

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4468. An act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## 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-3029. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal years 2011 through 2018 Military Personnel, Marine Corps; Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps; and Reserve Personnel, Marine Corps funds; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3030. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inapplicability of Certain Laws and Regulations to Commercial Items" (RIN0750-AJ21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2023; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3031. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3032. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2022 Data Update Supplement to the 2021 Report to Congress for the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Grant Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3033. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3034. A communication from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing" (RIN1205-AC02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3035. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Representation of Others in Design Patent Matters Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AD67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3036. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Tort Claims Act—Technical Changes" (RIN1120-AB80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3037. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exercise of Time-Limited Authority to Increase the Numerical Limitation for FY 2024 for the H-2B Temporary Nonagricultural Worker Program and Portability Flexibility for H-2B Workers Seeking to Change Employers" (RIN1615-AC89) (RIN1205-AC18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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-86. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rescind all fee increases that negatively impact Pennsylvania homebuyers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

Whereas, The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) implemented a change to Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's single-family pricing framework by introducing redesigned fee matrices for home purchases, rate-term refinance and cash-out refinance loans; and

Whereas, Under the newly effective change, fees assessed on borrowers with lower credit scores were reduced while fees were increased for borrowers with higher credit scores and moderate down payments; and

Whereas, The majority of mortgages that exist today are known as "conforming mortgages" because they adhere to the underwriting guidelines of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac and are subject to loan-level price adjustments established by the FHFA; and

Whereas, Housing affordability has reached its lowest level in over a decade due to the significant surge in mortgage rates and record home price appreciation; and

Whereas, Imposing higher fees on borrowers further exacerbates the challenge of affording a home within an already constrained housing market; and

Whereas, The increased fees on borrowers with higher credit scores is contrary to the congressionally chartered duty of the government-sponsored enterprises, which is to promote access to mortgage credit throughout the nation, and is unnecessary for the safety and soundness of the enterprises; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rescind all fee increases that negatively impact Pennsylvania homebuyers; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts calling on the United States Government to continue to stand with the people of Israel in their time of need, support the victims of the

recent terrorist attack against the state of Israel and work towards the safe return of those who are being held hostage; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2462

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, the Terrorist Organization known as Hamas launched a brutal barbaric assault and attack on the State of Israel and brought immense suffering to the innocent civilians of Israel and the region; and

Whereas, the Israeli people have an inalienable right to defend themselves against acts of terrorism; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth mourns the thousands of innocent victims of Hamas's terrorist attack against Israel, including women, children and babies, and is gravely concerned for the many innocent civilians who have been kidnapped and are being held hostage; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth has continuously demonstrated an unwavering commitment to supporting innocent victims of violence and calls for a safe return of the Israelis, Americans and other nationals who have recently been kidnapped and are being held hostage; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth must strongly condemn these heinous terrorist actions by Hamas in Israel; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth stands in solidarity with the Jewish community in Israel, the Commonwealth and around the world; and

Whereas, the recent, sharp rise in anti-semitism, expressed openly and violently, reinforces the need for our collective, continued efforts to stand against hatred and bigotry in the Commonwealth and abroad; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Massachusetts Senate hereby calls on the United States Government to continue to stand with the people of Israel in their time of need, support the victims of the recent terrorist attack against the State of Israel and work towards the safe return of those who are being held hostage; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 3430. A original bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to expand the mental health care workforce and services, reduce prescription drug costs, and extend certain expiring provisions under Medicare and Medicaid, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-121).

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2973. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to establish requirements relating to pharmacy benefit managers under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-122).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted: