governments of Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3273. A bill to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3274. A bill to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require an individual to register as a lobbyist under such Act if the individual is employed or retained by a client for making more than one lobbying contact over a 2-year period and to treat legislative, political, and strategic counseling