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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, use our lawmakers today as Your instruments. Give them Your wisdom so that they can find solutions to the complex problems that beset our Nation and world.

Lord, strengthen them to serve and honor You by transforming dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Keep them from fear and frustration, as You equip and empower them to accomplish Your will on Earth.

May they find Your guidance throughout this day by seeking You in personal prayer. When they call, answer their petitions. Replenish their resources with Your peace that passes all understanding.

We pray in Your omnipotent Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Michael Duffey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the first Sunday in June is National Cancer Survivors Day. According to the National Cancer Institute, there are 18.1 million cancer survivors in the United States.

We have made great strides in recent decades to prevent and to battle cancer. The disease is the second leading cause of death in our country.

I know how a cancer diagnosis impacts a family, as a result of my wife Barbara's own diagnosis and victory over breast cancer 38 years ago. For sure, early detection and access to treatment saved Barbara's life.

Now, Iowa is a rural State. A majority of our States are rural States, and every State in the United States has rural areas in it.

Of course, it is difficult to deliver quality healthcare in rural America, but it is being delivered. To accomplish that, I have championed policies to keep the delivery of healthcare services accessible in rural America.

Access to quality healthcare should not be determined by your ZIP Code. Keeping rural and community clinics open and telehealth services available is a lifeline for cancer patients.

This day, National Cancer Survivors Day, is dedicated to celebrating cancer survivors and acknowledging the struggle and strength it took to overcome the disease.

We stand with you.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, we are entering the sixth month of Republican leadership in Washington. We have already delivered some significant wins for the American people, and there is so much more on the way. When this Congress began, we got right to work getting President Trump's Cabinet in place. We confirmed 21 Cabinet positions at a faster pace than any administration since George W. Bush.

The Republican Senate has confirmed 68 civilian nominees so far this year, the most since the Obama administration—Secretaries, Administrators, Deputies, Under Secretaries, 11 Ambassadors to postings around the globe—the most diplomats confirmed at this point since 2001.

And our committees continue to work hard to refer additional nominees to the floor.

The Senate has also passed a number of bills already this year. In the first few weeks of this year, we took up the Laken Riley Act, a bill to require that law enforcement detain an illegal immigrant caught shoplifting or stealing. We had an amendment process on the floor, a process that made the bill stronger. And the bill that the Senate ultimately passed and President Trump signed into law requires detention for illegal immigrants who assault law enforcement or seriously injure or kill a person, as well as for those caught stealing like the illegal immigrant who murdered Laken Riley last year.

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We also passed the HALT Fentanyl Act to permanently schedule fentanyl-related substances as the most deadly type of drug and give law enforcement a critical tool to prosecute those who bring these deadly substances into our country and peddle them in our communities.

Last month, President Trump signed Senator CRUZ's TAKE IT DOWN Act into law to combat nonconsensual explicit images made with AI and shared online.

And the Senate is continuing consideration of the GENIUS Act this week so that the United States can continue to be a leader in financial innovation and Americans can exercise financial freedom with confidence.

The Senate has also been working to repeal burdensome Biden-era regulations. We have now passed 18 Congressional Review Act resolutions targeting regulations that would raise costs, destroy jobs, and reduce choice for the American people. That includes resolutions to block President Biden's natural gas tax, eliminate burdensome new standards for appliances, and block the California electric vehicle mandate that would drive up prices and reduce consumer choice across the country.

I am grateful to my Republican colleagues for all the hard work they have put in over these past 5 months. We have made excellent progress, but needless to say, there is still a lot more to do starting with the reconciliation bill we have been working on now for months. This bill is critical to delivering on President Trump's priorities and the promises that we have made to the American people. It will prevent trillions in tax hikes for hard-working families and small businesses. It will invest in our border security to safeguard the progress the Trump administration has already made, and it will strengthen our military and unleash American energy for a stronger and safer America.

And as I said yesterday, the Senate will consider the bill on the floor this work period with the goal of getting it on the President's desk before July 4.

Appropriations season is also upon us, and we will be working to consider as many appropriations bills as possible under regular order. Work on the annual National Defense Authorization Act is also underway, and I hope Democrats will work with us to move the NDAA and appropriations bills through committee and consider them on the Senate floor.

When the American people elected President Trump and a Republican Congress last November, they expected us to deliver. We have worked hard to deliver on our mandate, and we are not taking our foot off the gas. There is too much to do.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

REPUBLICAN AGENDA

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, just yesterday, I heard the minority leader once again misrepresent the Republican agenda. With respect, once again, he is wrong.

Let me set the record straight because the Republican agenda is actually very popular. The latest Rasmussen poll was very clear. A majority—a majority—of Americans believe our country is finally heading in the right direction. This is the highest number of Americans who have graded our country heading in the right direction basically this century. Why? Because Americans are done with the painful Democrat years of high prices and open borders.

The contrast is significant. They are witnessing firsthand the Trump turnaround, and they are actually happy that Republicans are delivering for them after what they have been through for the previous 4 years.

Let's take a look at gas prices. Gas prices were 50 cents a gallon cheaper this year than they were Memorial Day last year. Families now save about \$10 every time they fill up, and they are going to feel this relief all summer long.

Senate Republicans are adding to the success. We are working on the bold agenda to make America stronger, safer, more prosperous, more affordable. Let me outline why we are doing this and why it is so urgent.

Our mission is to stop a \$4 trillion tax increase. That would be the highest, biggest tax increase in the history of our country. Every one of the Democrats supports this all-out assault on our wallets, on our pocketbooks, on the purses of the people all across the country. We are talking about the largest tax increases in America's history. Our goal is to make these tax cuts permanent.

Ignore the scare tactics that we hear from the other side of the aisle. This is a lifeline for middle-class families and for small businesses. This is about allowing people to keep more of what they earn. It is their hard-earned money.

We are also going to end taxes on tips. In Wyoming, 10,000 workers will benefit from this—hard-working waiters, bartenders, tour guides—all of them. We are also going to make sure that police officers and firefighters will owe no taxes on overtime. Seniors will keep more of their Social Security. Small business owners will keep more of their earnings. We will also relieve them of these incredible paperwork burdens that are a drag on their ability to build their businesses.

Republicans will also strengthen and preserve Medicaid for the Americans who need it the most. This means 1.4 million illegal immigrants will stop re-

ceiving taxpayer-funded Medicaid benefits. It was never intended for them. It is wrong. Benefits like that don't belong to them. These people are in the country illegally. They should not be benefiting from the work of hard-working Americans. Democrats want to keep all these benefits flowing to all these illegal immigrants. Well, that makes it harder for the American medical patients to get to see a doctor. I know; I practiced medicine for a long time and took care of a lot of Medicaid patients. What the Democrats have done to Medicaid—and now illegal immigrants receiving it, over 1 million—is making it harder for the American public to get to see a doctor.

To bring prices down, we are actually focusing much, much more on American energy and producing American energy—American energy that was under attack in the last administration by Biden and the Democrats. Affordable, reliable American energy is going to lower costs for people, will bring down the cost of heating your home, will bring down the cost of filling the tank.

With all the artificial intelligence breakthroughs, we need more energy to power those data centers. This is going to be done with American manufacturing. To win the AI race we are now in against China, we need more energy, not less. Republican policies will make America energy dominant once again.

Republican policies will also invite the world to build and invest right here at home in America. No more outsourcing our energy or our innovation or our destiny—Americans will be in charge.

On border security, Republicans are resolute. We will finish the wall, deport illegal immigrants, and stop the flood of illegal fentanyl that is destroying and killing communities around our country. Border Patrol agents will get the tools and the backup they need as well as the pay they deserve. These are strong measures, and they will secure the border.

Sunday, just 2 days ago, there was a terrorist attack in Boulder, CO. It is a sad reminder of the stakes. The terrorist was in the country illegally. He was here because of the open border policy in the Biden administration—one the Democrats want to continue. Every Senate Democrat right now in this body has voted to keep the borders open and opposed securing the borders.

This terrorist overstayed his visa. Joe Biden and the Democrats never kicked him out. Actually, they gave him a work permit, and even that has expired.

What do we know now? We know that investigators have found that he planned his hateful, anti-Semitic attack and was planning it for over a year, and he targeted Jews. He screamed "Free Palestine." Twelve people were injured. Eight were hospitalized. Among the victims was an 88-year-old Holocaust survivor. This is the human cost of dangerous Democrat policies.

Republicans will make our cities sanctuaries of safety, not sanctuary cities, not dens of crime and chaos, which is what Democrats have welcomed.

Republicans are also rebuilding our military might. Our bold legislation will make our military the strongest fighting force in the world. Our military will be lethal, intimidating, and ready to fight. We are also investing in the Golden Dome for America. This revolutionary missile shield is vital for our Nation's security. It is going to stop deadly threats from adversaries who want to threaten the American people and our Nation as a whole. That is deterrence. That is restoring peace through strength.

This is the bold Republican agenda that we are fighting for: cutting taxes on tips and overtime and Social Security, stopping the largest tax increase in history, strengthening and preserving Medicaid, ending taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal immigrants, securing our borders, creating safer communities, providing for a strong national defense, and once again making America energy dominant.

Democrats oppose all of these improvements to our Nation. Why are Democrats for open borders? I wish they would come down and explain it. Why are Democrats for a \$4 trillion tax increase? I am waiting for them to speak up. Why are Democrats for taxpayer-funded healthcare for 1.4 million illegal immigrants? I will tell you why. It is because they are absolutely out of touch with the American people.

Americans voted to get the country back on track. Senate Republicans are getting it done, and we are building a future of safety and prosperity for all Americans.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

ANTI-SEMITISM

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on anti-Semitism, the attack in Colorado, the shooting in Washington, and the arson in Pennsylvania have one thing in common: The assailants have cited anti-Israel sentiment as justification for their violence. They have, in other words, used the actions of the Israeli Government they don't like to justify violence against Jewish Americans here at home. This is unfortunately a growing trend since October 7.

As the highest ranking Jewish elected official in American history, I have watched with growing alarm as a poisonous ideology—ancient in its roots but modern in its mutations—has spread across our country. We are wit-

nessing in real time the resurgence of collective blame against the Jewish people. If we do not confront it clearly, unequivocally, and together, we risk opening the door to even darker days.

I have said that it is legitimate and not anti-Semitic to peacefully protest and criticize the actions of any government, including the Israeli Government, but there is a profound and dangerous difference between criticizing a government and condemning an entire people. The idea that Jews everywhere bear responsibility for the policies of the Israeli Government is not only false, it plays on one of the oldest forms of anti-Semitism out there: blaming the Jews collectively for the world's problems.

Whether it is blaming the Jews for the death of Christ, blaming Jews for bringing in immigrants as part of the conspiracy theory of great replacement, or blaming the Jews for actions of the Israeli Government that one may not like, it is all the same: a pretext for hate.

I have long warned that if we aren't careful, what starts as legitimate critiques against the Israeli Government can easily slip into something far more sinister. If disagreements are allowed to morph into intolerance, if intolerance is permitted to spread and linger, if bigoted voices are allowed to take over legitimate debates, history shows that the threat of violence is never too far away. I fear history is beginning to whisper its warnings once again.

Our Nation has been strongest when it has stood against bigotry in all forms. Let us summon that strength again. The way forward is very clear: All Americans of good will must stand together to condemn anti-Semitism and all forms of intolerance, no matter where it rears its ugly head. Let us remember what America is all about and who we are.

HEALTHCARE

Mr. President, on healthcare, Donald Trump and his so-called Big Beautiful Bill is ugly to its very core. Behind the smoke and mirrors lies a cruel and draconian truth: tax breaks for the ultrawealthy, paid for by gutting healthcare for millions of Americans.

Over the past few days, Donald Trump has tried to sell this bill to Republican Senators with a new lie. He has been telling Republican Senators and the American people that no one will lose coverage; that no benefits will be slashed; that the bill won't harm recipients. Let's call it what it is: a lie. People will lose coverage. Millions will. Donald Trump is lying to the American people when he says no one will lose coverage under this ugly bill. There is no way for Republicans to seek the cuts they want without removing millions of people off their healthcare in one way or another.

I warn my Republican colleagues: Do not buy Donald Trump's snake oil sales pitch.

Republicans want to cut out waste, fraud, and abuse. Good. We will help

them do it. This bill certainly isn't that.

Make no mistake, this Big Beautiful Bill is, in reality, repeal and replace by another name. This is a healthcare bill to its core.

To cut through their lies, let's talk facts. Fact: 20 million Americans will see their healthcare costs go up. Fact: 14 million Americans, including children and seniors, will lose their coverage entirely. Fact: Adult Medicaid recipients—the vast majority, the overwhelming majority—already work. Many of them will be thrown off coverage anyway. Fact: This bill has millions losing healthcare.

If Donald Trump wants to talk fraud, if Republicans want to talk fraud, fine. The fraud we actually see in Medicaid isn't coming from families making ends meet; it is coming from the top—from large providers, unscrupulous bigwigs. The reality is that most fraud in Medicaid happens not with individual enrollees but at the level of healthcare providers—not all of them, not most of them, but a handful who do fraud. It is more than a handful, but it is not all of them at all.

But Donald Trump is doing nothing to hold them accountable. Just the opposite. The other day, he pardoned a nursing home executive who skimmed \$10 million from the paychecks of nurses, doctors, and other employees. Hear that, folks? Donald Trump, who says he wants to reduce fraud, just pardoned a nursing home executive who skimmed \$10 million from the paychecks of his employees.

The reality is simple: There is not enough fraud in Medicaid and ACA to make Republicans' math work. They know it. Republicans may not want to admit it publicly, but they know that, under their current proposal, millions of Americans, including millions who are employed, who have families will lose their healthcare coverage.

Republicans want to shorten the enrollment period. They want to bury families in redtape. They want to drown States in new administrative hurdles. The Republicans' strategy, in large part, is to make it so difficult for people to sign up for healthcare and so easy to fall through the cracks that tens of millions of Americans will simply lose coverage, and it would be by design. Just ask Vought. Just look at 2025. Senate Republicans can make jokes all they want that we are going to die anyway, but for many working-class Americans, healthcare is the difference between life and death.

Let me be clear: Democrats are ready. When Republicans finally release the full text of their so-called Big Beautiful Bill, the American people will see the truth. They will see how ugly it is, and we will fight it with facts, with urgency, and with the voices of millions of Americans who deserve better than this cruel, cynical attack on their healthcare and on their dignity.

CLEAN ENERGY

Mr. President, on clean energy, Donald Trump's so-called Big Beautiful Bill should really be called one big, ugly energy killer. With this monstrosity of a bill, Donald Trump and Republicans seem ready to kill clean energy in its tracks and raise people's energy costs in the process. The only people celebrating the Republican bill's energy policies are the fossil fuel industry because it will be the fossil fuel industry whose pockets are lined. The fossil fuel industry simply has blind hatred of clean energy. Do you know why? They know it is the future. They know it is cheaper. They know it is where we are going, that America needs clean energy in order to meet our demands moving forward.

We all know America has a huge and growing demand for new energy. We are going to need 10 times as much electricity to continue powering breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, which isn't going away anytime soon; but with their bill, Republicans want to cut off one of the major ways—the newest, cheapest, and fastest growing way—to produce new energy because they want to tax new, clean electricity, stifling the supply of new energy and putting us at risk of falling behind in AI to countries like China.

And what would the Republicans' plan mean for an average American family or a small business? Simple: higher energy costs.

To the American people, I say: If this bill passes, your electricity costs are going up.

Look at the facts: The Republican plan will increase average national electricity prices by about 10 percent. The Republican plan will increase total household energy costs by \$32 billion. That means American families will pay \$32 billion more—all to please the ideological blindness of the fossil fuel industry. And that is not to mention that the Republican plan would cost America about 800,000 jobs by 2030, all across America in red States and in blue States. What a terrible price to pay just to lower taxes for the ultrarich, just to line the pockets of the fossil fuel industry, to satisfy the ideological hatred that the fossil fuel industry has for clean energy, and to lose out on American energy dominance.

IRAN

Mr. President, on Iran, yesterday, I called out President Trump for, on the one hand, telling the public his goal is to fully dismantle Iran's nuclear facilities but then, on the other hand, secretly negotiating a side deal that will allow the Iranian regime to keep enriching.

Well, it looks like we got his attention, because he followed up by denying this report in an all caps tweet storm. The old saying is trust but verify. In this case, Congress must verify. The administration must clarify what they might be hiding from the American people in this secret side deal. Steve Witkoff and those negotiating this deal

should testify before Congress and answer a simple question: Is there a secret side deal that will allow the Iranian regime to continue enriching uranium and that empowers the regime's nefarious activity or not? Any deal between the United States and Iran must be one Congress can fully and transparently evaluate.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

GENIUS ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, last month, the Senate voted to proceed to the GENIUS Act, a bill that would regulate the type of cryptocurrency called stablecoins. Stablecoins are supposed to tie the value of crypto to the value of a dollar, but in 2023 alone, stablecoins differed from the value of the dollar more than 600 times.

Not only are stablecoins and cryptocurrencies volatile but the industry has a reputation for scams and fraud. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI, recently reported that last year, 2024, crypto-related crime was up 66 percent, and Americans lost—now get this—\$9.3 billion to crypto's scammers. Nearly 150,000 complaints were filed following crypto fraud, including more than 6,000 in my home State of Illinois.

How does it work?

Your mom's at home, and in comes a phone call, and the person on the phone call says: Mrs. D, I work for "so-and-so"—usually a government Agency—and I am calling you to alert you that you missed your jury duty this month. You were supposed to show up to the courthouse to serve on a jury, and you didn't show up.

Of course, your mom knows nothing about that, and says: I didn't see that I was supposed to be there.

Yes. The legal notice was sent to you, and now a fine is going to be imposed on you for your failure to show up for jury duty.

Oh, my. How much?

Five thousand dollars. You can pay that fine, and you don't have to go to trial.

Well, how am I going to pay that fine?

You are going to go to the local grocery store—at the exit—to an ATM, a crypto ATM machine.

How many of those do we have in the United States? We have 30,000 crypto ATM machines. You may not have noticed them in the store, but as you are checking out many times, there they sit. And what is your mom supposed to do when she goes to this grocery store, to the crypto ATM machine? She is supposed to deposit \$5,000—and sometimes much, much more—into this ma-

chine so that she is buying a stablecoin, but she doesn't get the stablecoin. She directs it to the wallet of the scammer. So she is out \$5,000 or more, thinking that she is paying a fine to avoid a trial and because she didn't show up for jury duty she didn't know anything about.

Does that sound preposterous? It is not. It happens over and over and over again. These crypto ATM machines are the vehicles that are used for defrauding people—primarily, senior citizens—to put in thousands and thousands of dollars, and you never get any pennies back because it is all phony; it is all a scam. More than a third of all filed complaints involving crypto fraud were filed by Americans over the age of 50. Many of these scams were facilitated using these crypto ATM machines.

You may be wondering what a crypto ATM is. You pass by them at the store, your place of business, and you may not have noticed them, but they are there. They are located at a local grocery store or a gas station and look like a normal ATM machine except they allow customers to deposit cash to purchase cryptocurrency, including stablecoins. They can ruin someone's life in an instant. Many times you don't hear about it because your mother, having been scammed over the phone and deposited thousands of dollars of her life savings, is too embarrassed to tell you.

In fact, seven of the largest crypto ATM operators sell these stablecoins. These crypto ATMs become a favorite tool of scammers because, once a victim purchases crypto and transfers it to the criminal's digital wallet, it can be virtually impossible to trace or to retrieve. These scammers follow the same playbook. They call up an unsuspecting victim, pretending to be from the victim's bank, tech support, or some government Agency. They impersonate government officials.

Just fair warning—and I say this because we receive a lot of calls in the office about scammers on the phone—major Agencies of the Federal Government are never going to call you on the phone—the IRS, Social Security, and such. They send written notices, and they should. So, if it is a fast-talking person on the telephone who says they are from a Federal Agency, be careful.

They may tell the victim they owe money for skipping jury duty or need to pay bail to get their child or grandchild out of jail. It happened in my family—exactly that scenario. Or they may tell the victim there is fraudulent activity on their bank account or computer. It happened to me one night. My cell phone starts ringing. I answer it, and this fellow says he is from my credit union. He wanted to question a transaction, and I am thinking: I have never had my credit union call me ever. What is that all about? Well, after a while, I was dubious, and he hung up on me. The victim, however, often doesn't realize fraudulent activity is even occurring. Meanwhile, they

scramble to figure out what to do, and the scammer tells them: You can just pay the fine at the crypto machine, and here is where to go to use that service.

Through it all, the scammer runs them through everything they need to know to take their life savings, thousands and thousands of dollars, and to insert it as cash into this machine—this crypto ATM machine—sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars. They purchase cryptocurrency and send it off to the scammers' digital wallet, never to be seen again.

Once that happens, the money is gone. There is no way to get it back, and there is little hope in tracing the transaction to the actual scammer.

These types of scams led to nearly \$247 million in losses last year, a 31-percent increase over the previous year, and the crypto ATM companies know their kiosks facilitate this fraud.

I am not a big fan of vaping, but I do want to say this. There is a vaping store in my hometown of Springfield, IL, that finally despaired of all of the older people who came in in tears, shoveling money into the crypto ATM machine. The owner of the premises was given \$300 a month for allowing crypto ATM machines in his business, but he couldn't take it anymore. Too many people were clearly being scammed, and he was party to it. And he had it removed.

A large crypto ATM operator, Bitcoin Depot, wrote in its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission exactly what I have said. They said:

Our products and services may be exploited to facilitate illegal activity, such as fraud, money laundering, gambling, tax evasion, and scams.

That is as close to a confession as you can get.

The SEC filing, though revealing, doesn't give the whole picture. It doesn't tell the actual human story.

Imagine a person who is retired, up in years, worried day to day whether their Social Security check is going to stretch far enough, and now loses thousands of dollars in their life savings to the scam.

In Illinois, an elderly woman with MS lost \$40,000, her entire life savings, to a government grant imposter scheme facilitated by a crypto ATM. Since the woman can't get around very well—listen to this—the scammer called an Uber to pick her up and drive her to the local crypto ATM—how kind to drive your victim straight to the crime. They took her personal information as well. She is devastated, since this is all the money she has been able to save in her entire life, and there is no way to recover it from the crypto ATM.

Elaine, a 76-year-old woman from Florida, was a victim of crypto ATM scam after her late husband's death. She looked up the Apple support number to try to secure his Apple accounts, but, unfortunately, the number she called was an imposter. The criminal

convinced her that she was the victim of identity theft and told her to immediately take \$30,000 out of her bank account and deposit it into a crypto ATM. Now she is recovering not only from her financial loss but also from the loss of her husband.

Many States, including Minnesota, Iowa, and North Dakota, have decided to make a move, since Congress has not. They have passed State legislation to try and crack down on those crypto ATM scams. Just a few days ago, I am happy to report, my home State of Illinois passed a similar State law.

Now, it is time for Congress, because 13 States have acted, to learn something from their example. We must act so that all Americans know the risk of crypto ATMs and have proper documentation when seeking help from law enforcement to try to get their hard-earned cash back.

That is why I am pushing for a vote on my amendment to the GENIUS Act, which would create commonsense guardrails to prevent crypto ATM fraud and empower law enforcement to combat these scams. My amendment would require crypto ATM operators to register with the Federal financial regulators, provide warnings to customers about scams, and create daily transaction limits so customers cannot lose their entire life savings in an instant.

With my amendment, crypto ATM operators would not be able to simply turn a blind eye to the fraud that is happening at their crypto ATM machines. We must put an end to these scams.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support my amendment to stop scammers in their tracks and provide protections for people whom they represent.

I want to say a word to the industry. You have 13 States now that are trying to do what we should do on a national basis. Let's establish this national Federal standard that applies in every State in the Nation to protect people from this exploitation that is clearly growing in intensity by the day. Let's protect senior citizens and many others who have been scammed using crypto ATM machines.

Cryptocurrency has its detractors, and it has its champions, but I hope we can all stand together on a bipartisan basis to say that we are not going to help scammers steal money from unsuspecting people.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

AI CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the critical need for regulation of artificial intelligence.

This work period, the Senate is poised to take up the House's reconcili-

ation package, a disastrous proposal that strips healthcare away from tens of millions of Americans and dismantles our country's clean energy revolution, all to deliver tax cuts to billionaires.

But buried nearly 300 pages into this bill is something quite shocking: a blanket, 10-year ban on States and local governments from regulating artificial intelligence. That is right. Rather than proposing any plan to address the risk of this powerful and fast-evolving technology, my Republican colleagues have chosen to block the States and to block local governments from acting. They don't want to do anything, but they want to block anyone else from acting as well.

They would tie the hands of Governors and tie the hands of State legislators who are stepping up to protect their constituents from the unchecked harms of AI, without any plan of their own to regulate these technologies here in Congress.

In fact, just this morning, 260 State lawmakers—half Republicans and half Democrats—from all 50 States, sent a letter to Congress opposing any provision which can block them from acting to protect their citizens. And just a few weeks ago, 40 State attorneys general sent a similar letter to congressional leaders urging Congress to reject the 10-year moratorium.

These State leaders are right. This provision would be devastating for our country.

The broad preemption language could prevent States from prohibiting social media platforms from targeting teenage girls with ads for dangerous weight-loss drugs, enacting commonsense protections against algorithms that unjustly deny a senior citizen medical care, and safeguarding workers from discriminatory hiring practices driven by biased AI tools.

One expert warned that the language is so sweeping that it could undermine contract law and break the internet itself.

Let me be clear. This is a recipe to repeat the failures from the last decade—failures driven by our failure to hold Big Tech accountable for its abuses.

How has that worked out for us? Well, today, thanks to our failure to regulate Big Tech, we have a privacy crisis, a youth mental health crisis, and a teenage mental health crisis in our country, and the Surgeon General of the United States points the finger at social media as a major part of the problem that we have with teenage and youth mental health issues in our country.

Thankfully, in the face of Federal inaction, States have led. States have stood up. They have moved to protect young people online, secure consumer privacy, and confront algorithmic bias.

But this provision that snuck into this bill that we are going to consider over the next month—this provision snuck in the bill—would erase that

progress. It would roll back years of hard-won protections and prevent future action, just when it is needed the most, just when it is becoming very clear to the entire country that there is a sinister side to cyberspace, as well as a good side. Yes, we want it to do wonderful things in our society, but we also know that it can cause great harm as well.

So instead of shutting down State leadership, instead of shutting down State legislators and shutting down Governors across the Nation who want to work on this issue, Congress itself should step up to start to put the protections in place for our entire Nation. We must pass legislation that confronts the real harms of artificial intelligence, while ensuring that the United States remains the leader on this important and promising technology.

We want to reap the benefits of AI. We want to have AI be used across our society, but we also want to protect against the harmful effects of AI if it is put in the wrong hands to be used for the wrong purposes.

That is why I authored the AI Civil Rights Act, the most comprehensive AI legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress, which ensures that artificial intelligence serves the public good, not private profit exclusively. The bill would ensure that the AI age does not supercharge the bias and discrimination already prevalent today.

Specifically, my legislation establishes new rules when companies use algorithms to make decisions on jobs, on housing, on healthcare, on banking, on the criminal justice system, and other important aspects of our lives.

The AI Civil Rights Act is a balanced approach that requires companies to detect and address bias in their algorithmic decisions without stifling innovation.

Make no mistake, we can have an AI revolution while also protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyday Americans. We can support innovation without supercharging the tracking and targeting of young people online. We can promote competition while safeguarding our environment.

But with their blanket, 10-year ban on State AI regulation, Republicans are choosing a sledgehammer over a scalpel. They are choosing Big Tech over kids, families, seniors, and disadvantaged communities across this country.

We cannot allow this to happen. I am committed to fighting this 10-year ban with every tool at my disposal, and that is by ensuring that it is going to be clear that this 10-year ban on State AI regulation is a policy change that has no impact on the Federal budget.

What does that mean if this provision that has been stuck in this bill has no impact on the Federal budget? Here is what it means: It means that that provision cannot be included in a reconciliation bill.

If Senate Republicans keep the House language in their reconciliation bill, I

will raise a point of order against it. I will raise a point of order saying that it is in violation of our rules that this kind of a change can be built into this legislation.

When my Republican colleagues are ready to have a serious conversation about AI regulation, my door is wide open. We should be discussing this on a bipartisan basis. But this backdoor AI moratorium, it is not serious. This backdoor moratorium is not responsible. This backdoor moratorium is not acceptable. There is too much at stake.

We can't say for 10 years there is no regulation at the State level if they can see harms that are being committed. They must have the right to be able to legislate. And there is one way for us to avoid it, of course. We could legislate. We could pass national legislation. But at this point, I still see no appetite on the Republican side for that to even commence as a serious discussion.

So with that, I just want to put the Senate on notice that I am going to raise a point of order if, in fact, this AI moratorium on any State legislation remains in the bill.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

BOULDER, COLORADO ATTACK

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, our Colorado community is reeling from a heinous hate crime against the Jewish community in Boulder, CO.

On Sunday, 12 Coloradans were badly injured after a suspect threw Molotov cocktails, incendiary devices, into a crowd, specifically targeting the Jewish people there—a targeted, anti-Semitic attack.

The 12 individuals were part of a peaceful march in Boulder that happens every week to call for the release of Israeli hostages in Gaza.

The suspect has since told investigators that he planned the terrorist attack for over a year; that he specifically wanted to target the Run for Their Lives group, this group that had been meeting every week lobbying for the release of hostages.

Bottom line, this attack was not random. It was a deliberate hate crime against the Jewish community that was planned for months. The scope of that hatred is unconscionable.

These were men and women who dedicated their time to advocating for innocent hostages who have been now held in captivity for over 600 days. Most importantly, the demonstrators were motivated by a desire for peace and were operating in a peaceful fashion.

Let me repeat that. These men and women wanted peace. Instead, they

were met with horrifying and senseless violence.

The upswing in violence targeting the Jewish community needs to be condemned at every level. And now, anti-Semitism and the hate that comes with it has taken root at home in Colorado. But Colorado is not alone. Our country is still mourning the recent assassination of two Israeli Embassy staff members who were shot as they exited an event at the Capital Jewish Museum just a little over a week ago.

And just this past April, the Pennsylvania Governor's mansion was firebombed as Gov. Josh Shapiro and his family celebrated Passover inside.

These are just a few of the recent and most visible anti-Semitic attacks. According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents have reached a record high since the October 7, 2023, attack.

It is absolutely unacceptable for anti-Semitism to exist in our country. And yet, the Jewish community in Colorado and the Jewish community across the United States has to live with the daily fear of targeted terrorist attacks and escalating calls for violence against the Jewish people.

We need to do more to protect the Jewish community in Colorado and across the country and make sure that they feel safe in the aftermath of this horrific attack.

Across the country, Jewish people are angry. They are terrified. Jewish Coloradans woke up this morning feeling unsafe—unsafe to go to school, unsafe to go to work—wondering what and if there is a path forward.

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote:

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.

Colorado has always been a State that embraces difference and always will be. The answer to this violence is not to turn to the comfort of simple or black-and-white answers, backing into our corners and spreading more fear and more hatred. Now is the time to double down on our commitment to unity in the face of our differences. It is the only way we can guarantee safety and peace for our Jewish community and for every community.

Now, what does that mean in real terms? It means fully investigating this hate crime and making sure the suspect is fully prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It means zero tolerance for anti-Semitism in Colorado schools, our workplaces, or in our public spaces. It means taking a lesson from the 12 demonstrators who were victims in Sunday's attack. Through peaceful action, they stood up for their beliefs, supported one another, and helped our country take small but meaningful steps forward. They wanted to end this descending spiral of violence. The rest of us should too.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. CRAPO. I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Hooker and Marks nominations.

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

VOTE ON DUFFEY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Duffey nomination?

Mr. CRAPO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 283 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeven	Paul
Budd	Husted	Ricketts
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cassidy	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Justice	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lee	Sheehy
Crapo	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Curtis	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young

NAYS—46

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kaine	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Shaheen
Booker	King	Slotkin
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Coons	Lujan	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Gallego	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—3

Graham	Ossoff	Sullivan
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 103, Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Katie Boyd Britt, Rick Scott of Florida, Jim Banks, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, David McCormick, Bernie Moreno, James E. Risch, Bill Cassidy, John R. Curtis, Kevin Cramer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 59, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 284 Ex.]

YEAS—59

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hassan	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kelly	Shaheen
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	King	Slotkin
Crapo	Lankford	Thune
Cruz	Lee	Tillis
Curtis	Lummis	Tuberville
Daines	Marshall	Warner
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fischer	McCormick	Young
Gallego	Moran	

NAYS—37

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kim	Schiff
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Smith
Booker	Markey	Van Hollen
Cantwell	Merkley	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warren
Duckworth	Murray	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—4

Graham	Ossoff
Moody	Sullivan

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 59, the nays are 37.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:47 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BRITT).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON HOOKER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hooker nomination?

Mr. CRAPO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 59, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 285 Ex.]

YEAS—59

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hassan	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kelly	Shaheen
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	King	Slotkin
Crapo	Lankford	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Tuberville
Ernst	McConnell	Warner
Fetterman	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young
Gallego	Moran	

NAYS—36

Alsobrooks	Gillibrand	Murray
Baldwin	Heinrich	Padilla
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Peters
Blumenthal	Hirono	Reed
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Rosen
Booker	Klobuchar	Sanders
Cantwell	Lujan	Schatz
Cortez Masto	Markey	Schiff
Duckworth	Merkley	Schumer
Durbin	Murphy	Smith

Van Hollen	Warren	Whitehouse
Warnock	Welch	Wyden

NOT VOTING—5

Daines	Lee	Sullivan
Graham	Osoff	

Murkowski
Paul
Reed
Ricketts
Risch
Rosen
Rounds

Schiff
Schmitt
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Shaheen
Sheehy
Slotkin

Thune
Tillis
Tuberville
Warner
Warnock
Wicker
Young

NAYS—28

Alsobrooks
Bennet
Blumenthal
Blunt Rochester
Booker
Cantwell
Cortez Masto
Duckworth
Durbin
Gillibrand

Heinrich
Hickenlooper
Lujan
Markey
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Padilla
Peters
Sanders

Schatz
Schumer
Smith
Van Hollen
Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NOT VOTING—6

Daines
Gallego

Graham
Lee

Osoff
Sullivan

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). On this vote, the yeas are 66, the nays are 28.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

JOB CORPS

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise today to shine a light on Donald Trump's dismantling of yet another critical program that Nevadans and young people across our Nation rely on—the Job Corps Program.

Job Corps was established by Congress to provide young people with the skills training that they need to access good-paying, in-demand jobs. It is the largest residential career training program in the entire country, providing young people—many of whom were previously homeless or at risk—with housing and skills training in fields like manufacturing, construction, and healthcare.

Once they graduate, they enter the workforce and contribute to our communities and our economy. They learn the skills necessary to build their lives, to build their futures. It is truly a great program that has helped more than 3 million people have a chance at the American dream since 1964.

Unfortunately, Job Corps centers across the country received a stop work order at the end of last week that instructed them to close their doors and send all of their students back home, including Nevada's Job Corps campus, the Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, in Reno, NV. This is going to be devastating—devastating—for the tens of thousands of young people who are currently enrolled in all 50 States.

The Trump administration—well, it claims it supports trade schools and job training, but, frankly, if this administration really knew anything about the Job Corps Program, they would know that they are trade schools. They are centers where students go, where they study, where they

work hard, and where they earn their certifications that allow them access to good-paying jobs. So why is Donald Trump closing down this program and taking away the opportunity for these students to work? It just doesn't make any sense.

Shutting down this program will also immediately evict more than 300 students at the Nevada campus alone, many of whom have nowhere else to go, students like Samuel, who wrote to me, saying:

I am a nineteen-year-old student who attends Sierra Nevada Job Corps. I happen to be a paraplegic who was adopted at the age of seven. Since then, I've had many health issues and trials, which made it very difficult for me to do all of my school classes. . . . Then I came to Job Corps eight months ago and am actually doing very well.

Job Corps has provided me with more than just an education and vocational training; it has offered me a safe haven, a community, and a path forward.

The comprehensive support [allows] me to focus on my personal and professional development without the constant worry of where I will sleep or how I will eat. For individuals like myself, Job Corps is NOT merely a program; it is a LIFELINE. The prospect of its closure is not just a policy issue; it is a PERSONAL CRISIS.

Without Job Corps, I face the grim reality of UNEMPLOYMENT, of HOMELESSNESS, and the continuation of a cycle of POVERTY that has been difficult to break.

When rumors of the Trump administration's cruel plan came out, countless Nevadans who care about Job Corps immediately reached out to my office, many sharing their stories of students this program helps.

Job Corps is life-changing, lifesaving for these young people. Since the stop work order went into effect, those students themselves have been reaching out and speaking out too, students like Selena from Reno, who wrote in, saying:

Since being at Job Corps, I have earned six credits in the three months that I have been here. . . . I also have received my chainsaw certification and respirator certification. . . . If Job Corps closes, I won't have any other chance at an education. I'll leave with an incomplete trade and be unemployable in what I trained in, and I'll leave with no diploma.

And Pamela said:

I worked SO hard to get where I am now. Months ago, I was struggling, trying to figure out life. I didn't know what to do. I was working from warehouse to warehouse until I heard about Job Corps.

That's when I knew if I came here to Job Corps, I could do something with my life and show my son that it is NEVER too late to accomplish your goals. . . . Now, I'm here working with 100 percent of my strength and energy. . . . But if Job Corps closes, I will have no other education opportunities.

These stories are heartbreaking. They are hard to hear. These young people and so many more like them have gained hope and confidence. This administration is going after kids who want to grow, who want to learn, who want to work, who are trying to do the right thing, students who are trying to do what they have been told their whole lives to do: Get an education,

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 109, Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Katie Boyd Britt, Jim Banks, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, David McCormick, Bernie Moreno, Rick Scott of Florida, James E. Risch, Bill Cassidy, John R. Curtis, Kevin Cramer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 66, nays 28, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 286 Ex.]

YEAS—66

Baldwin	Cruz	Kaine
Banks	Curtis	Kelly
Barrasso	Ernst	Kennedy
Blackburn	Fetterman	Kim
Boozman	Fischer	King
Britt	Grassley	Klobuchar
Budd	Hagerty	Lankford
Capito	Hassan	Lummis
Cassidy	Hawley	Marshall
Collins	Hirono	McConnell
Coons	Hoeben	McCormick
Cornyn	Husted	Moody
Cotton	Hyde-Smith	Moran
Cramer	Johnson	Moreno
Crapo	Justice	Mullin

work hard, and get a good-paying job to be able to live the American dream.

This closure is not only going to hurt those kids, this closure is going to hurt those looking to serve our Nation, those young folks who wish to join our military, students like Anthony, who wrote:

I was recommended to go to Job Corps by my older brother, who had graduated from here back in 2013, and he is now working as a contractor for the United States Air Force, and he believes it's all thanks to Job Corps.

If Job Corps closes, I will be at a disadvantage in my pursuit of joining the military, which is my goal. Without Job Corps, I will be unable to earn my diploma and unable to leave with the required certifications for the career that I think will be amazing for my future.

So now just imagine tens of thousands of students just like Samuel, just like Selena, Pamela, and Anthony who are working on building a better life for themselves, working hard. They want to build a better community for everyone. That is who the Trump administration is sacrificing, students like Samuel, Pamela, Selena, and Anthony, kids who want to build a life for themselves. And for what and for whom? Tax cuts for the ultrawealthy—that is who.

As I share these stories, students at Sierra Nevada Job Corps are walking across the stage right now, which could be their final graduation. Meanwhile, sadly, this administration is working overtime to give billionaires like Elon Musk more government contracts, more money, and more tax breaks and putting the American dream out of reach for thousands of students in need. It is putting their future and the future of our communities at risk. Again, I say, for what and for whom is the sacrifice of our kids? It is to give billionaires a bigger tax break.

This program has support from both sides of the aisle. There are Job Corps centers in blue States and red States. Since 1964, this program has helped literally thousands of young folks build a career and build a life. We cannot allow Donald Trump to end Job Corps and kill the dreams and opportunities for young people across our country.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues in both parties to join me in supporting Job Corps and pledging to do everything we can do to fight back against any and all efforts to defund this critical trades program—a critical program for the lives of our young students.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Boulder, Colorado Attack

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, on June 1, the Boulder chapter of Run for Their Lives gathered at the Pearl Street Mall

for their solemn weekly routine. Every week since Hamas's October 7, 2023, terrorist attack, they have shown up to march peacefully in solidarity with the hostages that Hamas kidnapped and continues to hold, over 600 days after that fateful day. They come to sing songs, tell stories, and read the names of hostages to affirm for them and for us and for the world that those hostages have not been forgotten, that they never will be forgotten.

June 1 started like any other early-summer Boulder Sunday—cool and clear and promising the kind of bluebird day we love in Colorado.

The group gathered on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot for their memorial march. One man, however, was thinking only of violence and hate. Amid his yells of “End Zionists,” he unleashed a makeshift flamethrower and launched Molotov cocktails to burn the marchers. He inflicted his terror directly on at least 12 innocent people, including a Holocaust survivor in her late eighties who survived the unfathomable war in Europe only to face anti-Semitic evil once again—only this time in the United States.

If there is any doubt that this was an anti-Semitic hate crime and an act of terror, the attacker has told investigators that “he wanted to kill all Zionist people and wished they were all dead.” He said he specifically targeted this group and that he researched and planned the attack for more than a year.

He did not have some intellectual point that he was trying to make about Israel's politics. He was not trying to improve the lives of Palestinians. He simply wanted to kill Jews by burning them in the most painful way possible, and he knew where to find them—at the Pearl Street Mall, marching peacefully on behalf of hostages a terrorist group stole from their families.

America's Founders built this country on the tenets of religious freedom and tolerance. In 1790, George Washington wrote to Rhode Island's Jewish community that the America he was building would give “to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance.” This letter affirmed that the Jewish people had a place in the United States—a rare refuge amid Europe's thousand-year pogrom.

The United States, like all countries, has never always lived up to our lofty ideals, but it is our commitment to trying, to striving to become the city on the hill we proclaim to be that has long made this country a beacon to the world and different from almost all other countries in the world. That is why my mother immigrated here rather than somewhere else in Europe or the Western Hemisphere. It is why the world's weary dreamers still give up everything they have to seek a better life in the United States rather than crossing the Gobi Desert for China or the Eurasian Steppe for Russia.

But in recent years, American anti-Semitism has reached unprecedented

levels. The Anti-Defamation League tracked over 9,300 anti-Semitic incidents across the United States last year—the highest number in 46 years of tracking. In 2024, anti-Semites made bomb threats against and vandalized synagogues, including in Colorado. They assaulted congregants at Jewish institutions. They targeted Jewish students with anti-Semitic threats. They protested Israeli policy and Zionism at synagogues as if American Jews are responsible for decisions made by a foreign government thousands of miles away.

American anti-Semitism tends to spike when Israeli-Palestinian conflict flares up, such as following Hamas's May 2021 and October 2023 attacks. But we cannot forget that anti-Semitism is the world's oldest hatred. It long predates the Holocaust, let alone the October 7 or the recent DC and Boulder attacks.

As Ukrainian Jewish author Vasily Grossman—the first journalist to see the Nazi death camp Treblinka—wrote in the mid-20th century, “Anti-Semitism has been as strong in the age of atomic reactors and computers as in the age of oil-lamps, sailing-boats, and spinning-wheels.”

Anti-Semitism—even American anti-Semitism—is an ancient prejudice indeed; it is not some kind of knee-jerk response to Israeli policy.

Anti-Semites in America do not aim to make profound points or philosophical points about Israel by throwing Molotov cocktails at elderly Coloradans or gunning down a young couple leaving an event about Middle East peacekeeping in our Nation's Capital. No. These anti-Semites use events in the Middle East as an excuse to express their latent anti-Semitism, their medieval hatred of Jews, who they blame for some swath of society's ills. They want to harm Jews, to add more tragedy to the family histories of the people whose collective chronicle is already overstocked with victims, to say the least.

The Boulder attack, the recent DC shooting, and the thousands of anti-Semitic incidents across the United States over the last few years are a direct result of anti-Semitic rhetoric that has been left unchecked.

Even before this attack, American Jews wondered whether they should hide their Star of David necklaces before leaving the house, whether Friday Shabbat service will be safe, and whether their synagogues will have to hire still more security officials.

This omnipresent fear of anti-Semitic violence makes it impossible for Jews to feel safe in a non-Jewish America and in a non-Jewish world. And this fear produces behaviors like hiding one's Star of David or avoiding Jewish events on a college campus where a dean says the school can't guarantee Jewish students' safety. That amounts to what the historian Simon Schama has called a “passive deprivation of basic civil rights.”

Yet how else are American Jews supposed to react when American anti-Semitism has reached record levels? When a terrorist massacres congregants at a Pittsburgh synagogue? When elderly women in Boulder, CO, can't march on behalf of innocent hostages without being targeted by fire?

It is long past time that all American political and community leaders come together to affirm that this fear is unacceptable and that we must fight together the anti-Semitic hate behind it. We must use our voices and our power, whether in the Halls of Congress or in our own communities, to counter anti-Semitism in both words and action. We must speak up because we know the dangers of failing to do so. We must stand with the Jewish community for freedom of speech and religion and against fear, because as Grossman knew and as he wrote, "life can be defined as freedom. Life is freedom." And "freedom is the fundamental principle of life."

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

GENIUS ACT

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, you never know what you are going to find these days when you are reflecting on the Trump administration and our oversight responsibilities as the Congress.

It is true that things have changed. Some people might call me old-fashioned for thinking this way, but I think we were a lot better off when we had Presidents who took it as a matter of course that they shouldn't use their office to enrich themselves, and they should put behind them conflicts of interest that raise questions about whether or not they are serving their own interests or their families' interests or the interests of the people of the United States.

That is why Ronald Reagan put, I think, his wealth, which was considerable, into a blind trust. Jimmy Carter, I think, sold maybe his farm or put that in a trust.

I realize it is part of Donald Trump's political charm that he wants to wear his corruption on his sleeve, but that doesn't mean that we have to go along with it, even if some people are entertained by it, which I am not.

And we have a great example of thinking about our responsibility versus his complete lack of integrity when it comes to the service of his public duties and his private interests.

That is the bill—the so-called GENIUS Act—that is on the floor of the Senate right now, where we are considering whether or not to regulate stablecoins, which are part of the

cryptocurrency universe that is new to all of us, certainly in this Chamber and across the country.

I believe very strongly that no President and no Vice President, no Member of Congress, no high-ranking official of our government should be in the business of issuing cryptocurrency, including the stablecoin. And they shouldn't be in the business of pumping them up like some sort of speculator, which is what we are seeing happen, sometimes outside the White House or in the White House.

I saw, the other day, that the President was having a dinner at Mar-a-Lago to reward the people who had been bidding up his meme coins, and they even came to dinner, although he apparently didn't really show for that dinner.

But the legislation we have in front of us would be the first regulations of stablecoins that have ever been done. I think, as part of that, it would be very appropriate for us to say that the President should get out of this business and that any President should be out of the business of issuing their own coins.

It is a weird part of the nature of this asset—this new digital asset—that it is very volatile. The meme coins rise and they fall as part of their price, and the stablecoins are used as a way of transacting around that volatility. But the volatility, every single day, is still captured in this market, and it just seems like a crazy moment when we are living in a time when a President could influence his own net worth to the tune of billions of dollars, just based on pumping up the value of digital currency that he has put out there in the world with his name or that somebody else has put out there in the world with his name.

That is why, yesterday, I offered an amendment to the bill, to the GENIUS Act, that would preclude any President—this President or any other President or any Vice President—from issuing stablecoins. I hope we will consider that amendment on the floor of the Senate. I hope we will vote to pass it, if we are, indeed, going to pass this legislation. And I hope we will have other amendments we consider as well.

I think that the questions that are at issue here from an ethics point of view, from a corruption point of view, go far beyond just the stablecoin. They go to cryptocurrency, generally, and what the President is doing to inflate the value of coins that are issued in his name, whether he has issued them or whether he hasn't.

I look forward to the debate that we are going to have. I think this is an opportunity for us to say that we want to elevate the requirements that each one of us has agreed to live under, as Members of this body and people elected to act in the public interest. I believe the President and his Vice President should face the same standard and the same scrutiny. That is why I offered the amendment that I have.

I hope that, as our colleagues consider the debate that we are going to have, that others will come to the floor with their ideas to strengthen this legislation and make sure that people don't abuse their public office for their own personal economic gain.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

VOTE ON MARKS NOMINATION

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the nominee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Marks nomination?

Mr. BENNET. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 72, nays 26, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Ex.]

YEAS—72

Baldwin	Graham	Moran
Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hassan	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hirono	Reed
Budd	Hoeven	Ricketts
Capito	Husted	Risch
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Rosen
Collins	Johnson	Rounds
Coons	Justice	Schiff
Cornyn	Kaine	Schmitt
Cortez Masto	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Kim	Shaheen
Crapo	King	Sheehy
Cruz	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Curtis	Lankford	Thune
Daines	Lee	Tillis
Duckworth	Lummis	Tuberville
Ernst	Marshall	Warner
Fetterman	McConnell	Warnock
Fischer	McCormick	Wicker
Gallagher	Moody	Young

NAYS—26

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Bennet	Lujan	Schumer
Blumenthal	Markey	Smith
Blunt Rochester	Merkley	Van Hollen
Booker	Murphy	Warren
Cantwell	Murray	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Sanders	

NOT VOTING—2

Ossoff
Sullivan

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made

and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ARMY

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise this evening to recognize and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Army. I would yield to the Senator from Rhode Island, my colleague but the cochair of the Senate Army Caucus, Senator REED.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleague and friend in Kansas for his partnership in recognizing the Army as the coleaders of the Army Caucus here in the U.S. Senate.

Thank you, Senator, very much.

Mr. President, I rise, along with my colleague from Kansas, to recognize a remarkable moment in our Nation's history. On June 14, 1775, delegates from each of the American Colonies met in Philadelphia to convene the Second Continental Congress.

On that momentous day, Congress voted to establish the Continental Army and tasked it to "provide for the common defense of these colonies."

The following day, the Congress unanimously elected George Washington to be the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. It was an auspicious start for what would become the greatest fighting force the world has ever known.

Today—or in a few days, certainly—we celebrate the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army.

The Army has a straightforward, but enormously critical, mission: to fight and win the Nation's wars. Today, we take a moment to reflect on that mission and to honor all of the soldiers who have served faithfully in the Army ranks. Whether as volunteers or in response to a draft, millions and millions of men and women have answered the call to serve. They each swore an oath to the Constitution, a unique feature of service to our Nation. By swearing an oath to the Constitution and its ideals, rather than a leader or a party, American soldiers stand apart as patriots, not partisans. And our Nation stands proudly throughout the world.

American soldiers have served on their own soil to break the bonds of tyranny and to keep our Nation united. They have served on foreign soils to defend our allies, uphold humanity, and protect the American people. And they have stepped forward to help in humanitarian crises and natural disasters at home and around the world when needed most.

It is also fitting to acknowledge the contribution of the Department of Army civilians, who take the same oath and who bring their skills and dedication to bear in support of the Army's mission.

And, of course, we also pause to thank all of the families who, over the course of 2½ centuries have stood by

their loved ones in their service—families who supported their soldiers in the earliest days with little or no communication to today, where family witness in real time the challenges their loved ones face. Families have and always will be the true strength of our Army.

The Army's story also is not just one of battles won, but of values upheld, values of leadership, respect, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage—and a value that resonates deeply with me: duty, honor, country.

Finally, we pay tribute to those who gave the last full measure of devotion in service to our Nation. Their sacrifice is woven into the very fabric of our history, and their legacy lives on in every soldier who raises their right hand and takes the oath.

For me personally, the opportunity to serve as an officer in the U.S. Army and to lead American soldiers was the greatest privilege of my life.

I would end by recalling the enduring motto of the Continental Army:

This we'll defend.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Rhode Island, my colleague and friend Senator REED, for cochairing. I am the new one to this duo, and I consider it a privilege as a U.S. Senator to serve side by side with Senator REED as we work together to promote and support the U.S. Army and those who serve in it.

I also would highlight and honor my respect of Senator Jim Inhofe, the Senator of Oklahoma whom I replaced in this capacity after his long tenure with Senator REED in serving in this capacity to support and defend the Army of the United States.

As Senator REED said, 250 years ago—that is the birthday we are celebrating—on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized what would become the most capable and lethal ground force the world has ever known—the U.S. Army. The creation of General George Washington's Army coincides with the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

Since our Nation gained its independence, our Army has faithfully defended our freedoms. The Warrior Ethos of the Army states:

I will always place the mission first.

This is a calling that American soldiers have answered time and time again without regard to their personal safety, security, or comfort.

My State of Kansas is home to Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Leavenworth, as well as the Kansas Army National Guard. The men and women who serve in these bases are some of the finest individuals I have ever met, living their lives in accordance with the mission on the Army flag: "This We'll Defend." This short statement is a commitment to defending this Nation, all Americans, and the values we hold dear.

The embodiment of what it means to be an American soldier is symbolized in the Army's values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. Over the years, the servicemembers of the Army have lived up to these ideals, putting their country and fellow citizens above themselves. No matter how daunting the conflict, American soldiers will always carry out the mission entrusted to them. Today, we recognize this valor and celebrate the patriotism that motivates these brave men and women who dedicate their lives to defend the land that they and we love.

The U.S. Army is the largest branch of the U.S. military, with nearly 450,000 Active-Duty personnel and nearly 500,000 in the Reserves.

As we mark the 250 years of the U.S. Army, we express our gratitude to these servicemembers and their loved ones who support them. For two and a half centuries—250 years—the American soldiers have stood strong in the face of conflict.

I am committed to continue supporting our Army so that it remains the strongest lethal force in the world for another 250 years. I hope my colleagues will join me and Senator REED in honoring our soldiers and supporting a resolution to mark the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army.

Today, in this effort, we are reminded to say to those who serve, have served, and will serve, we tell them—those who served and have served and will serve in the U.S. Army—we say to them that we respect you; we love you; we thank you for your service.

I yield the floor and thank you for the opportunity for making my remarks.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 120.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 120, John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Thune, Bernie Moreno, Tim Sheehy, David McCormick, Ted Budd, Roger Marshall, Cynthia M. Lummis, James E. Risch, Joni Ernst, Mike Crapo, John R. Curtis, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Bill Hagerty, Dan Sullivan, Mike Rounds, Kevin Cramer.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 111.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 111, Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Thune, Tommy Tuberville, Rick Scott of Florida, Mike Lee, Jon A. Husted, Josh Hawley, Ashley B. Moody, Marsha Blackburn, David McCormick, Markwayne Mullin, James Lankford, Bernie Moreno, Steve Daines, Katie Boyd Britt, Lindsey Graham, John R. Curtis, Mike Rounds.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, that at 11:45 on Wednesday, June 4, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 119, Michelle Bowman, and if cloture is invoked, all

postcloture time be expired at 6 p.m. and the Senate vote on confirmation of the Bowman nomination; further, following the cloture vote on the Bowman nomination, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 129, Edward Walsh, and if cloture is invoked, all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the Walsh nomination following disposition of the Bowman nomination; further, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 144, James O'Neill, and if cloture is invoked, all postcloture time be expired and on Thursday, June 4, the Senate vote on confirmation of the O'Neill nomination at 11:30 a.m.; finally, if any of the nominations are confirmed during Wednesday and Thursday's sessions of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

NOMINATIONS FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, on May 19, 2025, I provided a statement for the RECORD of my intent to object to the Senate proceeding to any of the four nominations currently pending on the Senate's Executive Calendar for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA.

Today, I am reaffirming those four objections and stating my intent to object to the Senate proceeding to three additional EPA nominations, if and when they are added to the Senate's Executive Calendar.

I do not raise these objections lightly. I recognize the importance of Federal Agencies having qualified leadership, regardless of which party is in charge. In several cases, I have voted in favor of reporting the current administration's nominees out of committee and to confirm them on the Senate floor, notwithstanding the political and policy differences that we may have. But the Senate's constitutional role to advise and consent regarding executive branch nominations is an important check on Agency leadership's abuse and overreach and raising these objections regarding EPA nominations is my duty on behalf of people of the State of California.

I am objecting to expedited consideration of EPA nominees in response to the Trump Administration EPA's abuse of the Congressional Review Act—CRA—by submitting three waivers issued to the State of California to Congress and claiming they are "rules" under the CRA despite the Government Accountability Office's clear determination they are not.

In May, I stated that I would continue these objections unless the Trump administration's EPA withdrew the waivers it knowingly and falsely submitted as rules or the majority leader committed to not overturning the Senate Parliamentarian's determination that these waivers are not rules entitled to expedited consideration in the Senate under the CRA.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration and the Republican majority plowed ahead with an unprecedented power grab at the expense of the health of millions of children and families in California and many other States. They took advantage of EPA's abuse of the CRA to throw out the rulebook, first overriding the procedural limits in the text of the CRA itself and then by overturning the Parliamentarian's decision, all in their quest to take away California's authority under the Clean Air Act.

This is unacceptable. California has done nearly all it can do to reduce emissions from stationary sources of air pollution within its jurisdiction. Given our unique air quality challenges and the worsening impacts of climate change, it is essential for our State to reduce pollution from mobile sources such as cars and trucks if the Federal Government will not do so itself. That is why Congress has provided this waiver authority to our State for decades, and it has been used over 100 times. But now, as a result of the Trump EPA and Senate Republicans' abuse of the CRA, the people of California will be forced to breathe more toxic air pollution and suffer increasingly devastating impacts of climate change.

To hold the Agency's leadership accountable for their actions, I am reaffirming my objection to proceeding to the four nominations pending on the Senate's Executive Calendar and expanding it to include additional nominations.

As of June 2, there are three additional Trump administration EPA nominations in the committee process, four Senate-confirmed positions for which the President has not yet made a nomination, and the inspector general position, for which the President has yet to make a nomination.

I want to make clear to my colleagues that I intend to object to the Senate proceeding to all nominations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, except for the vacancy for the EPA Inspector General, unless acceptable accommodations are reached for the State of California's to protect the health of its people.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE CASTRO

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize George Castro, who is retiring from the Senate after nearly 40 years on Capitol Hill—a truly incredible contribution to this institution. George first started with the Architect of the Capitol in January of 1985 and has been faithfully contributing to the Senate ever since.

Nowhere is this more true than on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where George has worked since November of 2003, almost 22 years ago. George's immense love for the work of the committee shone through in everything he did. Behind every successful committee hearing, markup, and event, there was George. He kept things running seamlessly, focusing on the details that were easy to forget, but certain to be noticed if missed. He did these things with a genuine and intentional kindness that is often in short supply, amassing a remarkable community of friends and colleagues along the way. Too cold in the hearing room? Emergency ice order for a retirement party? Incorrect name plate at a hearing? George could take care of it. He could count on his network to go out of their way to help him because he has spent a career going out of his way to help them. Staff can attest that when walking down the halls with George, he is often greeted by name from those who pass by—Senators, staff from across the Senate, the nurses from the health center, the sound engineers at the Senate Recording Studio, Capitol Police Officers—I could go on.

My staff and I were lucky enough to have George's steady hand to help show us the ropes when I took over as chair of the committee in 2023, and I know the other chairs he worked for must have felt the same. That includes eight other committee chairs in addition to myself, Republicans and Democrats: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Byrd, Inouye, Mikulski, Shelby, Leahy, and COLLINS.

In addition to his many other contributions, George has been known to regale committee staff with stories and lessons from some of the Senate's most pivotal moments in recent decades. He is also well known among his friends and colleagues for his love of travel and history and excellent taste in books, film, and the fine and performing arts. We will miss his many excellent recommendations along with his steady presence and positive attitude.

On behalf of all of the past Senate Appropriations Committee members, my colleagues, and staff who were lucky enough to work with George, I want to thank him for his immense contributions to the Appropriations Committee and the Senate. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him all the best for the adventures ahead.

TRIBUTE TO SEAN MOORE

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a remarkable U.S. Sen-

ate staffer Sean Moore for his 30 years of dedicated public service in the U.S. Congress. Sean's path to public service started early in childhood. His father was a longtime staffer at the National Security Agency, and Sean always knew he wanted to follow in his footsteps and dedicate his life to serving the greater good. He wasted no time embarking on his career in public service: immediately after graduating from the University of Delaware with B.A.s in international relations and history, Sean arrived in the Senate, beginning as a legislative correspondent for then-U.S. Senator Joe Biden of Delaware on May 30, 1995.

In 1997, he joined the office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer of California, where he worked for 17 years until her retirement in 2016. He was a trusted and invaluable adviser, rising through the ranks all the way from legislative aide to chief of staff. Sean also served as Senator Boxer's legislative director and led her foreign policy team for many years, including during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Though his humility prevents him from admitting so, he was key to some of her incredibly impactful work, including her 2008 efforts to secure visas for Vietnamese adoptees; her advocacy to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, or CEDAW; her work on the Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2005; and notably, her landmark vote against declaring war on Iraq in 2002.

After Senator Boxer's retirement in 2016, Sean came to the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, where he became staff director under then-Ranking Member JEANNE SHAHEEN. Nine years later, he continues to serve in this role today, having served under three different Democratic leaders of the committee.

Sean embodies what a Senate staffer should be, mastering complex policy, grasping complicated political dynamics, giving studious attention to every detail, understanding the intricacies of the institution, and always working to advance the priorities of the committee and its membership. Sean anticipates every situation and is ready with politically astute and intellectually sound advice on how to approach any challenge.

This was never more apparent than in 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and America's small businesses faced an existential threat unlike anything seen before. Under then-Senator Cardin's leadership, the committee led the effort to save small businesses by creating programs like the Paycheck Protection Program, Restaurant Revitalization Fund, Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program, and other critical relief efforts. Sean rolled up his sleeves and worked tirelessly to help create, enact, and implement multiple bipartisan relief programs. Ultimately, these programs provided over a trillion

dollars to small businesses and helped keep them and the American economy afloat. A staffer to the core, he will never accept credit or recognition for any of his work, but he was truly a key part of our country's monumental response to a once-in-a-lifetime crisis. He not only was a witness to history but played a critical role in it.

Not only is Sean an excellent adviser and staffer, but he is also an exceptional leader. He empowers his staff, draws out their strengths and abilities, and never fails to uplift their work. He believes that part of his public service is mentoring and raising the next generation of staffers, and he takes this responsibility very seriously. He has a unique ability to identify hard-working, talented staffers who rise to the occasion regardless of their years of experience or degrees. This mentality has led him to build smart and effective teams for several U.S. Senators throughout his tenure.

As with many public servants, his career is made possible by the support of his family. The Moores are a force on Capitol Hill. Sean and his wife Shane Moore met while they both worked under then-Senator Boxer. Shane is also a longtime public servant who went on to serve former U.S. House Representative Loretta Sanchez of California for nearly two decades and continues to serve in the House of Representatives today. Sean and Shane raised two children McKenna and Ryan in Bethesda, MD, and together, they have built a life dedicated to serving the American public and this institution. Together, Sean and Shane helped this body navigate some of our country's most challenging moments, including 9/11, the Iraq War, the Great Recession, and, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. Careers like theirs do not come without sacrifice. Thirty years of service is as much a milestone for this remarkable family as it is for Sean.

I would like to share quotes from some of my colleagues for whom Sean has worked during his career. I believe his impact on Capitol Hill is best summarized by them:

U.S. Senator Boxer (retired): "Sean is the best of the best: wise, humble, respectful and committed to serving the people. Sean was able to take the toughest issue, break it down and lay out a clear plan to solve the problem, whether it was legislation, a hearing, a letter, a press conference or a simple phone call. He always knew the staff's strengths and weaknesses and put together the right team at the right time. He was always on top of everything which is what a true leader does. I still stay in touch with Sean because I still want to hear his perspective and his ideas. Congratulations on 30 years of outstanding work."

U.S. Senator SHAHEEN: "For thirty years, Sean Moore has been serving families in Delaware, California and, through the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, every state,

including New Hampshire. Like many of our best public servants, Sean may not be known by most folks in the country, but I can tell you that many families and small businesses certainly know his work. I worked closely with Sean as both Chair and Ranking Member of the committee and his work supporting small businesses through COVID, including with the Paycheck Protection Program, helped so many small businesses get through the pandemic. I know Sean isn't going anywhere right now and hope he continues to serve, but on behalf of the countless Granite State families and businesses that have and will continue to benefit from Sean's work, I join my colleagues in thanking Sean for his thirty years of public service."

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (retired): "Sean Moore is everything a senator needs and wants in a staff director—or any staff person. He is a consummate professional. He is an honest broker and a calming influence. He knows the Senate and the agencies with which he connects daily. He gets things done and doesn't worry about who gets credit—but he is always quick to uplift and spotlight the quality work of more junior staffers. I was blessed to have Sean as a resource and partner during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to his round-the-clock work and innovative thinking, we quickly created new programs like the Paycheck Protection Program to save jobs and keep small businesses afloat during the most challenging economic crisis in a generation. We saved nonprofits and live entertainment venues. We did all this on a scale never expected. Sean made this possible. The best thing I can say to describe Sean Moore and his 30-year tenure with the Senate is that he is a true public servant. He understands that our work is for the American people, and he fights daily to make people's lives better. I will forever be grateful to Sean for his dedication, kindness and service. He is a legend."

These quotes show the remarkable impact Sean has had and how his tireless work has left the country a better place. I want to thank Sean for his dedication to the institution and to serving the American people. Congratulations on 30 years of service and counting.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANSON H. "TUCK" HINES

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant Dr. Anson H. "Tuck" Hines, director of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center SERC. Dr. Hines has served SERC for over 45 years, including as its director since 2005. He has dedicated himself to addressing our world's most pressing ecological challenges, championed conservation efforts, and inspired the next generation of scientists.

Dr. Hines' impact on SERC is remarkable. Under his leadership, SERC

has spearheaded groundbreaking research, grown its research footprint to four continents, and strengthened public engagement through citizen science programs. He also oversaw the restoration of the historic Woodlawn House as a public museum and education center and expanded SERC's landholdings in the Rhode River watershed by 1,100 acres. This growth protected critical habitats for research, conservation, and education.

As a marine ecologist and zoologist, Dr. Hines is an expert in his field. He has published over 150 articles in technical journals and books, contributing to our understanding of long-term ecological change in the Chesapeake Bay, aquaculture, fishery restoration, and countless additional areas of research. I would be remiss to not mention that he has been critical to the conservation efforts to restore my home State's famous blue crabs.

Dr. Hines' unwavering dedication to teaching and inspiring the next generation of scientists is truly admirable. He grew the capacity of SERC's housing capacity to accommodate additional interns and visiting scientists, strengthening the center's ability to attract top talent. As an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, Dr. Hines has motivated countless students. He has guided 20 postdoctoral fellows as a major adviser, supported countless Ph.D. and master of science students, and mentored more than 165 undergraduate interns.

I commend Dr. Hines for his dedication to our environment, his scientific expertise, and his commitment to fostering tomorrow's scientists. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him and wishing him a well-earned, enjoyable, and fulfilling retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING B&B GATES & SUPPLY

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize B&B Gates & Supply of Doon, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1996, Barry and Patty Pollema, hog and cattle farmers, started B&B Gates & Supply in an unheated shop on their family farm in Doon, IA. From the start, the couple had a vision for growing the business and providing jobs that support families across the community. B&B Gates & Supply began as a farm-side operation, providing community members with gates to protect all types of livestock, ranging from chickens to cattle.

Today, B&B Gates & Supply is a full-service United States manufacturer of livestock gates, specializing in custom hog and cattle gates and a wide range

of agricultural necessities. Due to its growth, in 2021, B&B Gates & Supply moved its operation into a 50,000-square-foot facility along highway 75 with more enclosed space and greater room to scale. That same year, the Pollemas added a retail supply store. The store offers various items such as hoses, batteries, and other farming necessities—helping customers save time by finding what they need all in one place. In addition, B&B Gates & Supply added a servicing arm to the business, enabling service technicians to visit farms and resolve a wide range of issues found by their clients. The family business now employs over 34 community members. Several of Barry and Patty's children have also taken on key roles. Their sons Jesse, Jacob, and Jason Pollema all work in the family business. Jesse serves as the cattle gates and equipment manager and is now a co-owner. Jacob and Jason work in sales. Their daughter Abby handles social media and marketing.

B&B Gates & Supply plays an active role in its local community, often stepping in to provide critical support when it is needed most. During last year's flood in Rock Valley, the team spent days helping with cleanup and support. In 2021, Lyon County named B&B Gates & Supply an Iowa Master Pork Partner for its service to the hog industry in Lyon and across Iowa. Additionally, in 2023, VAL-CO awarded B&B Gates & Supply with the Gold Dealer Award for sales. That same year, VAL-CO initiated a partnership with B&B Gates & Supply to provide a range of equipment suitable for use in hog or cattle houses. In 2024, VAL-CO opened a warehouse, which is managed by B&B Gates & Supply, to make hog equipment, feed storage and transport systems, and more for customers and dealerships throughout the Midwest. This year, B&B Gates & Supply will celebrate its 29th anniversary in Iowa.

I want to congratulate the Pollema family and the entire team at B&B Gates & Supply for their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to providing high-quality American-manufactured products and agricultural services to workers and families across northwest Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING HUFFMAN'S FARM & HOME

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Huffman's Farm & Home of Fort Madison, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2002, Bob Huffman and his brothers Mike and Hank founded Huffman's Farm & Home after gaining experience at their father's successful business

Huffman's Welding & Machine, which the Huffman family has kept running for more than 50 years. While working there, the brothers saw an opportunity to expand into the retail industry when clients and contractors not only picked up their finished products but also purchased tools and other small offerings. The business was built and centered around providing families and farmers with great products and customer service. Designed as a one-stop shop, Huffman's Farm & Home offers an extensive selection of brand-name items, from mowers and toys to feeders and electrical repair tools. The business is also pet friendly and even serves Iowa popcorn to its customers while they shop.

Over the years, Huffman's Farm & Home has steadily expanded its customer base, store locations, and physical footprint. In 2004, the business renovated and expanded the store from its original 10,000 square feet to more than 20,000 square feet. Today, the operation spans more than 30,000 square feet. In 2008, the Huffman family opened a second location in West Burlington, IA, and in 2016, they opened a third location in Aledo, IL. In addition to its wide selection of in-store products, Huffman's Farm & Home offers personalized customization options by allowing customers to place special orders. The team works closely with vendors to provide custom items tailored to each client's specific needs. Huffman's Farm & Home has grown to over 60 employees across its three locations. Additionally, Bob's nephew Jason Huffman joined the business after graduating with his degree in engineering. Today, he serves as vice president and manages many aspects of the manufacturing division, as well as project management and assessment.

Huffman's Farm & Home and the entire Huffman family are actively involved with the Fort Madison community. The Huffmans have generously supported the revitalization of Southeast Iowa's vocational school programs. The business is a member of the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce where both Jason and Bob served on the board of directors, and Bob also served a term as president. Additionally, Bob is the president of the Fort Madison Economic Development Board. He is also on the Fort Madison Football Board of Directors and served as the chairman of the Tri-State Rodeo Committee. Jason is a member of the Southeast Iowa Community College Machining Advisory Committee and the Fort Madison Airport Commission. In 2010, Huffman's Farm & Home received the Distinction Award from the Greater Burlington Partnership for their involvement in community events and initiatives. In 2019, the Fort Madison Chamber nominated Bob for the Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Year. Later this year, Huffman's Farm & Home will celebrate its 23rd anniversary.

I want to congratulate the Huffman family and the entire team for their

dedication and support towards their community and for providing vital products and tools to families and farmers across Iowa and the Midwest. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF 22 RESCISSIONS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY—PM 28

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as amended by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 683(a)), I herewith report 22 rescissions of budget authority, totaling \$9.4 billion.

The proposed rescissions affect programs of the Department of State, as well as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the United States Agency for International Development, the United States Institute of Peace, and other international assistance programs.

The details of these rescissions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 28, 2025.

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-992. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Recordkeeping on Re-

stricted Use Pesticides by Certified Applications" ((RIN0581-AE31) (Docket No. AMS-AMS-25-0019)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-993. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescinding Natural Grass Sod Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Referendum Procedures" ((RIN0581-AE18) (Docket No. AMS-LP-21-0028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-994. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of the Dairy Donation Program" ((RIN0581-AE45) (Docket No. AMS-DA-25-0026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-995. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Grading and Inspections Services - Rescission of Tobacco Quota Provisions" ((RIN0581-AE40) (Docket No. AMS-CN-25-0028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-996. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Grading and Inspections Services: Rescission of Obsolete Import Grading and Pesticide Testing Provisions" ((RIN0581-AE42) (Docket No. AMS-CN-25-0024)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-997. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Grading and Inspections Services - Rescission of Designated Tobacco Markets" ((RIN0581-AE43) (Docket No. AMS-CN-25-0025)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-998. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Florylpicoxamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12713-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-999. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13851 with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1000. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13466 with respect to North Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1001. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on

the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1002. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12170 with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1003. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13219 with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1004. 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 June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1005. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1006. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Groupers Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2025-2026 Recreational Fishing Season for Black Sea Bass" (RIN0648-XE740) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1007. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE586) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1008. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XE799) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1009. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2025 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gag in the South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XE741) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1010. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2025 Management Area 1B Possession Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XE604) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1011. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; General Category January Through March Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE544) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1012. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Gulf of Maine Area Trophy Fishery for 2023" (RIN0648-XD073) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1013. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #1-#10" (RIN0648-XD072) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1014. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to Virginia" (RIN0648-XE732) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1015. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE592) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1016. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2024-2025 Closure of Commercial Run-Around Gilnet Fishery for King Mackerel" (RIN0648-XE727) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1017. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XE802) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1018. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2025 and 2026 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; 2025 Rockfish Program Cooperative Allocations" (RIN0648-XE818) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1019. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modification of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #17 Through #18" (RIN0648-XE743) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1020. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE583) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1021. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; Longfin Squid 2023 Trimester II Quota Harvested" (RIN0648-XD211) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1022. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod By Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD154) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1023. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Catch Sharing Plan; Inseason Action" (RIN0648-XD129) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1024. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2023-2024 Recreational Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XD100) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1025. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Emergency Action To Temporarily Modify Continuous Transit Limitations for California Recreational Vessels" (RIN0648-BL80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1026. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries

Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD088) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1027. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving the Effectiveness of the Robocall Mitigation Database; Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules, Concerning Practice and Procedure, Amendment of CORES Registration System" ((FCC 24-135) (WC Docket No. 24-213) (MD Docket No. 10-234)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1028. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to Amend Article VIII of the Agreement Regarding the Military Use and Operating Rights of the Government of the United States in the Federated States of Micronesia Concluded Pursuant to Sections 211(b), 321 and 323 of the Compact of Free Association, as amended; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1029. 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; Removal of Colorado Hookless Cactus From the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants" (RIN1018-BG56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1030. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mississippi: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 12213-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1031. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 12697-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1032. 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; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; Oxides of Nitrogen" (FRL No. 12442-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1033. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emissions Budget and Allowance Allocations for Indiana Under the Revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update" ((RIN2060-AW78) (FRL No. 12724-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

*William Long, of Missouri, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the remainder of the term expiring November 12, 2027.

*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. HYDE-SMITH:

S. 1927. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation with respect to the aggregate reduction in fair market value of farmland for purposes of application of the estate tax; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1928. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on esophageal cancer with respect to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KIM):

S. 1929. A bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1930. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish a research and development-intensive small biotech manufacturer exemption the Medicare drug price negotiation program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1931. A bill to provide additional funding to States that provide certain rights to sexual assault survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1932. A bill to amend the National Housing Act and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to include information regarding VA home loans in the Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure required to be provided to prospective FHA borrowers and to require a military service question on the Uniform Residential Loan Application, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1933. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to regularly promote programs under chapter 31 of such title; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1934. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to identify entities engaged in activities detrimental to the national security, economic security, or foreign policy of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. BARASSO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1935. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the testing of a community-based palliative care model; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. BARASSO, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1936. A bill to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test allowing blood transfusions to be paid separately from the Medicare hospice all-inclusive per diem payment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 1937. A bill to amend section 275 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to expand penalties for illegal entry and unlawful presence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. MORENO):

S.J. Res. 56. A joint resolution designating the month of June as "Life Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 100

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 100, a bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act.

S. 205

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination by abortion against an unborn child on the basis of Down syndrome.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to prohibit users who are under age 13 from accessing social media platforms, to prohibit the use of personalized recommendation systems on individuals under age 17, and limit the use of social media in schools.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multicancer early detection screening tests.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 476

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 476, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activities to provide for white oak restoration, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to transfer the functions, duties, responsibilities, assets, liabilities, orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privileges of the United States Agency for International Development relating to implementing and administering the Food for Peace Act to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 739

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 739, a bill to amend title XXXIII of the Public Health Service Act with respect to flexibility and funding for the World Trade Center Health Program.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) were added as cosponsors of S. 752, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines.

S. 756

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain postsecondary credentialing expenses as qualified higher education expenses for purposes of 529 accounts.

S. 847

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska

(Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the employer-provided child care credit and the dependent care assistance exclusion.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program.

S. 930

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 930, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income capital gains from the sale of certain farmland property which are reinvested in individual retirement plans.

S. 1216

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1216, a bill to support Taiwan's international space, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1241, a bill to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation refuses to negotiate a peace agreement with Ukraine, violates any such agreement, or initiates another military invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 1289

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1289, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and to support programs at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center.

S. 1367

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms.

HIRONO) and the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1367, a bill to protect intellectual property rights in the voice and visual likeness of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1414

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1414, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that clinical studies required for licensure of biological products as biosimilar shall not be required to include the assessment of immunogenicity, pharmacodynamics, or comparative clinical efficacy.

S. 1486

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1486, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1640

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1640, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase support for physicians and other practitioners in adjusting to Medicare payment changes.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 1887

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1887, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to streamline the procedures under which individuals may apply to register to

vote in such elections through State motor vehicle authorities, to permit automatic voter registration through such authorities for eligible citizens of the United States who do not complete voter registration applications, and for other purposes.

S. 1888

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1888, a bill to establish the United States Foundation for International Food Security to leverage private sector investments in order to improve and scale economically viable agricultural production, build food systems to mitigate food shock, reduce malnutrition, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 212

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 212, a resolution affirming the acceptable outcome of any nuclear deal between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 227

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 227, a resolution condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on October 7, 2023, against Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all remaining hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2242

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2242 intended to be proposed to S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2270

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2270 intended to be proposed to S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2287

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2287 intended to be proposed to S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself,
Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KIM):

S. 1929. A bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1929

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act” or the “SEPSIS Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) 1,700,000 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with sepsis annually and 350,000 individuals in the United States are killed by sepsis each year.

(2) There is a need for increased Federal investment in research related to sepsis to build on research supported by the National Institutes of Health, including research with a pediatric focus supported by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

(3) The infectious disease workforce, which plays a key role in reducing the burden of sepsis, needs additional support to recruit and retain health care professionals engaged in infection prevention and related patient care.

(4) Sepsis is one of the most expensive conditions to treat in hospitals in the United States, with high spending compounded by frequent hospital re-admissions, including 1 in 5 patient re-admissions within 30 days of discharge and 1 in 3 patient re-admissions within 180 days of discharge.

(5) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 80 percent of sepsis cases begin outside of the hospital.

(6) Most sepsis fatalities are preventable with early recognition, diagnosis, and treatment.

(7) The sepsis protocols for hospitals in New York State, called “Rory’s Regulations” for Rory Staunton who died from preventable, treatable sepsis at 12 years of age, have been proven to save lives through rapid identification and treatment of sepsis.

(8) Providers and public health experts should study and learn from Rory’s Regulations to find ways to end preventable deaths from sepsis on a national scale.

SEC. 3. SEPSIS PROGRAMS.

Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317V the following:

“SEC. 317W. SEPSIS PROGRAMS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section as the ‘Director’), shall maintain a sepsis team for purposes of—

“(1) leading an education campaign on best practices for addressing sepsis in hospitals, such as the practices outlined in the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

“(2) improving data collection on pediatric sepsis;

“(3) sharing information with the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to inform the development and implementation of sepsis quality measures to improve outcomes for patients;

“(4) updating data elements with respect to sepsis used by the United States Core

Data for Interoperability, in coordination with the heads of other relevant agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the Director of the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology;

“(5) facilitating efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services to develop outcome measures with respect to sepsis; and

“(6) carrying out other activities related to sepsis, as the Director determines appropriate.

“(b) REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF OUTCOME MEASURES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the development and implementation of outcome measures for sepsis, for both adult and pediatric populations, that take into consideration the social and clinical factors that affect the likelihood a patient will develop sepsis.

“(c) ANNUAL BRIEFING ON SEPSIS ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act, and annually thereafter, the Director shall present to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

“(1) aggregate data on the adoption by hospitals of sepsis best practices, including the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements, as reported by hospitals to the Director, using the hospital sepsis program assessment tool of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State sepsis reporting requirements;

“(2) rates of pediatric sepsis and efforts to reduce cases of pediatric sepsis, including how the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements can be effective at supporting efforts to reduce cases of pediatric sepsis;

“(3) the coordination of sepsis reduction efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services;

“(4) in partnership with the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, an evaluation of the impact of the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements on quality of care for patients;

“(5) data sharing from the National Healthcare Safety Network with other agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to sepsis; and

“(6) a report on the latest datasets on sepsis, as provided to the Director by the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

“(d) HONOR ROLL PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish a voluntary program for recognizing hospitals that maintain effective sepsis programs or improve their sepsis programs over time, including in the areas of early detection, effective treatment, and overall progress in the reduction of the burden of sepsis.

“(2) APPLICATIONS; SELECTION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) solicit applications from hospitals; and

“(B) establish public benchmarks by which the Secretary will select hospitals for recognition under such paragraph, including with respect to each area described in such paragraph.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2293. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2294. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2295. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2296. Mr. MORAN (for Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. COTTON)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 201, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2293. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTING THE USE OF A SELF-HOSTED WALLET.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No covered entity may prohibit, restrict, or otherwise impair the ability of a covered user to—

- (1) use digital assets for such user's own purposes, such as to purchase real or virtual goods and services for the user's own use; or
- (2) self-custody digital assets using a self-hosted wallet or other means to conduct transactions for any lawful purpose.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered entity” means—

- (A) an appropriate Federal banking agency;
- (B) the Board;
- (C) the Comptroller;
- (D) the Corporation; and
- (E) a primary Federal payment stablecoin regulator.

(2) COVERED USER.—The term “covered user” means a person that obtains a digital asset to purchase goods or services on that person's own behalf, without regard to the method in which such covered user obtained such digital asset.

(3) SELF-HOSTED WALLET.—The term “self-hosted wallet” means a digital interface—

- (A) used to secure and transfer digital assets; and
- (B) under which the owner of the digital assets retains independent control over such digital assets that are secured by a digital interface.

SA 2294. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2, redesignate paragraphs (27) through (32) as paragraphs (32) through (37), paragraphs (22) through (26) as paragraphs (26) through (30), and paragraphs (10) through (21) as paragraphs (11) through (22).

In section 2, after paragraph (9), insert the following:

(10) EXCLUDED LARGE ONLINE PLATFORM.—The term “excluded large online platform”

(A) means a social media platform, an online search engine, an online marketplace, or an online communication platform that—

(i) averages more than 25,000,000 unique users on a monthly basis; or

(ii) has more than 25,000,000 user accounts;

(B) includes all parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates of the excluded large online platform; and

(C) does not include a platform that only permits users to interact via a predetermined set of phrases, emoticons, or nonlinguistic symbols.

In section 2, after paragraph (22), as so redesignated, insert the following:

(23) ONLINE COMMUNICATION PLATFORM.—The term “online communication platform” means a service that allows users to communicate, connect, or collaborate via the internet and includes instant messaging, online video conferencing, online discussion forum, and online collaboration services.

(24) ONLINE MARKETPLACE.—The term “online marketplace” has the meaning given that term in section 2(f) of the Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act (15 U.S.C. 45f(f)).

(25) ONLINE SEARCH ENGINE.—The term “online search engine” means an internet intermediary service that allows users to input queries to perform searches of the World Wide Web and, in response, returns information related to the requested content.

In section 2(27)(A)(iii), as so redesignated, strike “and”.

In section 2(27)(B), as so redesignated, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

In section 2(27), as so redesignated, add at the end the following:

(C) is not an excluded large online platform.

In section 2, after paragraph (30), as so redesignated, insert the following:

(31) SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM.—The term “social media platform” has the meaning given that term in section 124(a) of the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. 1862w(a)).

SA 2295. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2, redesignate paragraphs (16) through (32) as paragraphs (17) through (33), respectively.

In section 2, insert after paragraph (15) the following:

(16) INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE.—The term “interactive computer service” means any information service, system, or access software provider that—

(A) provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the Internet and such systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions;

(B) averages more than 25,000,000 unique users on a monthly basis or has 25,000,000 user accounts; and

(C) includes any parent, subsidiary, and affiliate of the information service, system, or access software provider.

At the appropriate place in section 4, insert the following:

(____) LIABILITY FOR INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICES.—An interactive computer service shall be excepted from the liability protection under section 230(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(c)(1)) for the promotion, marketing, or the facilitation of a transaction involving a payment stablecoin if the interactive computer service—

(1) fails to take reasonable steps to prevent material misrepresentation, market manipulation, or unauthorized promotion of such asset;

(2) materially edits or amplifies content relating to digital asset investment, including through algorithmic curation or boosting; or

(3) fails to take reasonable steps to prevent illegal activity transacted using such asset.

SA 2296. Mr. MORAN (for Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. COTTON)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 201, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “ACES Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMIES STUDY ON PREVALENCE AND MORTALITY OF CANCER AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED AS ACTIVE DUTY AIRCREW IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (in this section referred to as the “National Academies”), under which the National Academies shall conduct a study on the prevalence and mortality of cancers among covered individuals.

(2) DEADLINE.—

(A) DATE.—The Secretary shall finalize the agreement under paragraph (1) by not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary enters negotiations with the National Academies with respect to such agreement.

(B) REPORT; BRIEFINGS.—If the Secretary fails to satisfy the requirement under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

(i) submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(I) an explanation of the reasons the Secretary failed to satisfy such requirement; and

(II) an estimate of the date on which the Secretary will finalize the agreement under paragraph (1); and

(ii) not less frequently than once every 60 days after the date on which the Secretary failed to satisfy such requirement, provide to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the progress of the Secretary toward finalizing such agreement.

(b) STUDY.—The study required under subsection (a) shall—

(1) identify exposures associated with military occupations of covered individuals, including relating to chemicals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena;

(2) review the literature to determine associations between exposures referred to in paragraph (1) and the incidence or prevalence of overall cancer morbidity, overall cancer mortality, and increased incidence or prevalence of—

(A) brain cancer;
(B) colon and rectal cancers;
(C) kidney cancer;
(D) lung cancer;
(E) melanoma skin cancer;
(F) non-Hodgkin lymphoma;
(G) pancreatic cancer;
(H) prostate cancer;
(I) testicular cancer;
(J) thyroid cancer;
(K) urinary bladder cancer; and
(L) other cancers as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the National Academies; and

(3) determine, to the extent possible, the prevalence of and mortality from the cancers specified in paragraph (2) among covered individuals by using available sources of data, which may include—

(A) health care and other administrative databases of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the individual Services, respectively;

(B) the national death index maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(C) the study conducted under section 750 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 134 Stat. 3716).

(c) **REPORT.**—At the conclusion of the study required under subsection (a), the National Academies shall submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report containing the results of the study described in subsection (b).

(d) **COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered individual” means an individual who served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps as an aircrew member of a fixed-wing aircraft, including as a pilot, navigator, weapons systems operator, aircraft system operator, or any other crew member who regularly flew in a fixed-wing aircraft.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator ALEX PADILLA intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 3, 2025.

I, Senator ALEX PADILLA intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Usha-Maria Turner, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 3, 2025.

I, Senator ALEX PADILLA intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 3, 2025.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I have five requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing and a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 2:50 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

ACES ACT

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 201 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 201) to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MORAN. I ask unanimous consent that the Kelly substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 2296) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “ACES Act of 2025”.

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(2) DEADLINE.—

(A) **DATE.**—The Secretary shall finalize the agreement under paragraph (1) by not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary enters negotiations with the National Academies with respect to such agreement.

(B) **REPORT; BRIEFINGS.**—If the Secretary fails to satisfy the requirement under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

(i) submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(I) an explanation of the reasons the Secretary failed to satisfy such requirement; and

(II) an estimate of the date on which the Secretary will finalize the agreement under paragraph (1); and

(ii) not less frequently than once every 60 days after the date on which the Secretary failed to satisfy such requirement, provide to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the progress of the Secretary toward finalizing such agreement.

(b) **STUDY.**—The study required under subsection (a) shall—

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(A) brain cancer;
(B) colon and rectal cancers;
(C) kidney cancer;
(D) lung cancer;
(E) melanoma skin cancer;
(F) non-Hodgkin lymphoma;
(G) pancreatic cancer;
(H) prostate cancer;
(I) testicular cancer;
(J) thyroid cancer;
(K) urinary bladder cancer; and
(L) other cancers as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the National Academies; and

(3) determine, to the extent possible, the prevalence of and mortality from the cancers specified in paragraph (2) among covered individuals by using available sources of data, which may include—

(A) health care and other administrative databases of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the individual Services, respectively;

(B) the national death index maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(C) the study conducted under section 750 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National

Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 134 Stat. 3716).

(c) REPORT.—At the conclusion of the study required under subsection (a), the National Academies shall submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report containing the results of the study described in subsection (b).

(d) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term "covered individual" means an individual who served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps as an aircrew member of a fixed-wing aircraft, including as a pilot, navigator, weapons systems operator, aircraft system operator, or any other crew member who regularly flew in a fixed-wing aircraft.

The bill (S. 201), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H. Con. Res. 24, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MORAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24) was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume Calendar No. 119, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:08 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. DAGVIN R.M. ANDERSON

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. CHARLES B. COOPER II

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be colonel

CHRISTOPHER L. BLAHA
AARON W. CHILDERS
JONATHAN M. CINTRON
CHAVESO L. COOK
THOMAS B. EVERETT
BRIAN HANRAHAN
MATTHEW J. MESKO
CASEY D. MILLS
STUART H. PEEBLES
STEPHEN J. SAPO
AARON T. SCHWENGLER
ALEX C. TIGNOR
THOMAS A. WHITEHEAD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be lieutenant colonel

BLAKE A. BUGAJ
THOMAS J. CROSS
KEITH R. HARPER
MICHAEL J. KRANCH
ANTHONY W. MAMUNES
MICHAEL D. MASTY
ARTHUR L. MCINTOSH
PADRAIC M. MCKENZIE
JASON E. PARKS
GINO L. PELLICANO
STEPHEN S. RUFF
RICHARD M. TRAN

To be major

TERESA ALLEN
JULIAN D. AUSAN
HENRY R. ETCHBERGER
BRETT A. GLAESS
CONNIE P. HO
AARON D. KNIGHT
DAVID K. PARK
THOMAS J. SHANNON
COURTNEY A. SULLIVAN
ZACHARY R. THORNE
TYLER L. VALENTINE
NICKOLE E. VANKOPP
KYLE R. VOGT

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 3, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL DUFFEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALLISON HOOKER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (POLITICAL AFFAIRS).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DALE MARKS, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.