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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, October 31, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

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, the fountain of unity, in 1858, 3 years before the start of the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln quoted the words of Jesus of Nazareth. Lincoln repeated a warning of Jesus found in Matthew 12:25, which states:

A house divided against itself cannot stand.

May we learn lessons from this warning that will enable this great Republic to endure.

Lord, today, inspire our lawmakers to become united for the good of the United States.

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. MULLIN). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL WHITMORE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a fellow University of Northern Iowa Panther, Carol Whitmore of Des Moines, IA. I recognize her for something more important than just being a fellow Panther. She was elected in August as the 117th national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars—VFW for short.

Now here is the significance of Carol's election: Carol is the first woman and the first Iowan to be elected as national commander of the VFW, and I had the pleasure of congratulating her in person during a meeting in my DC office here recently.

After enlisting in the Women's Army Corps in 1977, Carol served our Nation's military for 36 years. She was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a first sergeant for her unit and served as an army nurse, becoming highly decorated.

In recognition of her dedicated years of service, she has received several awards and recognitions, including the Legion of Merit Medal, the Bronze Star, six Army Commendation Medals, and the Army Achievement Medal.

In 2012, Carol joined the VFW at Post 9127 in Des Moines, IA, where she con-

tinues to serve her fellow veterans. Carol represents the best of Iowa and the best of our veterans.

Our veterans will be well served at the national level for advocacy and her commitment to service.

Besides commending her, I want to commend all the men and women who are now serving in the military and those who have served for protecting American's freedom and liberty.

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. 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371, a bill making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, Democrats are grasping at straws these days. The other day, the Democrat leader came to the floor and tried to reboot the notion that the clean CR sitting before us here in the Senate is a partisan CR. Yep. Apparently, a bill with no partisan add-ons, strictly a bill to fund the government, is a partisan bill—only in “Democratland.”

The Democrat leader, of course, continues to try to push this ludicrous narrative that Republicans—or President Trump—shut down the government.

That is right. The party that demanded nothing and put forward a clean, nonpartisan bill is the party that shut down the government.

And the party that demanded \$1.5 trillion to keep the government open—until Friday, until Halloween; that is what their bill will do—\$1.5 trillion in new spending to keep the Federal Government open until Friday.

I wonder if Democrats have seen some of the recent headlines like this one, and I quote: “Benefits cliff amps up pressure on Senate Democrats” and “Largest federal workers union calls for an end to the shutdown, putting pressure on Democrats.”

“Putting pressure on Democrats,” not Republicans. Now, why? Because Republicans are ready to reopen the government today, and we are not demanding a single thing in exchange. It is the Democrats who are refusing.

In fact, the Democrats latest ploy is—get this—moral outrage that the President isn’t stepping in to save Democrats from the consequences of their actions. That is right. Democrats are outraged—outraged—that they are coming face-to-face with the consequences of their decision to shut down the government, and so they are flailing around, blaming President Trump for not stepping in to somehow save the SNAP program from running out of money to pay benefits.

Yes, that is right. The very same people who were content to let the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children—more commonly known as WIC—run dry are now positioning themselves as crusaders for nutrition benefits.

President Trump did step in to save Democrats from themselves on WIC. He somehow managed to find money to cover the program for the time being. But there is a limit to what he can do.

That is kind of the reason we like to, you know, have the government open. But, apparently, Democrats are still not willing to contemplate allowing the government to function because the SNAP bill that they tried to UC yesterday was not just a cynical political ploy to insulate themselves from the consequences from their own actions, it was also a disturbing signal

the Democrats are ready to continue this shutdown, I guess, forever.

Do Democrats have any—any—end date in sight? Are there any consequences bad enough to get Democrats to reopen the government again?

Because things are getting pretty serious here. The shutdown had consequences from day one. But now, 30 days in, the consequences are really stonewalling.

Here are some headlines I think that describe the situation:

“Government shutdown could lead to \$14B in lost GDP, CBO reports.”

“Shutdown could close Head Start programs this week, jeopardizing child care.”

“Shutdown crushes small business owners as losses hit billions—industry leaders beg Congress for ‘clean CR.’”

“Ongoing government shutdown threatens holiday travel.”

“National Guard Training Grinds To Halt Amid Shutdown—With No Pay In Sight.”

“U.S. government shutdown: 60,000 aviation safety staff face financial strain as crisis deepens.”

“Largest federal workers union calls for ‘clean’ bill to end shutdown.”

Those are just a sampling of the headlines out there, and they represent the consequences as the Democrat shutdown accelerates.

So when will the Democrats put an end to this? When the economy is in ruins? When Federal workers have lost their homes? When housing assistance and small business loans and Head Start and National Guard training are distant memories? I hope the pain of the American people is worth the plaudits the Democrats are getting from their liberal base.

I don’t know if listing out the consequences of Democrats’ shutdown moves Democrats anymore. I really don’t. In fact, more than one Member of their party—way more than one Member of their party—described using the pain of the American people as “leverage.”

Let me give you an example of some of the things they have been saying, starting with the Democrat leader:

Every day gets better for us.

The whip, the No. 2 position among House Democrats, says:

There will be families that are going to suffer . . . but it is one of the few leverage times we have.

The Senator from New Mexico: Paying our troops “gives the President more leverage.” That is a really good reason not to pay the troops, right?

The Senator from Arizona, when asked about it, said: Hey, I would just go back and “shut it down again.”

The Senator from Delaware:

Frankly, this is our only moment of leverage. And although a very unpleasant tool to use—

Very unpleasant if you are a worker who lost their job and are not getting paid.

And, of course, the Senator from Vermont:

You reopen the government, we lose our leverage.

It is all about leverage. That is what they are making it all about—leverage. The question is, When are the American people going to matter more than their leverage?

If there are any Democrats out there who can still see beyond the demands of their far-left base, if there are any Democrats who care about the damage that this shutdown is doing, then I have the bill right there at the desk—a clean, nonpartisan continuing resolution to fund WIC, SNAP, troop pay, air traffic controller pay, farm programs, housing assistance, our national defense, and every single other government priority. We just need five Democrats to show some courage and join the three Democrats who are already with us, and we can get this government open. That is all it takes.

Everybody knows that in the Senate, it takes 60 votes to do anything. Democrats come down here and consistently say that Republicans have control of the Senate, the House, and the White House. The Republicans in the House, Senate, and White House all agree: Open up the government. You can’t do that in the Senate unless you have 60 votes, meaning we have to have a few Democrats. We have a few already. We need five Democrats with a backbone, five Democrats with the courage to take on that far-left base and say: We care more about the lives of the American people than about gaining some political leverage.

It just takes five, Mr. President.

Enough is enough. I urge my Democrat colleagues to agree to reopen the Federal Government and to do it today.

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.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this weekend, Americans face a healthcare crisis unprecedented in modern times. Open enrollment begins in just 2 days, and Republicans have spent the entire shutdown with their heads in the sand—a shutdown they caused because they would not negotiate with Democrats.

Republicans are pretending that the ACA premium crisis does not exist. They should go ask families who are getting their insurance premium increases today, tomorrow, Saturday.

Republicans have brought Americans to the brink of financial disaster. They have ignored a growing catastrophe. We have demanded they act, and they have refused.

The shutdown is on them. The healthcare crisis is on them. And the American people will see so this week-end as the bills start coming in.

To show the breadth, depth, and severity of the ACA crisis, if the ACA enhanced premium tax credits expire, over 20 million Americans will see their premiums more than double on average. That is a 114-percent increase according to KFF. That is a fact.

Four million people on ACA plans will lose healthcare coverage entirely if these tax credits don't get extended. That is also a fact.

If these enhanced tax credits expire, the people hurt, by far, the most—the people hurt the most—will be working families, people who live paycheck to paycheck, small businesses owners, farmers, ranchers, and older Americans. They are all going to be sitting at their kitchen tables this Friday night or Sunday evening and saying: How the heck are we going to pay these bills? We can't afford \$4,000 a year more for health insurance.

Do my kids get no healthcare? Do we have to lose the doctors who have been treating us for a long time? Do we have to travel 50 or 100 miles to go to a clinic or a hospital?

Are my parents going to be kicked out of their nursing home, and I will have no place to put them?

This is a fact. People are hurt badly—probably more than by any other healthcare crisis we have had.

Americans who work more than one job, and Americans who live in red States will all be hurt. That is a fact.

And here is another one: This crisis didn't come out of the blue. It is not that people are just learning about it. It is not that Senators are just learning about it this week.

Democrats have demanded that Republican leaders negotiate with us about this crisis since the summer. Republicans said no. They put together a partisan bill that did nothing to improve the healthcare crisis, that had no input from Democrats, and said: Take it or leave it.

Republicans had more than three chances this year to vote on extending these ACA premium tax credits—as far back as February. What did Republicans say? No, no, and no.

Today, Republicans still insist they will not move a muscle to fix ACA premiums until it is too late. They have spent the entire shutdown avoiding talking about healthcare. When that didn't work, they resorted to lying—just making up total lies—about who gets the healthcare and who doesn't.

As they trigger a healthcare crisis, they are also now triggering a hunger crisis. Trump is doing that by halting SNAP benefits and ordering his own Department of Agriculture to rip its own contingency plan.

The money is there—over \$6 billion in emergency funds that could keep SNAP going—and Trump has said: Don't spend a dime. We want to use hungry people as hostages in this crisis.

Trump is a vindictive politician and a heartless man.

Meanwhile, here in the Senate, this is still Leader Thune's position on the ACA: Let's deal with this house fire later.

But the house is on fire. Republicans are living in a fantasy, pretending as if the issue will fix itself.

Starting November 1, so many Americans are going to have to make choices. Do they give up their healthcare? Do they have to take a plan that has many higher deductibles and copays, with different doctors and different hospitals, and watch their families suffer when they are sick?

That is what it really looks like for people back home. Yet our Republican colleagues do nothing.

In Louisiana, the average 60-year-old couple, making \$85,000 a year, in a middle-tier plan, will see their premiums increase by \$25,700. That is right. How does that family come up with \$25,000?

People in their fifties are looking for their retirement. What are they going to do?

In South Dakota, that same couple on the same plan would see an average increase of \$26,000. In Florida, it is an annual increase of \$27,000.

Republicans have brought the American people to the brink. Republicans have refused to do anything. They have sat on their hands and have stuck their heads in the sand. Now families—millions of families—from one end of America to the other—mostly, actually, in red States—face the specter of financial disaster because, when healthcare costs go up, more people lose coverage, more people get sick, and more people die. Republicans just don't seem to care.

CHINA

Now, Mr. President, on the China deal, in the middle of the second longest government shutdown in American history, Donald Trump left the country and traveled all the way to Asia to meet President Xi. And what did he do? He bowed down to President Xi. China has called Donald Trump's bluff, and Donald Trump has folded, leaving American families and farmers and small businesses to deal with the wreckage from his blunders, from his erratic on-again, off-again tariff policies.

Americans beware: Trump will spend the next few days trying to spin the so-called agreement as a win for America, but that is total bull. Don't believe Trump. He has folded to China. Donald Trump caved to China in Busan. The so-called deal has left us no better off than we were before Donald Trump's trade war began. If anything, things are worse. Prices have gone up. China has agreed to nothing of substance that will improve trade between our nations.

On soybeans, this has been a total capitulation. Donald Trump's trade war has decimated soybean farmers in the United States, and, this year, he is saying: Isn't it great? They will buy half

the soybeans—China will—that they bought last year.

So many farmers are suffering, and then so many other farmers are seeing that their Chinese customers to whom they sold soybeans are now making deals in Argentina and Brazil. And those are not 1-year deals. Those are going to be 3-, 4-, 5-year deals. So the customers that Americans had are not coming back.

China is still buying fewer soybeans this year from the United States than before China's trade war. How is that a win for soybean farmers?

Trump's delusion is unbelievable. He starts a trade war; creates a giant mess for businesses, consumers, and soybean farmers; and then he celebrates for trying to clean up the very mess he created in the first place.

Don't believe Trump. Trump has folded on China. Don't believe his BS. He has created the mess. Now he is trying to clean up the mess, and he says: Don't I deserve 17 pats on the back?

Americans have heard this old song and dance from China and Trump before. I have long pushed Presidents of both parties to take tougher action on China for its rapacious trade policies that have harmed American workers, American businesses. None—absolutely none—of the fundamental abuses by China are addressed in this agreement. Trump didn't even bother talking about China's abuses against American manufacturing.

He secured no clear actions from China to address their funneling of chemicals that fuels America's fentanyl crisis. In other words, he says we are doing something on fentanyl. There is nothing specific—a lot of lip service. And the fentanyl that China makes—those precursor chemicals that go to Mexico and then are made into fentanyl and are flooding across our borders? There is nothing specific, nothing real—more bunk.

Maybe, most egregiously—and this one I know many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are furious about—he is the first President in decades to walk back export controls that are vital for our national security, essentially handing China vital chips necessary for technologies like AI.

Where are our China hawks from the Republican side? I hope they are going to speak up and decry this abdication. America is handing out—Trump is handing out—American-made technology like it is Halloween candy but straight into the hands of our biggest rival.

In the past, China has been desperate to get this technology, but now they don't have to worry—Trump is just giving it away. With these chips that China now doesn't have and can't make themselves, China will dominate AI in a few years, and it will have severe consequences for America and for the world.

When it comes to chips, Donald Trump, it is not “America First”; for you, it is “China First” so you can

have some picture that celebrates a so-called agreement that actually hurts us.

America will regret the move of sending these chips to China for generations. We will come in second on AI if this continues to happen. They will set the rules of the road, and America's greatness will diminish—all because Trump wanted to claim a false victory and brag that he got a deal with Xi.

The list of Trump's capitulations to China goes on and on and on. For months, Americans have been taking it on the chin, paying higher prices for everything from appliances to Halloween candy and Halloween costumes because of Trump's disastrous trade policy. Now, looking at this agreement, it only begs the question: What was it all for?

Trump had no strategy, no planning, no strategic decision making, and his bumbling has only emboldened President Xi, who must be laughing all the way back to Beijing. You flatter Trump with a few words, and he gives away things that America desperately needs.

When it matters most, when Trump comes face to face with autocrats and dictators, the American people know Donald Trump is all talk and no strength.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today as the minority leader CHUCK SCHUMER leaves the floor because I saw some very interesting new polling this week about the Schumer shutdown of our government. It actually came, of all places, from CNN—not exactly a Republican-friendly outlet. Let me share what the poll shows.

Since the Schumer shutdown began, approval of Republicans in Congress is up 5 percent. By contrast, Democrats are now at their weakest and lowest position in 20 years.

The American people are clearly paying attention to the damage being wrought on the American people by the Democrats, and the American people are sick and tired of the Democrats' dangerous political games. They resent being used by Democrats as pawns, as leverage. They resent being treated as pieces on a chessboard. Millions resent having their paychecks held back; now it has been a full month.

Americans know who is to blame for the Schumer shutdown. They heard the Democrats loud and clear.

Senator SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Democrat from Rhode Island, just this Tuesday called the shutdown "the only lever we have." People are suffering. To him, it is a lever.

Senator CHRIS COONS of Delaware said almost the exact same thing last week to a national television audience. He said:

Frankly, this is our only moment of leverage.

He even admitted that shutdowns are, as he said, an "unpleasant tool."

Then he voted for the 13th time yesterday to use the tool to keep the government closed.

Food pantries in Senator WHITEHOUSE's home State of Rhode Island are getting "slammed." Democrats call that leverage. Families in Delaware are making "backup plans," according to the news, just to get groceries. Democrats call that leverage. It is not leverage; it is picking pain—pain for people—for political purposes. It is using hunger as a bargaining chip. Democrats refer to it as unpleasantness.

We are now 30 days into the Schumer shutdown. It is the longest full shutdown in the history of this country. For 30 days, Democrats have chosen leverage over lives, they have chosen politics over paychecks, and they would rather fight President Trump than feed American families.

This weekend, 42 million Americans will lose food assistance. Let me say that again—42 million Americans. That is one in eight; twice as many Americans as are on the failed ObamaCare exchanges, as the minority leader was just talking about, which Democrats are still trying to prop up even though it has failed on its promise to control costs. As the headline in the New York Times on Sunday said, ObamaCare is pricey.

Democrats are putting free healthcare for illegal immigrants ahead of American families, ahead of American seniors, ahead of American veterans, ahead of American soldiers, and ahead of American workers. That is their priority—free healthcare for illegal immigrants.

We have citizens in this country, real people in real pain, and they count on food assistance to put food on the table. Now these families are living in limbo, and their balance is about to hit zero.

So what happens to them next week if the Democrats keep the government shut down, as they voted 13 times to do? And what about the week after that? Families will go hungry because Democrats keep playing this dangerous political game.

Even some Democrats are calling on the Democrat party to change course. Listen to the words of Senator CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO of Nevada. She was interviewed, actually, yesterday on CNN. She said:

I don't think federal workers should be political pawns.

She said:

I don't think we should swap the pain of some Americans for others. I think we should be lifting all of them up and helping them.

Senator CORTEZ MASTO is one of the few reasonable Democrats who has been voting for a clean continuing resolution to reopen the government.

Here is the simple truth: Senate Republicans have voted 13 times on a clean, bipartisan continuing resolution to reopen the government. That is 13 votes for funding food assistance, for

paying the troops, for paying Federal workers, for paying TSA agents, for paying air traffic controllers, for paying Border Patrol, for paying Capitol Police, who are here and have been working for the last month without pay. Every single time, Senator SCHUMER and radical Democrats have voted no—voted 13 times against funding food assistance, against paying for our troops, against paying Federal workers, against paying TSA, against paying air traffic controllers, against paying Border Patrol, and against paying the Capitol Police.

Democrats stand here and claim President Trump can fund food assistance on his own? They know what they are asking him to do is against the law.

Democrats are not, in the words of Senator JEFF MERKLEY of Oregon, "powerless" to fund that program—\$9 billion a month. Democrats had the power 13 times to end the shutdown. They voted no 13 times. The Democrats are the ones who have the power. They are not powerless; they are unwilling to help American families.

The Senate should be funding those programs today. We tried again yesterday. It failed. The clean, bipartisan continuing resolution that is sitting right there on that desk right now could be passed if we get Democrats to vote for it. It funds SNAP. It pays our Federal workers. It pays our troops. It pays TSA agents. It pays air traffic controllers. It pays Border Patrol agents. It pays Capitol Police. It reopens the government, which is what we ought to be doing.

We need five more Democrats to say yes.

The most ironic thing about this, the hypocrisy of it all, is that Democrats had no problem voting for a clean, bipartisan continuing resolution 13 times when Joe Biden was President. What has changed? Donald Trump is in the White House. They are not happy about that, and they are not happy about anybody who voted for him. So now they are more interested in what they describe as leverage than children going hungry in this country.

It is no wonder that Republicans' approval rating has gone up, as the CNN poll shows, and that Democrats' polling has gone down during the Schumer shutdown to the lowest and weakest point in 20 years.

Enough with the politics of pain. It is time to reopen the government, and it is time to feed these vulnerable families.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was just checking the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. You see, we have a tradition here in the Senate. The tradition is that what we say on the floor is printed and available the next day right at our desk. It is kind of an amazing thing. It goes back to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD being the record of the proceedings in this body, and the timely printing of it is part of the history.

I wanted to check and see, based on the statements made by my friend and colleague the Senator from Wyoming, whether the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD printed yesterday contained the efforts of Democratic Senator BEN LUJÁN of New Mexico to fund the SNAP program.

Here it is. The page number is S7808 for the beginning of the debate by Senator LUJÁN, who came to the floor and wanted to make sure that we wouldn't have any gaps in coverage when it came to the SNAP or food stamp plan across America. You see, the reason he did it was that 42 million people—1 out of 8 people in our population—need help putting food on the table.

The SNAP program doesn't sound extremely generous—\$6 a day. Imagine if you had to feed yourself with that amount of money each day, the sacrifices you would make.

So Senator LUJÁN came to the floor. Why was he taking on this responsibility? It is because he is the chairman—or the ranking member now of the subcommittee that funds the SNAP program. He came to the floor to make sure that there would be no gaps in coverage and that people would still get their paychecks starting November 1. I call them paychecks, but they are basically SNAP checks that are a credit for purchases at the store.

Do you know what happened when he came to the floor? There was an objection. The objection came from the Republican leader of the Senate.

The Republican leader of the Senate yesterday, on the floor, page S7808 and 7809—you can find it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—was asked if he would approve Senator LUJÁN's effort to protect all the SNAP recipients across the United States, and he said no. He objected. He wanted us to pass another bill. But he had a chance, with Senator LUJÁN's request, to make sure that there would be no suffering of anybody across America because of the SNAP program, and on page S7808, Senator THUNE said no.

Now we have the argument that was made by the Senator from Wyoming that one of the reasons that it cannot be done is it is illegal. Now, that is a real hoot, to use a technical term, as far as I am concerned.

So the Senator from Wyoming said it would be illegal in a government shutdown to feed 16 million kids, 8 million seniors, and 4 million people on disability during the shutdown. Well, the last record shutdown under President Trump, in his first term, went for 35 days, and he kept the SNAP program going.

Was he doing it illegally, I ask the Senator from Wyoming?

I think not.

In fact, the Trump administration, on their own website, acknowledged that they were going to make this payment under the SNAP plan even with the government shut down. They put that on their website, and we have copies of it.

Guess what happened to that assertion on their website. It disappeared. Just a few days ago, it disappeared. So a program they used under Trump's first administration, a program that they said they could follow again under this second Trump administration and second Trump shutdown, disappeared magically from the website.

So, across America, some 42 million people, 12 percent of our population, will not be able to put food on the table because of a decision by the Trump administration not to feed Americans. Of all the priorities, wouldn't you think that keeping our population—the poorest among us, the neediest among us—with food on the table would be the highest priority? Don't you think they could come up with the money for it?

Well, it seems like the President can come up with money for Argentina, when he said Argentina is in a terrible economic situation and he was going to send \$20 billion of American tax dollars to Argentina—that was a week or two ago—and then find \$20 billion in the private sector to also go to Argentina. There was plenty of money for Argentina but not enough money to pay for the SNAP program.

How can that be? And yet it is the reality.

We have 2 million recipients of SNAP in my home State of Illinois, and we know we can take care of them. The Trump administration is making the choice. They have the resources. They have the authority. They just don't have the political will to take care of the problem.

I was on a radio call-in show in Bloomington, IL, this morning, and we talked about the SNAP program. A lot of people really depend on it. A third of the recipients are kids, another third are disabled, and a third are seniors. They are needy people.

Long before the government shutdown, Congress sent the U.S. Department of Agriculture funds for this purpose. The U.S. Department of Agriculture used these funds, as I mentioned, in Trump's first shutdown, his first decision to not fund the government. In fact, a month ago, as I mentioned, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's shutdown plan said this is exactly what they would do: They would pay the SNAP benefits. And then, when it became public that they made that claim, that vanished from the website—just a matter of a few days ago. Why?

During this shutdown, the Trump administration did have the money for Argentina. The President seems to be able to find money for things that are important to him. Obviously, SNAP and the benefits are not important to the President.

Well, I have news for the President. Because of his decision on the SNAP plan, millions of Americans are going to have to struggle to feed their families—Americans paying a price for this decision by the President.

I recently heard from one of them: Michelle, from Hodgkins, IL. She had a

message that goes beyond her letter to me—her email to me—and really is a message for all Americans. Here is what she said:

You are forgetting about the seniors that are age 60 to 65. I already cut down my meals to two a day. I really don't want to try to live on one meal. I take medicine, and I need to eat. My size shows that I have not been eating. I know for a fact many eat cereal for dinner. It is filling and cheap.

That is the plight facing poor people if the SNAP program is, in fact, shut down by President Trump.

Here is another message, from Martin in Macomb:

I am on SNAP due to a disability—epilepsy as well as some others. I rely on SNAP as well as [Social Security] and [Disability payments] to survive.

Martin, of Macomb, IL, went on to say:

Most of the people in my building rely on SNAP to pay for food. I am worried about how I will be able to afford food on November 1.

And, sadly, there are millions of other individuals who will suffer in silence because they receive this assistance but basically are concerned about the stigma that might be attached to them if they say anything publicly.

Meanwhile, for the past 6 weeks, Republican Members of the House of Representatives have been gone. I am not sure what they are doing. I hope they are home at least tending to their constituents, but they should be in Washington. If we would have passed BEN RAY LUJÁN's—the Democratic Senator's—proposal yesterday to fund the SNAP program, we would have needed action by the House of Representatives, but it is not here. And it hasn't been here for 6 weeks—6 weeks.

We need them. We need the President, when he comes home from his trip overseas, to make this a high priority. The House has not held a vote since September 19. President Trump is tearing down part of the White House to build a new, lavish \$300 million ballroom. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem found \$200 million during the shutdown to buy two luxury Gulfstream jets for her and her top staff. The Trump administration sees those efforts as priorities, but it will not send our most vulnerable American citizens \$6 a day to afford to eat.

I suppose nobody should be surprised that is where we are. Under the President's leadership this summer, the Republican-led Congress passed their so-called Big Beautiful Bill, which made the biggest SNAP cuts in history. So the program that they are now refusing to fund at all was reduced dramatically to make it more difficult to pay out those payments—food stamp-type payments—to SNAP recipients under the Big Beautiful Bill, which I will refer to again in a moment. They made the biggest cuts in the history of the SNAP and Food Stamp Program, cutting the program by 20 percent, and now they are lamenting on the floor that they

just can't pay anything at all; it is illegal for them to pay anything at all.

We know that is not true.

President Trump has decided we can't wait any longer. He wants to stop SNAP funding on Saturday and hurt 42 million Americans to teach the Democrats a lesson—another example of cruelty to people who are vulnerable by this administration.

I appreciate the leadership of BEN RAY LUJÁN, my Senate colleague from New Mexico. He really believes this in his heart of hearts. If the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which I referred to earlier in my statement, can be referenced, you can read the words of Senator LUJÁN, which were touching because he does care about not just in New Mexico but across America what this is going to do.

I hope my Republican colleagues will allow us the opportunity to vote on Senator LUJÁN's bill today before we leave. Let's make sure that there is no gap in the program, and let's put away this argument that was just heard on the floor that somehow it is illegal to feed people.

This week, the Secretary of Agriculture appeared on CBS News to defend her Agency's refusal to fund SNAP. Here is what she said:

Look at [the President's] record standing behind the ag community, rural communities. No one has done more than President Trump to date for those communities in [her] lifetime.

Well, after abandoning vulnerable families receiving SNAP and helping South American farmers over U.S. farmers, President Trump and his U.S. Department of Agriculture has certainly had an unprecedented effect on American communities but not for the reasons she thinks.

The bottom line as well is bad news for people who may not be receiving SNAP but are struggling to make payments for hospitalization insurance. The cost of living continues to go up under the Trump administration. And the issue which we are trying to drive home to our friends on the other side of the aisle is it should be a bipartisan concern, what is happening to health insurance premiums across America.

Take a look. If you are on an Affordable Care Act plan, you are going to see a dramatic increase. In Illinois and the city of Chicago, people who are under that plan, thousands of them, are going to see their health insurance premiums double—double. At a time when they are struggling to make grocery payments and electric utility payments, they are going to double. Why? Because the Big Beautiful Bill, the budget bill of President Trump, passed by all Republican votes—no Democratic votes—unfortunately, has eliminated the tax credits that were available to people in middle-income categories.

Who are these people, these faceless people? We will put a face on them. One out of every four farmers—one out of every four farm families in our country

use the Affordable Care Act. Half of the people who own small businesses use it. They are the ones who are facing these heightened premiums.

What we are doing is begging the Republicans to correct the mistake they made in the Big Beautiful Bill; come forward with sensitivity not just to those receiving SNAP and food stamps but to the families who are struggling to make health insurance premium payments. These families need help. The cost of living goes up for them every single day, and this is going to be a hardship many of them can't endure.

Millions—literally, millions—of Americans will lose their health insurance because of the Big Beautiful Bill. We have a chance to correct it, and we should do it as soon as possible. It is time to sit down at the table as soon as the President gets over his jetlag and comes home—to sit down at the table immediately.

The Republican leaders have got to come back to Washington, from the House, and the Republican leaders in the Senate as well as Democratic leaders—on both sides. They are the only ones who can solve this.

I have been in Congress for a number of years. I think I have seen every major shutdown, and I have seen how they all end. There will be some triggering device that does it. I hope that, whatever it takes, we get it done and done quickly.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, it is hard to believe, even in a place like the Nation's Capital that seems so detached from the rest of the country—but it is hard to believe we have now reached the 30th day of this completely pointless, profoundly dumb government shutdown at the hands of Senate Democrats. Senate Democrats have now voted 13 times to keep the government shut down, blocking the continuing resolution that has been passed by the House of Representatives weeks ago. That is the key to unlock the door to this government shutdown.

We are nearing a full month of that shutdown, a shutdown in search of a rationale. My suggestion is, to our friends across the aisle, that they need to look in the mirror and listen to their own people. The American Federation of Government Employees, or AFGE, the largest union that represents Federal Government employees, called on Congress to "Reopen the government immediately under a clean continuing resolution that allows continued debate on larger issues."

That is exactly what we have asked for, time after time after time, but to no avail.

Families across America, including the 31 million-plus Texans that I have the privilege of representing, are continuing to deal with this uncertainty.

Now, it is true that many people are not directly affected by the government shutdown, but a lot of people are,

including the very people who are here in this Chamber—our staff, government employees. But it is much bigger than that. It is not only the Federal employees' union; it is the military; it is our Border Patrol; it is TSA, the air traffic controllers. All of these people are working, because their jobs are deemed essential, without any pay.

One in six Americans live paycheck to paycheck. I haven't heard a single Senator on that side of the Chamber who said they are withholding their pay during the government shutdown, which leads me to conclude that they continue to get paid while they deny the same benefit to their own staff and the U.S. military and all the other Federal employees that I have mentioned. If that isn't hypocrisy, I don't know what is.

And now, at the first of the month, November 1, 42 million Americans who rely on SNAP, WIC, other nutrition assistance programs—food stamps—will stop receiving the benefits they rely on as a safety net to put food on the table. This includes 3.5 million of my constituents in Texas, 1.7 million of whom are children.

These are among the most vulnerable people in our country. Our Senate Democrat colleagues are literally taking food out of the mouths of hungry children because of their stubbornness. It is shameful.

I have been hearing from food banks in Texas who are writing in with their concerns, saying they will require a 50-percent increase in food supplies next month in order to keep up with the increased demand for people who aren't getting paid and people who are being denied this basic assistance.

Well, what is the rationale? I mentioned a moment ago that our Senate Democratic colleagues seem to be in search of a rationale for this profoundly idiotic and dumb shutdown. Well, the Senate Democratic leader, the fearless leader of our Senate Democrats, said to a news outlet:

Every day gets better for us.

Of course, that leads to the question, Who is "us"? Not the 31 million Texans I represent; not the 800,000 Federal Government workers who are part of the union; not the children who depend on nutrition assistance to be able to eat.

Well, not to be outdone, House Democratic whip KATHERINE CLARK recently said:

Of course there will be families that are going to suffer—

As if that is no big deal.

She said:

But it is one of the few leverage times we have.

So all of these Americans, our fellow citizens, who are being harmed by this shutdown are leverage, political leverage.

I was disappointed to even hear one of the Members on the other side who I look to as sort of a rare person of common sense among the crazed Democratic Party these days who said that

this shutdown would prove to be “unpleasant” but then reiterated that it would somehow give Democrats “leverage.”

And now Democrats are trying to turn the tables and say it is Trump’s fault. This is surreal.

The American people are the ones paying the price for the intransigence, the stubbornness, and the idiocy—that is what CHUCK SCHUMER once called government shutdowns. He called it idiocy. The American people are paying for the idiocy of the Democrats who continue to vote against reopening the government. I have to wonder, what do they say to a mother who can’t feed her own child because of their intransigence and their stubbornness? “Sorry for the inconvenience; you are part of our leverage.”

We get paid—they get paid—not me, not people on this side of the aisle who have had their paychecks withheld in solidarity with the government employees who aren’t getting paid. They get paid, and you can’t feed your kids?

What do they say to the Federal worker, including members of our staff, people working here in the Senate, who wonder: Can I pay the utility bill? How about my rent or my mortgage payment? Can I buy gasoline for my car to take my child to school?

I guess their response is, well, you should expect some unpleasantness during this shutdown because you are part of our political leverage.

The best way in this disaster—this nightmare, really—for many Americans who are directly affected is for just five of our colleagues on the other side—just five—to vote with Republicans to reopen the government, to pass this continuing resolution that will take us at least to November 21. But we have burned so much of the time already because of the shutdown—it is the 30th of October. This continuing resolution would open the government until 3 weeks from now, and then what happens? Are we going to go through this movie again and again and again?

And then how about those Americans who depend on safe and timely air travel for their jobs, or maybe they just want to take some time off if they have some vacation plans. We can no longer depend on the timeliness, and I fear for the safety of our air traffic control system because so many air traffic controllers are overstressed and so many airports are understaffed that they are literally having to shut down some of the air traffic, and flights are being delayed. And I have no doubt—or at least I worry that public safety is being endangered.

Earlier this week, Austin Airport, where I live, issued a ground delay due to air traffic control staffing problems. The same day, over at Dallas-Fort Worth, one of the largest airports in the country, they experienced 413 flight delays and multiple flight cancellations due to staffing shortages.

Air traffic controllers—the people who keep these airplanes flying safe—

ly—will miss their first full paycheck this week. TSA screeners—the people who are supposed to make sure that air travel is safe—are similarly working without pay.

One air traffic controller recently said:

The job is stressful enough as it is. [And] now you’re adding this factor of, “Hey, when am I going to get my next paycheck?”

They will miss their first one this week, but they don’t know if they are going to get the next one because they don’t know how long this profoundly stupid idea of a government shutdown is going to last.

One Transportation Security Administration worker said that “morale is crumbling.”

You know, it is not just imposing a hardship on these innocent Americans. What does this say about America and our ability to work together to solve the Nation’s problems? It is embarrassing. It should be embarrassing. In the world’s greatest deliberative body—that is what the U.S. Senate is sometimes called—what a joke. What a joke Democrats have made of the world’s greatest deliberative body when they have shut down the U.S. Senate and made it impossible for us to pass a simple, stopgap spending bill that would take us to November 21.

Well, I applaud the men and women who are continuing to go to work to keep the planes in the air and trains running on time even though they are not being paid, but it is entirely unfair, unjustified for Democrats to impose this burden on these individuals. They didn’t do anything wrong.

This is only weeks before the holidays and holiday travel begin in earnest. If Senate Democrats don’t let up soon, you might have to ditch your Thanksgiving visit with your friends and family. And then who knows how long this will go on—maybe Christmas. They will be responsible for families having to cut back on their celebrations during our holiday season—not just because of delayed air travel or canceled flights but because they can’t afford it. If they are not getting paid, how are they going to buy the food items that we typically enjoy during holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas?

What will Senate Democrats tell parents who haven’t been paid for an extended period of time when they have to tell their children “Well, Santa isn’t coming this year because your mom and dad haven’t gotten paid; we don’t have the money”?

Well, all this goes to show the utter callousness, the insensitivity, and the wrongheaded motivation behind this government shutdown, all so our friends on the other side can gain leverage. They don’t have any leverage. It is on them.

The American people deserve better than for their elected officials to treat their livelihoods as political playthings, and that is what is happening.

So it is high time for our Democratic colleagues to come to their senses and

vote to reopen the government. Is this going to go on forever? What is their endgame? They don’t know. They can’t say because they don’t know. They know they have gotten themselves stuck in a supremely stupid idea, and they can’t find their way out of it.

I can make a suggestion. Three of them have already voted for the House-passed continuing resolution to end this nonsense. We need five more. Are those five Democratic Senators going to continue to listen to the Democratic leader, the Senator from New York, who led them into this box canyon in the first place? He is worried about being thrown under the bus by a political opponent in the next Democratic primary election.

This is about retaining power, using innocent Americans as leverage, with no plan on how to exit this supremely dumb government shutdown.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

SUNSHINE PROTECTION ACT OF 2025

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I rise to the podium today to address my colleagues as we are headed into one of the darkest times of the year, when daylight saving time ends and our clocks fall back 1 hour. This weekend, we will perform the outdated and unnecessary ritual of changing our clocks.

Most countries don’t even observe daylight saving time. The practice was first adopted in Germany in 1916, and the United States followed 2 years later. The United States did that to save fuel during World War I. Although most people think it was adopted to give farmers more daylight, the agriculture industry at the time actually opposed it.

So flash-forward to now. We are still practicing shifting our clocks twice a year.

In 2018, the great State of Florida, which leads the way on so many issues—the State where I am proud to say I am the newest U.S. Senator—Florida became the first State to call for year-round daylight saving time, but we need Congress to affirm this change through legislation.

After Florida took that step and led the way, 20 States followed and have already passed laws or resolutions that would end the practice if Federal law permitted, and we almost accomplished this.

In 2022, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to end it, though it went nowhere in the House.

When we choose not to end this absurd practice, we do so to the detriment of Americans’ health, and it is not just about our health. It is about parental sanity.

I am a mom with a young kid in school, and that is somewhat of a rarity here in the U.S. Senate. Yes, I am a rookie here, and I am also balancing having a kid in school.

And there is nothing more frustrating than changing your clock twice

a year and forcing your family to adjust to a whole new schedule. In my experience as a parent dealing with a kid that wanted to be outside playing sports, who anxiously awaited his law enforcement father to come home and throw the baseball, not having that extra hour of daylight was really difficult, especially when all kids want to do, at the end of their day of school and chores, is to be outside.

Making daylight saving time permanent makes time together as a family outside with activities possible. We can lock the clock, once and for all, by passing the Sunshine Protection Act that I have cosponsored with my fellow Florida Senator RICK SCOTT.

We don't have to continue to fall back. We can spring forward once and for all—no more changes, no more anxiety about waking up at the wrong time or worrying about getting to church on time.

Florida is the Sunshine State. We are proud to lead this mission to give families more sunshine in their day. And as Florida's newest Senator, I am renewing the fight and urging my colleagues to put an end to this archaic practice.

The Sunshine Protection Act has previously passed in the Senate unanimously. I am hopeful we can come together on this bipartisan issue once again, especially now that President Trump has said it is time to lock the clock.

As a Senator but, more importantly, as someone who promotes common sense in Washington, and as a mother of a young child, I am fully supportive of ending this onerous twice yearly time change.

With that said, I hope we can count on the Presiding Officer.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

S.J. RES. 88

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise to promote the passage of S.J. Res. 88, a resolution to repeal Donald Trump's price-hiking global tariffs.

American families are being squeezed by prices going up and up and up. More than three-quarters of families say their monthly expenses have increased by more than \$100 a month.

There is however, colleagues, something the Senate can do today. Today, it is possible for the Senate to focus on bringing families relief to their wallets. Congress can vote to repeal Donald Trump's trade taxes and stop taking money out of Americans' pockets.

Trump imposed these global tariffs by declaring an economic emergency. In my view, Donald Trump's actions clearly go beyond what the law allows, which is why I am urging passage of this bill to finally end the President's unlawful tariffs.

The average family will see about \$2,800 in higher costs because of the Trump tariffs and taxes. The Senate ought to cancel that tax hike.

Let's cancel this tax hike. Let's cancel this tax hike.

Donald Trump won't do it. He is paying for tax cuts for billionaires on the backs of working families.

Fortunately, Congress, not the President, has got the final word on tariffs and taxes and trade. Senators can vote today to end the harmful and dangerous global tariffs.

It has been 6 months since the Senate tied 49-49 on this same proposal. Since then, our Nation's trade policy has looked pretty much like a dog chasing a squirrel: more tariffs threatened, added, taken away.

Thousands of packages are being destroyed because the Customs Service wasn't prepared.

There are secretive deals to lift tariffs for certain companies and products that have influence with the White House.

People across the country are being harmed by tariffs. In my State, tariffs take a chunk out of the bottom line of everybody, from blueberry farmers to brewers, to small manufacturers, to our crucial semiconductor industry. Thousands of good-paying jobs in my State are under pressure because of tariffs.

In many ways, red States and rural areas are being hit the hardest. In Columbus, IN, thousands of jobs depend on manufacturing, mostly diesel engines for export markets. They also use parts from overseas to make the engines. The mayor of Columbus and business leaders warned that tariffs are causing economic damage that will take years—years—to recover from.

Farmers are getting a double whammy from the Trump trade taxes. They have to pay more for fertilizer and tractors and a variety of inputs, while their markets overseas evaporate.

In Kansas, farmers harvested a bumper crop this year, 20 percent more of sorghum than normal. Farmers called it a "blessing," but they are not better off. Trump's trade war drove buyers to Brazil and Australia. Prices for American sorghum are less than half of what they were in 2022.

Let me close by way of saying—and I thank my colleague Senator Kaine. He and I have been on this floor for days talking about the need to get rid of the Trump taxes.

And we are going to wrap up by saying potato farmers in Oregon, Idaho, and across the West say the same thing. Buyers in Canada, Mexico, and China have slashed orders for french fries, hash browns, and a variety of other frozen potatoes.

The Senate is not a spectator to the workings of the Federal Government. When it comes to international trade and tariffs, in particular, the U.S. Congress has clear authority—not authority that is up for grabs, not authority that hasn't been addressed. It is clear authority. This is Congress's job. It is not a partisan issue. It is a jobs issue, a kitchen-table issue.

I urge all Members to support this resolution. Roll back the arbitrary global tariffs.

I thank Senator Kaine. We have been partners in this effort for months now.

This is the big issue. This is going to affect people not just in our country but all over the world, and we will be better positioned to get more jobs in America if we get rid of these global tariffs.

I yield to my friend.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I rise to speak, and I thank my colleague, the lead Democratic Senator from the Finance Committee, Ron Wyden, for his passionate advocacy. And I join him in this effort to get colleagues in the Senate to vote for the resolution that will be pending before us to eliminate Donald Trump's global tariff regime announced in April.

This is a regime that, together with the other tariffs that he has announced, is leading to serious harm in Virginia, as I have laid out the last few days: higher prices, fewer jobs, and slower growth.

The IEEPA statute, as I have laid out, allows a President to declare an emergency when there is an extraordinary and unusual event posing a serious threat to American national security, foreign policy, or the economy.

What was that extraordinary and unusual event that Donald Trump used as the justification for this unilateral tax increase affecting consumers and businesses? The threat that he declared was the existence of trade deficits with many nations around the world.

Let me dig into the nonsensical nature of the President's declaration and the use of trade deficits in the way he has calculated them.

First, the President and his team imposed tariffs based upon trade deficits in goods. We don't live in the 19th century anymore. We have an economy that is not just about goods. It is about goods and services. And if you look at the actual trade figures, including both goods and services, the United States looks better positioned in virtually every country when you add in services.

Why doesn't the President be honest with the American public about the extent of these trade deficits, if they are, in fact, such an emergency?

The President has used these tariffs to impose tariffs on nations where we have trade surpluses, like Brazil. He is imposing tariffs on nations that have no trade barriers to the United States, like Israel and Singapore. And he is measuring trade deficits the wrong way, by only including goods, not services.

Second, the President has calculated these trade deficits on goods without calculating the effect of the population of the countries involved.

So let me give you an example.

The President says: If we have a trade deficit with Vietnam, they are ripping us off because they are not buying as much American stuff as we are buying Vietnamese stuff.

That is what the trade deficit in goods basically is. We are buying more of their stuff than they are buying of our stuff.

But hold on a second. Vietnam is a third the size of the United States. Vietnam is a country with per capita income much lower than American per capita income. They don't have the purchasing power that the United States does. So why is it a problem that they aren't purchasing as much American goods as we are purchasing Vietnamese goods? They are a smaller country.

It is the same with Canada, the same with Japan, the same with so many nations around the world. They are dramatically smaller than us, and so, naturally, they don't have the purchasing power that the American consumer has.

Finally, and I will conclude with a word about the House after this, the way that the President has imposed the tariffs is leading to nothing but chaos: announce tariffs on everyone; then announce that they may be suspended or delayed while I work out one-on-one deals with different nations. And I may give an exception to this country or that industry sector or that company. If you come and plead and make nice with me, I will give you an exception.

This has led to a chaotic circumstance. When the President announced the tariff rate with Korea, Toyota's stock—get this. There is going to be a tariff on Korean imports. Toyota's stock went up. Why did it go up? Because the rate that he announced was less than the tariff that is being applied to automobiles coming in from Mexico and Canada, which has a lot of the content of American automobiles.

It is a strange thing when you are cutting deals with other nations that disadvantage American production. That is what this chaotic tariff regime has done, and that is why my businesses around Virginia are telling me: We want to make investments. We want to grow, but we can't grow until we know what the rules are.

And every new announcement of a tariff or a delay or a suspension or an exception or a new deal for some other country that makes our products competitively disadvantaged slows down investment in Virginia.

The last thing I will say is this. I hope this passes as the two previous resolutions did. And if it does, it will be up to the House to take this up.

The House has done something that should really shock people in the public and in this body. This matter is privileged in the House, as it is in the Senate. If it passes, House statutes and rules suggest that it should be taken up for a vote on the floor of the House. The rule in the House was that it would need to be within the committee for 15 days and then be reported and then pending for 3 days on the floor. Action would be taken on these matters within 18 days in the House.

Guess what. The House is so afraid to vote on tariffs, they are so afraid of the effects these tariffs are having on their constituents, but equally afraid of crossing Donald Trump, that they passed a rule that said: For purposes of this and this only—this and this only—the day to day extends through the remainder of Congress.

So with the 15 days plus 3 days, it ripens in 18 days. Action must be taken in 18 days. They have defined today as a day that lasts until the end of Congress. So the matter will never ripen and be privileged in the House.

If they are that afraid of a vote on tariffs that they would resort to that kind of legislative chicanery, that should tell us something.

They need to do a discharge petition in the House, put this matter on the floor, and put every House member on record, as Senators will go on record, as to whether they are for higher prices or lower prices.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following Senators be permitted to speak prior to the scheduled rollcall votes: myself for 5 minutes and Senator SULLIVAN for 10 minutes.

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

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. CRAPO. And Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call in relation to the Dunlap nomination.

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

S.J. RES. 88

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to S.J. Res. 88, which would terminate the trade deficit national emergency.

I agree with my colleagues that tariffs should be more targeted to avoid harm to Americans. I made precisely that point at a Finance Committee hearing in May.

We should consider more exemptions, whether for unavailable natural resources, capital equipment, or other key inputs.

It is equally important that enforcement guidance provides the clarity that U.S. companies need to comply with the tariffs and make critical business decisions.

Similarly, as the administration continues to negotiate with our trading partners, I appreciate that my colleagues, as well as our constituents, may be nervous about what comes next. However, at this juncture, this resolution is counterproductive to helping American families and businesses of all sizes.

It is no secret that, for decades, countries around the globe have raised tariff and nontariff barriers against Americans and against American businesses and have raised the cost for Americans and American businesses without response by the United States.

President Trump is now responding and saying these countries need to take down their tariff and their nontariff barriers and deal with us in fair and free trade.

The President's negotiations are bearing fruit. President Trump already announced new trade deals. Just today, because of his negotiations, President Trump announced that China has agreed not to implement its rare earth export controls. China also agreed to address the flow of fentanyl and to purchase soybeans.

Other deals are, hopefully, forthcoming.

Consequently, S.J. Res. 88 is counterproductive to the progress already made by the President and the new gains he can still achieve in the ongoing trade negotiations.

On April 30, the Senate rejected this same resolution for these reasons, and I urge my colleagues to reject the resolution for these same reasons again today.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

S.J. RES. 80

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, we are getting ready to vote on my CRA, S.J. Res. 80. And, by the way, I appreciated the strong bipartisan vote yesterday to get on this bill.

This is a really important resolution for our country, for my State, for the Native people, and the workers of America.

So I am asking my Democrat colleagues to really think hard about this. I see the Schumer-Heinrich "Vote no on the Sullivan CRA" down there, but I want to make a plea to my Democrat colleagues. You should vote yes on this S.J. Res—you had one courageous one yesterday, Senator FETTERMAN—and here is why: A vote yes on this resolution is a vote to unleash American energy.

As I talked about yesterday, the best way to undermine Vladimir Putin and his corrupt regime in Russia is to produce more American energy in the place with the highest standards in the world. That happens to be my State. That happens to be the National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska, which is all about what this CRA is about.

Second, this is really important. My colleagues over there love to say: Hey, we are the party of the working families, of working Americans. No, you are not. A vote yes on this resolution is a pro-union, pro-worker vote. The laborers, operating engineers—they all want a yes on this. They all produce oil up here.

This is a chance. My colleagues, for too long on the other side of the aisle, kowtow to the far-left environmental groups at the expense of working Americans. That is why you are no longer the party of working Americans. This is a chance. Maybe you won't kowtow to the far left.

A "yes" vote on this S. Res. will also vindicate the rule of law.

What am I talking about? This is the National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska. The Congress of the United States—us—in a law said that we are going to develop this part of my State for oil and gas production. And Joe Biden came in with a regulation saying: Nope, we are going to shut that down, violating the rule of law.

If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle really want to promote the rule of law, they should vote yes.

And, finally, as I mentioned yesterday, this is a vote for the interests of the Native people of my State. As I said yesterday—here is a letter I submitted for the RECORD. The Tribe in this area, the borough, which is all run by Alaska Natives, elected officials; the Alaska Native Corporation, all the leaders in this part of my State—which is what this resolution is all about—all of them, all the indigenous people, the leaders of this part of my State want this resolution.

They didn't want the Biden lockup. They came down to Washington, DC, eight different times to just request a meeting with the Secretary of the Interior, saying: Don't lock up our lands. This will hurt our future. This will hurt our life expectancy. This will hurt our jobs.

And the Secretary of the Interior never even met with them, neither did the President—eight times.

So this is a strong vote for the interests of the indigenous people of my State.

I will conclude with this: My Democratic friends often bristle when accused of selling out the interest of working Americans—the men and women who build stuff, the unions that build stuff, the building trades, the men and women who drill for oil and gas and mines and rare earths and critical minerals. Well, here is an opportunity for them to say: No, we are going to stand with the people who build this great Nation.

My friends on the other side of the aisle often talk about: Hey, we are going to support indigenous people, people of color. Well, here is an opportunity to do it.

But what I fear, what has happened way too much in this body, these interests—working Americans, building trades, the unions, the Native people of my State—they always get sold out to what? The far left, coastal elites, the radical neocolonialists. That is why HEINRICH and SCHUMER are down there saying: Vote no on the SULLIVAN resolution.

But I know some of my colleagues know that a “yes” vote is the right thing to do. It is the right thing to do for our energy dominance. It is the right thing to do for our foreign policy. It is the right thing to do for working Americans who have fled the Democratic Party over issues like this. And it is the right thing to do for the indigenous people of my State.

I hope I get a couple more Democrat Senators who cross the aisle. Don't lis-

ten to your leader. Don't listen to Senator HEINRICH, for God's sake, on this issue. Vote yes on this important resolution for America and for working families and the Native people of Alaska.

I yield the floor.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO “NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN RECORD OF DECISION”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 80, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 80) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all time is expired.

The clerk will read the title of the joint resolution for the third time.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read a third time.

VOTE ON S.J. RES. 80

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the joint resolution pass?

Mrs. MURRAY. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) is necessarily absent:

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 599 Leg.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—45

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

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Schmitt	Wicker
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The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 80) was passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 80

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision” (issued April 25, 2022, as a record of decision, and a letter of opinion from the Government Accountability Office dated July 24, 2025, printed in the Congressional Record on July 28, 2025, on pages S4768–S4770, concluding that such record of decision is a rule under the Congressional Review Act), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

TERMINATING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED TO IMPOSE GLOBAL TARIFFS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). Under the previous order, the Committee on Finance is discharged from and the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 88, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 88) terminating the national emergency declared to impose global tariffs.

Thereupon, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all time has expired.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

VOTE ON S.J. RES. 88

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the joint resolution pass?

Mr. DURBIN. 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 600 Leg.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—47

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

NOT VOTING—2

Schmitt Wicker

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 88) was passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 88

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, pursuant to section 202 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622), the national emergency declared on April 2, 2025, by the President in Executive Order 14257 (90 Fed. Reg. 15041) is terminated effective on the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 3079

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I have a brief question for this body before I proceed to my motion: What is it that keeps our Nation secure? It is millions of Armed Forces, Active-Duty Reserves, National Guard, civilians supporting them, the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard, the intelligence Agencies; they are keeping us safe now, like all Federal employees, not knowing when they will get another paycheck.

Our military is less than 1 percent of our Nation. That is how many people sign on the dotted line up to and including their lives to keep us safe. They put their lives on the line to secure liberty and security, and I am grateful to the thousands serving today at Dover Air Force Base, the Delaware National Guard, and throughout our Armed Forces.

They and their families deserve the same devotion to them that they are providing to us.

I come from a military family. My father, brother, sister-in-law, uncles all served in the Army, and my father long said he first really understood what it means to be an American when he was responsible for others and others' lives when deployed.

Taking care of them is our sacred obligation. So while we keep fighting for better healthcare, more affordable healthcare for all Americans, my bill will pay our Armed Forces now.

It will pay Active-Duty, Reserves, National Guard, Coast Guard, civilians at the Pentagon, and intelligence Agencies, and give those who keep us safe, often at great sacrifice, a small piece of security in return.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3079 introduced earlier today; that the bill be considered read three times and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, government shutdowns have real consequences. I have said that countless times during my time here. Incredibly, it seems to have taken Democrats a month to remember that the proverbial stove is, in fact, already hot. And yet, they aren't ready to turn it off, just turn it down a notch; just low enough that they can take the political heat.

My friend from Delaware is right: Our military deserves a lot better than a government shutdown that jeopardizes their paychecks and the services military families count on. During Democrats' shutdown, the President has had to scrape together unobligated balances within the Defense budget in order to uphold the Nation's promise to servicemembers through another pay period.

I certainly hope he won't have to divert resources from urgent modernization again to make payroll in another 2 weeks, but that ball, of course, is in the Democrats' court. I hope they realize the surest way—the surest way—to help servicemembers and civilian DOD employees is to simply turn government funding back on and pass full-year appropriations.

I know my counterpart on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, of all people, understands this. He knows what would really help our Armed Forces because he and I worked closely together on a full-year bill for Defense that would pay servicemembers and invest more in the capabilities they need to keep America safe.

I am grateful for Senator COONS' collaboration on the bipartisan bill that earned overwhelming support in committee and would add \$22 billion above the President's defense request. This, by the way, is the bill that almost every Democrat voted against considering 2 weeks ago.

I know the ranking member cares about the promises we made to the all-volunteer force and the challenges we expect them to make. I know he is concerned about the erosion of Congress's authority to set and fund national security priorities. So am I. And if we cannot appropriate, we will render ourselves completely irrelevant.

The way to provide real certainty and to deliver serious full-year appropriations is to just open the government back up and pass our bill. It is really that simple.

Therefore, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I want to convey my thanks, my gratitude to the chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, my colleague and friend from Kentucky. We and our staffs have had a genuinely constructive and positive process in appropriations this year.

Frankly, overall, the Senate Appropriations Committee has worked well. We have passed out of committee a significant number of major bills by big bipartisan margins—26 to 3 in the case of our bill and the Labor, Health and Human Services bill. But there is a stark contrast between the real progress we are making on appropriations and the lack of progress on addressing the core issue of can Americans afford their healthcare.

Of course, I want to move ahead and appropriate, as my colleague from Kentucky has indicated. Of course, we need to do our job and appropriate, for this body to carry out and to continue its core article I responsibility. But part of what has got us to this moment is a vote earlier this year on the Big Beautiful Bill in July to destroy healthcare for millions of Americans.

We need to find a path forward toward ensuring that millions of Americans do not lose insurance through the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, something that will raise insurance costs for everyone and that will increase ER wait times in my State and in every other.

This Saturday, 20 million Americans will see how much their premiums go up. And if the calls that come into my colleagues are anything like the calls I am getting, there will be then an accelerated motion toward resolving this issue and moving forward with appropriations.

I will close by just citing one conversation I had yesterday.

I spoke with a small business owner from Delaware. Her name is Jan. She is a stage IV cancer survivor. She is a small business owner.

She told me yesterday that, without the Affordable Care Act, she would have died 10 years ago because insurance would have dropped her. And if her rates double, she will need to close her business of 30 years.

This is one of many stories of entrepreneurs and families, of veterans, of servicemembers, of constituents that have reached out to me.

There is an urgency about reopening the government—yes, I agree—and an urgency about finding a path forward on healthcare. We should be negotiating both now.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

TARIFFS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, this week, the U.S. Senate voted to terminate national emergency declarations that enabled President Trump's tariffs on Brazil and Canada.

Next week, November 5, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a majority of trade cases challenging President Trump's authority to impose global tariffs under the Emergency Powers Act.

The law is clear that the President does not have authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to impose sweeping tariffs on imports on more than 80 countries around the world. I am pleased that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorsed the Trade Review Act, legislation proposed by myself and Senator GRASSLEY. The Cantwell-Grassley legislation focuses on the fact that it is this body's job and responsibility to do trade acts.

The Chamber of Commerce clearly states in their letter that they are representing millions of businesses around the United States of all sizes to try to press upon us the importance of why Congress needs to reinstate its role.

The U.S. Chamber writes to the Members of the U.S. Senate:

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce urges Congress to pass legislation to reclaim its constitutional role in setting tariffs, including the Trade Review Act. Doing so would restore appropriate procedural deliberation in the enactment of taxes on trade, benefitting the millions of Americans whose livelihoods depend on international commerce and the certainty that supports investment in our economy.

Members of Congress continue to hear from farmers, workers, and business owners about the harm inflicted by broad-based tariffs and the associated economic uncertainty. American families are facing thousands of dollars in higher prices as a result of these increased taxes. Small businesses, manufacturers, and ranchers are struggling with higher costs, with additional economic pain likely coming in months.

The Chamber—

Meaning the U.S. Chamber.

has long supported legislative proposals to reassert congressional prerogatives on trade as a means to secure durable outcomes. The Constitution grants exclusive authority to Congress "to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises . . . [and] to regulate commerce with foreign nations," and exercising leadership on this front should be a priority in the context of today's challenging economic outlook.

By establishing a more deliberate process for enacting tariffs, Congress can ensure that [the] appropriate stakeholder consultation and a methodical assessment of costs precede any decision to raise [costs] on traded goods. To date, several proposals have been introduced that address these concerns, including but not limited to the bipartisan . . . Trade Review Act as well as resolutions terminating the national emergency [declaration on] tariffs (S.J. Res. 88 [and] S.J. Res. 77). The Chamber urges members of Congress to work across the aisle to enact [this] legislation requiring an up-or-down vote for any new tariffs and those imposed in the year to date.

This is signed by Neil Bradley, Executive Vice President, Chief of Policy,

Head of Strategic Advocacy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have this letter printed in the RECORD.

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

OCTOBER 27, 2025.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce ("the Chamber") urges Congress to pass legislation to reclaim its constitutional role setting tariffs, including the Trade Review Act. Doing so would restore appropriate procedural deliberation in the enactment of taxes on trade, benefitting the millions of Americans whose livelihoods depend on international commerce and the certainty that supports investments in our economy.

Members of Congress continue to hear from American farmers, workers, and business owners about the harm inflicted by broad-based tariffs and the associated economic uncertainty. American families are facing thousands of dollars in higher prices as a result of these increased taxes. Small businesses, manufacturers, and ranchers are struggling with higher costs, with additional economic pain likely in the coming months.

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By establishing a more deliberative process for enacting tariffs, Congress can ensure that appropriate stakeholder consultation and a methodical assessment of costs precede any decision to raise taxes on traded goods. To date, several proposals have been introduced that address these concerns, including but not limited to the bipartisan and bicameral Trade Review Act as well as resolutions terminating the national emergency declared to impose broad-based tariffs (S.J. Res. 88, S.J. Res. 77). The Chamber urges members of Congress to work across the aisle to enact legislation requiring an up-or-down vote for any new tariffs and for those imposed in the year to date.

Sincerely,

NEIL L. BRADLEY,

*Executive Vice President, Chief Policy Officer,
and Head of Strategic Advocacy, U.S.
Chamber of Commerce.*

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I hope that as we continue to talk about trade, that Congress will take the steps necessary to end tariffs on U.S. small businesses and American families.

HEALTHCARE

Now, Mr. President, I also want to rise to talk about the serious healthcare crisis and the affordability crisis that is affecting our Nation. In just 2 days, on Saturday, November 1, millions of Americans are going to go online to sign up for their 2026 Affordable Care Act health insurance plan.

As we know, keeping healthcare affordable is a key priority, and I see that the premiums that are being talked about are going to increase by hundreds or thousands of dollars every month for the same coverage they just had this year. That is, next year is going to go up thousands of dollars.

Some people are going to say, "I can't go without health insurance. I have to find a way to cover this extra cost by cutting back on food and prescription drugs or working longer shifts." But for about 5 million Americans, including 80,000 in my State, they will probably be forced to say, "I just can't afford health insurance anymore." They are going to hope they don't get sick. They are going to hope that they don't have an emergency, but we know that that is uncomfortable.

Last week, my office released a case study detailing what this decision would look like for a married couple in Washington State making \$120,000 a year. Across all 39 counties in my State, couples in this situation would have to decide what to do in the face of an average premium increase of a whopping \$1,049 per month. That is, their costs will go up \$12,000 per year.

Here is just one example in King County, my State's largest county. This couple would go from paying \$425 a month to \$1,386 a month. This problem isn't unique to Washington. There are other parts of the United States that are seeing the same thing.

Hopefully, all of this data is being released to individuals, and hopefully, our colleagues are paying attention to this because it is showing what premium increases look like, but a couple in the State of Alabama—I am sorry, a single woman in Alabama making \$65,000 a year could see her premium increase 43 percent from the 2025 levels. It would mean she would pay an additional increase from going from \$314 a month to \$452 a month.

Another example, for a family of four in Texas, for parents making \$70,000 a year but don't just get insurance through their jobs, their insurance would cost \$505 in 2025, but without the extended premium tax credit, likely to face \$1,551 cost per month in 2026.

So these costs are adding up on American families. Together, these costs continue to hold individual households and their budgets in an undesirable position. We are already hearing stories about people squeezing in medical procedures before the end of 2025.

To make matters worse, for families with massive increases in premiums and with the rise in inflation we have seen since January of this year, households are trying to decide whether they take care of healthcare or groceries or electricity.

And the sad truth is that we could have worked this out. We could have done this in the bill passed earlier this year. Congress could be working right now, even, on working down the cost of insurance premiums for 24 million Americans. But instead, people are refusing to come to the table to discuss this issue.

The Senate needs to be the place we used to be: that is, getting legislation done. We need to work together collectively to have votes and to discuss how to solve these problems in good faith

across the aisle. We should be extending the ACA premiums now and making sure these prices don't rise and continue to work on long-term solutions to make health insurance more affordable for Americans.

So I urge my colleagues to continue to work with us. The ACA tax credits expiring at the end of this year and this enrollment that we are going to see on November 1, that everybody is going to see how much these costs are going up—I am asking my colleagues, let's roll up our sleeves. Let's work to lower these costs.

I know that in the Affordable Care Act, there are States like New York, Oregon, and Minnesota who have the basic health plan. The basic health plan provision, modeled on something our State had first done, lowered the costs for a lot of working families across the United States. Programs like this should be considered, as well as solutions that would help us lower costs for the future.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

NOMINATION OF JOSHUA D. DUNLAP

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today in strong support of Joshua Dunlap to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Josh is an attorney of extraordinary intelligence, extensive experience, and demonstrated integrity. He is highly respected in the legal community throughout the State of Maine, and I urge my colleagues to support his nomination to the First Circuit.

Josh grew up in Vassalboro, ME, and now lives in Scarborough with his wife Sydney and their three children.

He graduated first in his class from Notre Dame Law School, where he received the law school's highest honor, awarded to the student with the most distinguished academic record.

He then clerked for Judge Paul Kelly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

In 2009, Josh joined the very well respected law firm Pierce Atwood in Portland, ME. During his 16 years at the firm, he has specialized in complex civil litigation matters and currently serves as cochair of the firm's appellate team.

Josh is admitted to practice in multiple U.S. courts of appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has also assisted special masters in three original jurisdiction proceedings before the Supreme Court.

Finally, Josh also chairs the Maine Appellate Rules Committee, to which he was appointed by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

This impressive experience, coupled with his intelligence and integrity, makes Josh exceptionally well qualified to serve on the First Circuit. His substantial appellate litigation experience will also bring a practitioner's perspective to the court.

The nonpartisan American Bar Association unanimously rated Josh as

"well qualified" to serve on the First Circuit. I would note that that is the highest possible rating for a judicial nominee. It reflects the ABA's assessment of his integrity, experience, and temperament.

There were several compelling letters of support submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee in favor of Josh's nomination, and I would like to highlight a couple of them.

A diverse group of faculty and alumni from his law school who taught Josh or studied alongside him praised him for his "respect for differing views" and "deep appreciation for the rule of law."

A letter signed by a group of leading Maine attorneys who describe themselves as representing a broad spectrum of political views and legal philosophies wrote that Josh has all the qualities the very finest judges exhibit: He is hard-working, courteous, and judicial in temperament, very smart, and of sterling character, with a commitment to fairness and the rule of law.

At his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Josh testified that Mainers are famously independent and that he suspects that characterizes him as well. That is exactly what we want in a judge.

Maine is proud of our history of supplying superb, well-qualified, independent-minded jurists to the Federal bench. I know that Josh will continue in that fine tradition. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of his nomination, for he truly deserves bipartisan support.

Mr. President, seeing that there are no other speakers, I would ask unanimous consent that the already scheduled vote begin immediately.

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

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 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. 370, Joshua D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

John Thune, Bernie Moreno, Katie Boyd Britt, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, Pete Ricketts, Markwayne Mullin, Tim Sheehy, Jon Husted, Eric Schmitt, Jim Justice, James E. Risch, Tom Cotton, Steve Daines, Ted Budd, John R. Curtis, John Boozman.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Joshua D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 601 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moody
Barrasso	Graham	Moran
Blackburn	Grassley	Moreno
Boozman	Hagerty	Mullin
Britt	Hawley	Murkowski
Budd	Hoeven	Paul
Capito	Husted	Ricketts
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
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Ernst	McCormick	Young

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
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Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallago	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—2

Schmitt
Wicker

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 47.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Joshua D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, today marks nearly a full month since the Schumer shutdown started. That was really the time when the Democrats decided to just go on strike and filibuster a clean CR.

What has happened is our Federal law enforcement is being forced to work without pay; air traffic control towers are understaffed; flights are delayed; and it has jeopardized nutritional programs for millions of low-income families. This crisis is something that was entirely, completely, unavoidable. Yet the Democrats have voted over and over to keep the government closed.

The reason they are doing this is Democrat leader CHUCK SCHUMER is holding the government hostage to ram through hundreds of billions of dollars in inflationary spending. In other words, we are not spending enough—\$38 trillion in debt is not enough. They want to run it up some more. He claims that this reckless action is needed to stop Republicans, in his words, “from taking healthcare away” from Americans by allowing healthcare subsidies to expire under the Affordable Care Act, or ObamaCare, as it is known—and more appropriately known—because there is nothing affordable about this thing.

The problem is that is a falsehood, and it shows you how our friends across the aisle are willing to put the American people and their lives and SNAP benefits and paychecks in jeopardy in order to achieve a goal.

One thing that needs to be understood is that the subsidies that are there for ObamaCare—they are permanent. They are permanent. They are not going anywhere. And households that have incomes that fall between 100 and 400 percent of the Federal poverty level are going to continue to get a credit without any interruption. That is in law. That subsidy is there.

This year, the upper limit for these ObamaCare subsidies was an income limit of \$128,600 for a family of four. For the lowest income individuals, insurance premiums can never exceed 2 percent of the total household income. That is something that is Federal law.

Here is what is set to expire at the end of the year: It is President Biden's COVID-era bonus credits that were put in place. This is something that the Democrats did in 2021.

The Biden COVID credits eliminated the 400-percent income cap, allowing households that are making over—get this—a half million dollars a year, \$500,000 a year—they could benefit from this subsidy program. So let's say you were buying health insurance on the ObamaCare exchange and you were making over a half million dollars a year. You too—you too—could get a taxpayer-funded insurance subsidy for ObamaCare. Bear in mind, the subsidy does not go to the individual. The subsidy goes directly to the insurance company.

My friends across the aisle choose to rant and rail against insurance companies. But do you know what? They are enriching them every day, and they want to enrich them even more because now that these emergency subsidies are set to expire more than 5 years after the start of the pandemic, the Democrats are fighting to make these enhanced Biden COVID credit bonuses—they want to make them permanent. This would cost U.S. taxpayers 450 billion hard-earned dollars every single year.

Now, the reason behind this madness is really quite simple. Our friends across the aisle want to bring America one step closer to government-run

healthcare. You know, when we were having all the debates about ObamaCare, they kept saying: All right, we will settle for ObamaCare because that is a step toward government-run healthcare. That is one step toward a single-payer system. That is one step toward socialized medicine.

That is what they want. It would be like Medicaid for all or the VA for all. They want control of your doctor, your health insurance, the kind of care you could get, where you are going to get it, when you are going to get it. Think the VA. Think Medicaid—because that is what they want.

Our debt, as I said, is at \$38 trillion. So what they are trying to do to fund this program that is rife with waste and fraud is unbelievable. Now, the reality is, the lowest cost plan in 2026, the average marketplace premium after tax credits, is projected to be \$50 a month—\$20 less than the average monthly premium in 2020. But we can't ignore the wasteful spending that exists within ObamaCare.

According to one estimate, there are 6.4 million people improperly reporting their income to benefit from fully funded plans under ObamaCare, thanks to the Biden COVID credits. Remember, I said, there are some people, because of the Biden COVID credits, who have zero-dollar premiums. So the estimate is 6.4 million people improperly report their income in order to get that zero premium.

This abuse is costing the taxpayers \$27 billion in 2025 alone. That is the cost of this. This is the cost of not verifying. This is the cost of a program that has run amok with waste and abuse.

Another peculiar example of wasteful enrollment, close to 12 million enrollees in the program filed no claims last year. In other words, they didn't use the insurance. That number is triple what the number was from 2021 because the Democrats expanded the option of zero-premium plans.

Among those 12 million, many people don't even know that they have been enrolled in a taxpayer-funded program. Others may have separate health insurance coverage that they have chosen to use. And taxpayers sent money directly to the insurers on their behalf. This is because an insurance agent, as long as he has name, address, and contact info, can enroll you in this and get that commission.

Think about that. You don't even know you are in the program. You have got an insurance agent who has name, address, phone number, and contact information; and, all of a sudden, they have enrolled you.

Extending these Biden-era enhanced credits, as the Democrats are demanding, would be doing nothing to address the waste, the fraud, and the abuse that is running rampant in this program. And it wouldn't do anything to address the structural flaws that are there in ObamaCare that have really sent premiums soaring over the last several years.

You know, it is so interesting to me that ObamaCare promised that it was going to lower the cost of premiums; it was going to make healthcare affordable and in reach of everybody in the country. But it turns out it is too expensive. You can't afford it unless you get a subsidy. You can't afford it unless you are getting a zero-dollar premium. That is because the insurance tries to be “one size fits all” and requires people to pay for things they are never going to use.

So what we have seen is the price of the insurance and the utilization—the price has gone up, and the utilization has gone down because you have got an insurance card and you have got access to the queue, but you can't get a doctor and you don't get in to see the doctor.

We know that the costs on these premiums really shot up after the Biden COVID credits went into law. And as the premiums go up, taxpayers are on the hook to subsidize the insurance companies.

Remember, the payment goes to them, not to the individual. It goes directly to the insurance company. The agent can enroll you, even if you don't know you are enrolled, because they have got your name, address, phone number, and contact information.

Republicans have already started to address the root causes of this escalation. We have secured measures in the Big Beautiful Bill that prevent illegal aliens from receiving subsidies under ObamaCare. We prevent them from getting Medicaid services also.

It also requires individuals who misstate their income to repay the excess subsidy that they got. That seems fair. If you lied about it on your form and it shows up when it is verified, you are not going to get off with a slap on the hand. You have got to repay. You have got to pay because if you are cheating, it means somebody else is going to be paying that difference.

So requiring applicants to verify their income, their family size, their immigration status, and their residence before enrolling ensures that you are not going to have people abusing the system and ripping off hard-working taxpayers. That is common sense.

Our Democratic colleagues should be working with us to implement more integrity measures to ensure that these taxpayer-funded benefits only go to the people who deserve them.

Republicans want to tackle the rising premium costs because this is too expensive to afford. They want to drive down the cost of prescription drugs by holding pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs, accountable. We want to streamline the process for prompt payment of claims, put a shot clock on these insurance companies, make certain they are paying your local doctor, and maintain the fiscal solvency of the Medicare Program.

We want to see healthcare freedom. People want to make certain that we have got choice and options; that you are not mandated into a program you

don't want, that covers things you don't need.

How about health savings accounts? How about association health plans? How about across-State-line purchase of health insurance? So when you get a health insurance product you like, you can keep it. When you get a doctor you like, you can keep him. When you get a payment price you like, you can keep that and make it.

We would love to be addressing these issues, but our Democratic colleagues have decided they want to keep going with a government shutdown and hold the government hostage so they can appease their leftwing base.

It is time for them to end the theatrics and come to the table and get back to work.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

(The remarks of Ms. ERNST pertaining to the introduction of S. 3091 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Ms. ERNST. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the postcloture time with respect to the Dunlap nomination be expired and the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, notwithstanding rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, no earlier than Tuesday, November 4; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Tung nomination, that all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, notwithstanding rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, no earlier than Wednesday, November 5; finally, that if confirmed, 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

Mr. THUNE. 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. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 371.

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 Eric Chunyee Tung, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. 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 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. 371, Eric Chunyee Tung, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Ted Budd, Bill Hagerty, Bernie Moreno, John R. Curtis, Jon A. Husted, Jim Justice, Ashley B. Moody, Roger Marshall, Joni Ernst, Ron Johnson, John Boozman, John Kennedy.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. 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.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. 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 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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371, a bill making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

John Thune, James E. Risch, Tim Sheehy, John Cornyn, Mike Rounds, John R. Curtis, Jim Justice, Katie Boyd Britt, David McCormick, Todd Young, Bill Hagerty, Dan Sullivan, Marsha Blackburn, Rick Scott of Florida, John Barrasso, Kevin Cramer, Cindy Hyde-Smith.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate 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.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the Federal Government has a full lapse in funding and has for 30 days. This is not a new revelation.

I want to alert Senator SCHUMER to a grave concern I have. On November 1, 42 million Americans including 131,000 Iowa families will lose their food stamps. Food stamps cost 9 billion a month to administer.

I am calling on Senator SCHUMER to notify 42 million Americans that due to the Schumer Shutdown, their families won't be able to buy groceries with food stamps.

Let's wake up to the fact that Washington is an island surrounded by reality. Iowans in the Real America aren't glued to the TV. Iowans are living their lives, working hard, raising their families. Their world doesn't revolve around Congress. But guess what? Senate Democrats are taking away their food stamps as leverage for unrelated political demands.

Get the word out, Leader SCHUMER. Don't let Americans figure this out at the grocery store this weekend. That is unfair to the American people. Senate Republicans have voted 13 times to fulling fund government including food assistance. Forty-four Senate Democrats have opposed fully funding government 13 times. Americans are suffering because Democrats are holding government hostage.

I can't understand why Senate Democrats want Americans to lose access to their food assistance, law enforcement to go unpaid, and air traffic controllers to call in sick for work.

I am begging Senator SCHUMER to return the government to the American people, as it is their government.

HONDURAS

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, on September 3, 2025, I spoke about the upcoming November 30 general elections in Honduras for President, Members of Congress, and Members of the Central American Parliament. Significant fraud has been a problem in many of Honduras' past elections, most notably prior to, and during, the 2013 and 2017 elections of former President Juan Orlando Hernandez who today sits in a U.S. prison. So it is important that this election, like the election of Hernandez' successor in 2021, is widely accepted as free, fair, and transparent and that the results are honored in and outside of Honduras.

At that time, I expressed concern about a report that on July 16, Counselor Ana Paola Hall had resigned from the National Electoral Council due to political pressure and threats against her and her family. I also expressed concern that the government of President Castro had reportedly failed to

implement the system for transmitting election results, which is designed to ensure transparent and timely reporting.

Since then, I have been informed that Ms. Paola did not resign and that Honduras's electoral authority—the National Electoral Council or CNE—is now implementing an updated system for transmitting election results. This is positive news, and it should reinforce public confidence in the CNE's commitment to the integrity of the elections. It is my understanding that this new electoral transmission system is considered to be more effective and secure than the systems in place during previous elections, and it should help counter efforts—already reportedly underway—to undermine the fairness of the electoral process through legal and judicial maneuvers or to manufacture an excuse by some to challenge the results of the election if their candidate loses.

On September 3, I also spoke about President Castro's failure to achieve her pledge to establish an international commission to combat corruption and impunity, and the lack of progress in bringing to justice those responsible for the murder of environmentalist Juan Lopez and others who have lost their lives defending the land and water that indigenous communities depend on. There is no doubt that part of the responsibility for the failure to establish the commission falls on the Honduran Congress, which is dominated by the National Party of former President Hernandez, whose government functioned as a criminal enterprise. But President Castro insisted this was a priority, including during her campaign, and it is disappointing that she and her government did not do more to build public support to overcome opposition in the Congress. Honduras' justice system has so far been largely incapable of bringing to justice those responsible for significant crimes of corruption and for ordering the killings of environmental defenders, other social activists, and journalists—including indigenous environmental leader Berta Caceres and members of cooperatives in the Aguan Valley, where land rights defenders continue to be targeted with violence. It is critically important that Honduras' next President reaffirms the government's commitment to such a commission and strives to make it a reality.

It is in the interest of the United States that on November 30th the people of Honduras can freely cast their votes in a fair election for the candidates of their choice. It is not the role of the United States to pick winners and losers. I hope the elections usher in a new government of leaders who are committed to strengthening the institutions of democracy, upholding the rule of law, and improving the lives and protecting the rights of the Honduran people.

TRIBUTE TO BERL PERDUE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Sheriff Berl Perdue, the president of the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police—FOP—who will be stepping down from leading this incredible organization after more than 13 years. Sheriff Perdue is a brave public servant who has devoted his whole career to serving and protecting Kentuckians through his roles as a police officer and sheriff of Clark County. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating my friend Berl on a job well done.

After graduating from Eastern Kentucky University in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in police administration, Berl went on to attend the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council—KLEC—Basic Police Academy. His determination to lead and make a difference in the community was evident early on. Berl graduated as president of Class No. 141 and started his career with the Winchester Police Department in May of 1982. He joined the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police that very same month, demonstrating his high regard for the organization from the very beginning.

Not only has Berl served his fellow Kentuckians, but he has also served his fellow officers. Starting in 1991 and continuing for the next two decades, Berl served as president of the Winchester/Clark County FOP Lodge No. 34, making a name for himself by strengthening his relationships in the law enforcement community. During this time, he was also elected to serve as vice president of the Kentucky FOP, an office he faithfully carried out for 13 years. Berl retired from the Winchester Police Department in 2006 after 24 years on the force, and rising to the rank of detective sergeant.

Berl continued his service to our great Commonwealth after being elected to the office of Clark County Sheriff, taking office in January of 2007. After only 1 year in office, the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association named him 2008 Sheriff of the Year. In June of 2012, Berl's peers elevated him to the role of State president of Kentucky FOP. I have had the pleasure of becoming friends with Berl over the years, relying on him for wise counsel and frank advice for anything related to law enforcement.

In addition to leading Kentucky FOP, he also served as the 2021–2022 president of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association, becoming the first person to simultaneously hold both positions. Berl's work ethic and commitment to getting things done allowed him to excel in both roles. His selfless spirit can also be seen in his service on the KLEC and his appointment to serve on the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board.

As Sheriff Perdue's time in this role comes to an end, I want to acknowledge and honor his work representing over 9,800 sworn law enforcement professionals across Kentucky. Berl has

shown immense dedication to others, always putting the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police first. His commitment to our great State and Nation is unwavering, and I wish him the best in this next chapter of his life. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him once more and in celebrating Sheriff Berl Perdue's career of public service.

TRIBUTE TO RON DERMER

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Minister Ron Dermer for his exceptional service and dedication to duty as the Minister of Strategic Affairs for the State of Israel.

Minister Dermer was born and raised in Miami Beach, FL. He earned a degree in finance and management from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a degree in philosophy, politics and economics—PPE—from Oxford University.

From 2005 to 2008, Minister Dermer served as Israel's Economic Attache in the United States. Beginning in 2009, he then spent 4 years as a senior advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. From 2013 to 2021, Minister Dermer served as Israel's 18th Ambassador to the United States. Following his ambassadorship, he briefly left public service and served as a nonresident fellow at the Jewish Institute for National Security of America and later as a partner at Exigent Capital Group. In 2022, Minister Dermer returned to the Israeli Government as Israel's Minister of Strategic Affairs and a member of Israel's Security Cabinet.

Working with Minister Dermer during my time in Congress has been a great honor. He has been one of the most effective voices for the State of Israel and his extraordinary career has been defined by his commitment to fostering peace and stability within the region. I consider Ron Dermer's contributions to the U.S.-Israel relationship and security of the Jewish state to be on par with any military or political leader that has ever served the State of Israel. Furthermore, Minister Dermer has played a critical role in strengthening the relationship between the State of Israel and the United States, and I know the State of Israel has benefited from his extraordinary leadership and judgment. It is my honor to join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Minister Ron Dermer on his service to the State of Israel. We wish Ron all the best as he continues on to his next chapter.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, we will soon have a voice vote on a motion to adjourn the Senate until next week. Had there been a recorded rollcall vote on that motion, I would have been a resounding “no,” and I ask to be recorded as a “no” based on my strongest opposition to Members leaving town.

This is day 30 of the Federal Government shutdown. Agencies are shuttered. Important services are paused and unavailable. Countless Americans have missed paychecks because of our failure to do our job to keep the government open.

It only gets worse as this drags on.

On November 1, an estimated 42 million Americans will miss out on their monthly benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, which are essential for individuals and families across the country, including countless military families in Alaska.

We have seen delays at major airports. People are canceling appointments as they cut back on expenses. Businesses are losing business they count on to keep their doors open.

None of this should be acceptable to us.

At the start of this week, I came to the Floor and asserted that we need to stay here and stay in session until we have reached agreement to re-open the government. I remain convinced of that. Instead of adjourning, we need to lock ourselves in a room and figure this out—because real people are being needlessly hurt as Members fly out for another long weekend.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Armed Services and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

S. 3002. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 226. A resolution condemning the Government of the People's Republic of China for engaging in transnational repression.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 409. A resolution recognizing the 74th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Philippines and the strong bilateral security alliance between our two nations in the wake of escalating aggression and political lawfare by the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1000. A bill to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs.

S. 1744. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 1854. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to political and economic elites in Haiti, and for other purposes.

S. 2018. A bill to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus.

S. 2130. A bill to make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, and for other purposes.

S. 2146. A bill to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2224. A bill to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2424. A bill to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 2550. A bill to provide for international cooperation to secure critical mineral supply chains, and for other purposes.

S. 2626. A bill to strengthen the leadership role of the United States at the Inter-American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

S. 2657. A bill to impose sanctions relating to the support of the People's Republic of China for the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 2684. A bill to support countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to coerce or pressure governments into breaking such ties, to deepen coordination with Taiwan on diplomatic, development, and economic engagement in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2918. A bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2950. A bill to require the Secretary of State and relevant executive branch agen-

cies to address international scam compounds defrauding people in the United States, to hold significant transnational criminal organizations accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 2960. A bill to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

S. 2978. A bill to provide for the designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 3075. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize rural cooperative development grants; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mrs. MOODY):

S. 3076. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to permanently schedule the class of 2-benzylbenzimidazole-opioids known as nitazenes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 3077. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide appropriate standards for the inclusion of a term of supervised release after imprisonment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KELLY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3078. A bill to provide economic recovery payments to recipients of social security, supplemental security income, railroad retirement benefits, and veterans disability compensation or pension benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KELLY, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3079. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay and pay for civilian employees of certain elements of the intelligence community in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. 3080. A bill to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act to address nitazene trafficking and to impose sanctions with respect to entities of the People's Republic of China and foreign governments engaged in or contributing to opioid trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3081. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MOODY (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 3082. A bill to prohibit oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production in certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure that pension plans provide notice to participants and beneficiaries on risks associated with certain investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3084. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish the Reconnection program under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3085. A bill to ensure that certain operations, functions, and services of the Federal Government relating to enforcement of firearms laws and firearm export licensing continue during a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3086. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the criteria by which a fiduciary may evaluate and select investments based on nonpecuniary factors, and to clarify the application of prudence and exclusive purpose duties to the exercise of shareholder rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3087. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit certain acts related to fentanyl, analogues of fentanyl, and counterfeit substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3088. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the advanced manufacturing production credit to include fusion energy components; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 3089. A bill to amend section 111 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit barricading while evading arrest; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 3090. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for an explosive nuclear weapons test; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 3091. A bill to require the Administrator of General Services to dispose of certain Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. Res. 476. A resolution supporting the designation of October 2025 as "Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month" to raise awareness of substance use and misuse in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 477. A resolution designating the first full week in May as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 478. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *United States v. Kaminski*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORENO, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 479. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2025; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. Res. 480. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of October 2025 as "World Menopause Awareness Month," and expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global awareness and access to care during the menopausal transition and post-menopause; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to accelerate workplace time-to-contract under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to protect civil rights and otherwise prevent meaningful harm to third parties, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 932, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency pre-

paredness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or manmade disasters.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1705

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to issue standards with respect to chip security mechanisms for integrated circuit products, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes.

S. 2376

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include rioting in the definition of racketeering activity.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2424, a bill to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solution by committing illegal violent acts.

S. 2904

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2904, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the shadow fleet of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 2918

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2918, a bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2965

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2965, a bill to prohibit the use of the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Department of the Treasury to bail out Argentina's financial markets.

S. 3031

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3031, a bill making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 3091. A bill to require the Administrator of General Services to dispose of certain Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to use a prop during my remarks.

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

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, legend has it that all the halls of the Capitol are haunted by a demon cat. If you look closely, paw prints left behind by this stray spirit can be spotted outside the entrance of the Old Supreme Court Chamber.

From poltergeists to apparitions of Abraham Lincoln and other dead Presidents, Washington has a long history of ghost stories.

The city itself was transformed into a ghost town when government workers disappeared from their desks as a result of President Biden's lax telework policies. For years, most Agency headquarters were left with just a skeleton crew.

Even after the bureaucrats were called back to work by President Trump, before being furloughed by the government shutdown, the buildings remained largely empty. Thousands of other government buildings are completely vacant. Thousands are uninhabited by a single soul in Washington, DC.

Deserted and left in a state of disrepair for years, many properties have been condemned to a fate worse than death. One was described as a "roach-infested mold dungeon." Bugs were spotted crawling out of faucets and creeping across the floors of another. While some have been described as cold, gray eyesores, others are literally deathtraps. The drinking water in many sat stagnant for so long that it turned into a deadly potion of toxic metals and biohazards.

Renovations and upgrades to make the horrifying offices habitable again would cost the taxpayers—and prepare, unfortunately, for a jump scare—\$370 billion. Yes, folks, that is billion with a "b."

I just don't know what possesses Washington to hold on to decaying properties.

Meanwhile, around the country, other old haunts are returning from beyond the grave. But there is no reason to fear this zombie apocalypse. It is that time of year when boarded-up businesses come back to life as Spirit Halloween stores. It is almost spooky how fast these Halloween stores pop up, transforming the remains of abandoned buildings into a billion-dollar business. Spirit Halloween's successful body-snatching business model scares up a great idea for reviving the government's graveyard of lifeless real estate.

Let's sell off these haunted houses to businesses that can breathe new life into them. That trick would be a real treat for the taxpayers because it would both reduce costs and bring in billions of dollars from monstrous sales. It is an idea only a zombie wouldn't like since it is such a no-brainer.

My DISPOSAL Act would fast-track the sale of unused, unneeded, and underutilized government properties. Congress should embrace the Halloween spirit by passing this bill and let the unfurling of Spirit Halloween banners begin.

Many of the properties that would be put on the market by my bill are in prime locations, so potential buyers should be prepared to act quickly before these once-in-a-lifetime sales vanish like a ghost.

The real monster this bill is designed to slay, however, is one that has been lurking around Washington for way too long: our national debt, which now exceeds \$38 trillion. That amount should scare us all into taking action.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 476—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 2025 AS "SUBSTANCE USE & MISUSE PREVENTION MONTH" TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 476

Whereas initiation of substance use during adolescence is associated with substance use and misuse in adulthood;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 58,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older participated in binge drinking;

Whereas, in 2024, more than 73,000,000 or 1 in 4 people in the United States aged 12 and older used an illicit drug, including cocaine and methamphetamine;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 48,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older had a substance use disorder;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 28,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older had an illicit drug use disorder;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 9,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older received substance use disorder treatment; and

Whereas, in 2024, more than 23,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older were in recovery from a substance use problem: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports—

(1) effective programs to prevent substance use and misuse;

(2) programs to help stem the drug addiction and overdose epidemic in the United States; and

(3) the designation of October 2025 as "Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 477—DESIGNATING THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN MAY AS "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 477

Whereas serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise;

Whereas, while prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (referred to in this preamble as "TD"), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities;

Whereas people at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years of age, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure;

Whereas approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 adults living with TD in the United States remain undiagnosed and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention;

Whereas the American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in its clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their healthcare providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment together;

Whereas treatments approved for TD by the Food and Drug Administration can provide options for symptom management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD; and

Whereas the Senate can encourage TD screening education and awareness for health care providers, patients, and care partners to help ensure patients prescribed antipsychotics receive care and support that aligns with clinical best practice, including regular TD screenings: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the first full week in May as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week"; and

(2) in recognition and support of Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week—

(A) underscores the importance of early detection and intervention to improve outcomes for individuals living with mental health conditions and individuals prescribed antipsychotics; and

(B) supports efforts to raise awareness about the causes and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia and the importance of routine tardive dyskinesia screening.

SENATE RESOLUTION 478—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF UNITED STATES V. KAMINSKI

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 478

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Kaminski* No. 3:25-cr-199, pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony and documents from Ian Madigan, and employee of the office of former Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Ian Madigan, a former employee of the office of former Senator Casey, and any other former employee of the Senator's office from whom relevant evidence may be necessary, are authorized to provide testimony and documents in the case of *United States v. Kaminski*, except concerning matter for which a privilege or objection should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Madigan and any other former employee of Senator Casey's office in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 479—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORENO, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 479

Whereas the National Family Partnership started the Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988—

(1) to educate the people of the United States and encourage participation in drug prevention activities;

(2) to preserve the memory of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena (referred to in this preamble as “Special Agent Camarena”), a special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who—

(A) served the Drug Enforcement Administration for 11 years; and

(B) was murdered in the line of duty in 1985, while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

(3) to commemorate the service of Special Agent Camarena to the Drug Enforcement Administration and the people of the United States; and

(4) to further the cause for which Special Agent Camarena gave his life;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign is the longest-standing drug use prevention program in the United States, bringing drug awareness to millions of people in the United States each year;

Whereas Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year during the period of October 23 through October 31 by—

- (1) State Governors and attorneys general;
- (2) the National Family Partnership;
- (3) parent-teacher associations;
- (4) Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
- (5) the Young Marines;
- (6) the Drug Enforcement Administration;

and

(7) hundreds of other organizations throughout the United States;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug use prevention efforts, education programs, parental involvement, and community-wide support through specific actions such as lighting up buildings and landmarks, and activities that engage the public;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug overdoses are the leading cause of death in people in the United States between the ages of 18 to 45, outnumbering deaths by firearms, motor vehicle crashes, suicide, or homicide;

Whereas over 80,000 people died from drug overdoses in the United States in 2024;

Whereas reducing the demand for illicit controlled substances would—

- (1) curtail lethal addictions and overdoses; and
- (2) reduce the violence associated with drug trafficking;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics continue to demand attention;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration hosts an initiative called “Every Day is Take Back Day” where locations of year-round drop boxes are identified for the public to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs that can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, or misuse;

Whereas the National Family Partnership hosts “Lock Your Meds”, a multi-media campaign and program to encourage individuals, businesses, and communities to dispose of drugs appropriately and to reduce the demand for drugs;

Whereas “Lock Your Meds” is statewide in Idaho, North Carolina, and throughout the southeastern United States;

Whereas synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl devastated communities and families at an unprecedented rate, claiming more than 48,000 lives in 2024;

Whereas the presence of fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl pose hazards to police officers and law enforcement agents;

Whereas 5 out of 10 fake pills tested at Drug Enforcement Administration laboratories contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration has created a special exhibit entitled

“The Faces of Fentanyl” to commemorate the lives lost from fentanyl poisoning, and has received over 6,400 photos as of the date of enactment of this resolution;

Whereas, as of the date of enactment of this resolution, the Drug Enforcement Administration has seized more than 34,000,000 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and more than 7,000 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2025;

Whereas, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2,400,000 people in the United States aged 12 or older reported having used methamphetamine in 2024;

Whereas, in 2024, more than 20,000 individuals in the United States died from an overdose involving cocaine; and

Whereas parents, young people, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions and faith-based organizations, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, athletes, and individuals throughout the United States may demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during the week-long celebration of Red Ribbon Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2025;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to wear and display red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week to symbolize their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to light up buildings and landmarks to send a drug-free message;

(4) encourages children, teens, and other individuals to choose to live drug-free lives; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to promote the creation of drug-free communities; and

(B) to participate in drug use prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

SENATE RESOLUTION 480—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2025 AS “WORLD MENOPAUSE AWARENESS MONTH,” AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING GLOBAL AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO CARE DURING THE MENOPAUSAL TRANSITION AND POST-MENOPAUSE

Mr. BOOKER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 480

Whereas October 18 marks World Menopause Day, a day when organizations and individuals around the world advocate to improve awareness of menopause and support options available for improving health and well-being;

Whereas, by 2030, the world population of menopausal and post-menopausal women is projected to increase to 1,200,000,000, with 27,000,000 new entrants each year;

Whereas, each year, women in the United States enter the menopausal transition with little guidance on what to expect before, during, and after their reproductive years;

Whereas, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, as many as 3 out of 4 women experience hot flashes, the most common menopause symptom, and

other symptoms, including memory loss, urinary problems, depression, and anxiety;

Whereas menopausal symptoms can be severe and affect daily activities and quality of life, with hot flashes lasting an average of 7 to 9 years, and a third of women experiencing vasomotor symptoms for a decade or longer;

Whereas studies show that Black and Hispanic women may experience menopause earlier, with more intense symptoms, and for a longer period of time;

Whereas as many as 40 percent of menopausal women say their symptoms interfered with their work performance or productivity weekly, and nearly 1 in 5 menopausal women have left or considered leaving the workforce because of their symptoms;

Whereas menopause costs women in the United States an estimated \$1,800,000,000 in lost working time per year;

Whereas, due to medical innovation, a variety of effective treatments for symptoms are available, including non-hormonal medication, hormone therapy, and low-dose antidepressants, that can help improve quality of life during perimenopause and menopause;

Whereas, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, menopause may increase the risk of osteoporosis, heart disease, and stroke; and

Whereas there is an ongoing need for additional clinical research and treatment options to manage menopause symptoms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of “World Menopause Awareness Month”;

(2) recognizes the impact of menopause on women at individual and societal levels and on the country’s health and economic development;

(3) promotes the inclusion of training on menopause and treatment options in pre-service curricula for health workers;

(4) supports women having access to appropriate health information and services to promote healthy aging and a high quality of life before, during, and after menopause;

(5) encourages the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

(A) to provide information to women, patients, and healthcare providers with respect to menopause, including available screening tools and treatment options, with a goal of improving quality of life and health outcomes of women affected by menopause;

(B) to conduct additional research on menopause and possible clinical options; and

(C) to update information, tools, and studies currently available that relate to helping women live with menopause; and

(6) respectfully request that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have two 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session

of the Senate on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar No. 451, Calendar No. 490, Calendar No. 492 through Calendar No. 495, Calendar No. 496, with the exception of Lt. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan, Calendar No. 497 through Calendar No. 502, and Calendar No. 504 through Calendar No. 508, and all nominations on the Secretary’s Desk with the exception of PN89; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be notified of the Senate’s action immediately and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Gary R. Charlton, II

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Christopher A. Jarratt

IN THE SPACE FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. David N. Miller, Jr.

Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess

Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Gagnon

Maj. Gen. Steven P. Whitney

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Staff of the Air Force and 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., sections 601 and 9033:

To be general

Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach

The following named officers 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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Jason T. Hinds

Maj. Gen. Jason R. Armagost

Maj. Gen. Clark J. Quinn

Maj. Gen. David B. Lyons

Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Tulley

Maj. Gen. Jennifer Hammerstedt

IN THE SPACE FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Dennis O. Bythewood

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michelle A. Schmidt

Maj. Gen. Peter N. Benchoff

Maj. Gen. Michelle K. Donahue

Maj. Gen. James P. Isenhower, III

Maj. Gen. William D. Taylor

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Zellmann

Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, II

Maj. Gen. Christopher L. Eubank

Maj. Gen. Francisco J. Lozano

IN THE NAVY

The following named officers 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 vice admiral

Rear Adm. Patrick J. Hannifin

Rear Adm. Michael W. Baze

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. Karl O. Thomas

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Lisa K. Snyder

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Clinton K. Murray

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Anthony E. Rossi

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Sonya L. Morrison

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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. Joseph A. Ryan

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Constance L. Jenkins

Col. Mark E. Stackle

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Lawrence G. Ferguson

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Michael J. Lutton

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 vice admiral

Rear Adm. Stephen R. Tedford

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN384 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning CHRISTOPHER F. COFFMAN, and ending JOSEPH J. ZRODLOWSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 9, 2025.

PN385 AIR FORCE nominations (111) beginning JESSICA L. ADKINS, and ending ELITHE E. ZOGLMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 9, 2025.

PN386 AIR FORCE nominations (83) beginning GABRIEL ALMODOVAR, and ending ADRIAN A. ZINNERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 9, 2025.

PN387 AIR FORCE nominations (129) beginning JOSEPH M. ADAMS, and ending KYLE G. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 9, 2025.

PN388 AIR FORCE nominations (206) beginning SEAN M. ANDREWS, and ending MATHEW ZULAUF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 9, 2025.

PN451 AIR FORCE nominations (28) beginning MARISSA L. AMMERMAN, and ending JONATHAN R. WURZELBACHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2025.

PN453 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning BRIAN R. BLANCHARD, and ending ANDREW J. WAGNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2025.

PN561 AIR FORCE nomination of James Hodges, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN562 AIR FORCE nomination of Pete N. Traylor, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN563 AIR FORCE nomination of Arron Maniego, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN597 AIR FORCE nomination of Miri C. Kim, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

PN598 AIR FORCE nomination of Boris Elison, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

PN599 AIR FORCE nomination of Courtney A. Anderson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

PN600 AIR FORCE nomination of Thomas D. White, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

IN THE ARMY

PN521 ARMY nomination of Kelly G. Kilcoyne, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN522 ARMY nomination of Courtney L. Glass, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN523 ARMY nomination of Daniel F. Gwosch, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN524 ARMY nomination of Jennifer D. Cepeda, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN525 ARMY nomination of Gary L. Helton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN526 ARMY nomination of Adam D. Weaver, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN527 ARMY nomination of Merrill M. Moe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN528 ARMY nominations (70) beginning RAYMOND A. AKERIWE, and ending 0003774215, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN564 ARMY nominations (10) beginning JAMES A. CLARK, and ending MICHAEL P. SWANGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN565 ARMY nominations (25) beginning BLAIR T. ANTHONY, and ending ANDRE D. SAPP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN566 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MARTIN L. BLANK, and ending JOHN CHOVANES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN567 ARMY nominations (19) beginning PAULYNN H. BELLEN, and ending VICKY M. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN568 ARMY nominations (99) beginning SARAH P. ACKLEN, and ending ANDREW J. WOODWARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN569 ARMY nominations (139) beginning ANTONIO A. ACEVEDOGUZMAN, and ending 0002383913, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN570 ARMY nominations (66) beginning CHARLIE E. ANDERSON, III, and ending

0002493652, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN571 ARMY nomination of Jennifer D. Tine, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN572 ARMY nomination of Nathan D. Levy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN573 ARMY nomination of Andrew S. Wilhelm, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN574 ARMY nomination of Billy J. Thomas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN575 ARMY nomination of Wai Y. Chau, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN601 ARMY nominations (3) beginning PHILLIP W. GINGRICH, and ending ANDREW J. RICHARDSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

PN602 ARMY nominations (15) beginning OWEN S. ADAMS, and ending MICHAEL S. WIDNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN529 MARINE CORPS nominations (421) beginning DANIEL R. ABNEY, and ending MATTHEW S. ZACH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN530 MARINE CORPS nomination of John R. Test, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN531 MARINE CORPS nomination of Andrew E. Paul, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

IN THE NAVY

PN532 NAVY nominations (39) beginning THOMAS J. AUGUSTINE, and ending STEFAN WINTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN533 NAVY nominations (2) beginning ELIJAH J. COX, and ending PATRICK N. MATTHEWS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN534 NAVY nominations (14) beginning MARYAM AL-HASSAN, and ending PAUL A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN535 NAVY nominations (61) beginning JAMES E. ALTIDOR, and ending AMBER R. ZUFELT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN536 NAVY nomination of Michael G. Garcia, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN537 NAVY nominations (41) beginning JERELYN M. ALVIS, and ending DAVID J. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN538 NAVY nominations (39) beginning JOSE C. ALMONTE, and ending AARON P. YBARRA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN539 NAVY nominations (1361) beginning ALVIN A.R. ABES, and ending FRANK R. ZIMMERMAN, IV, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN540 NAVY nominations (41) beginning ANGEL B. ABEYTA, and ending JASON M. XU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN541 NAVY nominations (70) beginning JOSEPH A. ACEVEDO, and ending KEVIN J. WEEKS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN542 NAVY nominations (18) beginning JONATHAN E. BAUMGARTNER, and ending AUSTIN C. VANARSDALL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN543 NAVY nominations (22) beginning THERON M. ANDERSON, and ending DAWN H. YOO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN544 NAVY nominations (55) beginning ALEXZANDRIA S. ANDERSON, and ending DAVID M. YEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN545 NAVY nominations (49) beginning KIEL L. ALBARRAN, and ending CHING TING YUAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN546 NAVY nominations (73) beginning THOMAS B. ADMONT, and ending ANDREW A. ZHAO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN547 NAVY nominations (5) beginning DENNIS M. DEVEY, and ending BRADLEY A. VOMOCIL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN548 NAVY nomination of Katherine M. Nelson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN549 NAVY nominations (19) beginning HUGO M. ARGOTE, and ending JENNIFER S. WUELZER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN550 NAVY nominations (9) beginning LEWIS C. ALDRIDGE, and ending NICHOLAS R. SPALENY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN551 NAVY nomination of Christopher J. Freeland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2025.

PN576 NAVY nomination of Brian S. Knipp, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN577 NAVY nominations (3) beginning MARTHA A. DODSON, and ending STEVEN VUKAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN578 NAVY nominations (3) beginning WHOON J. KIL, and ending JASLEEN K. RAINA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN579 NAVY nominations (5) beginning GABRIEL DARWISH, and ending OLEG ODIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN580 NAVY nomination of Jennifer E. Kirschner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN581 NAVY nominations (12) beginning KENNETH E. FORE, II, and ending THOMAS R. WARREN, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN582 NAVY nominations (6) beginning ELIANE F. EAKIN, and ending DAVID C. SAHADEVAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

PN583 NAVY nomination of Lyla J. Blake-Gumbs, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 30, 2025.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN603 SPACE FORCE nomination of Alexis C. Beck, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 3002

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3002 and the bill be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

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

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions at the desk: S. Res. 478 and S. Res. 479.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for evidence in a criminal action pending in Federal district court in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In this action, the defendant is charged with several pandemic-related fraud offenses, including wire fraud, money laundering, and making false statements.

The prosecution is seeking documents from former Senator Bob Casey's office as well as testimony from staff of that office who provided routine constituent work to Mr. Kaminski related to his pandemic loan applications. Senator Casey would like to cooperate with this request by providing documents and relevant employee testimony from his office.

This resolution would authorize the production of documents and relevant employee testimony from Senator Casey's staff, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025; 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, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; finally, that the cloture motion with respect to the Tung nomination ripen at 5:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Ms. ROSEN. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. ROSEN. Reserving the right to object.

This is truly outrageous. After doing absolutely nothing all year to prevent a massive spike in healthcare costs, Senate Republicans now want to go home for yet another weekend and do nothing, just like the House Republicans have been doing for the past month while families find out how much their healthcare costs are going up for the next year.

Senate Republicans are just acting as if it is business as usual. Well, I am here to tell you why it is not business as usual.

This Saturday, the day after tomorrow, is November 1, the beginning of open enrollment for families who buy their healthcare through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace.

Many hard-working families rely on the ACA's enhanced premium tax credits just to be able to afford their healthcare policy. But, unfortunately, they will expire this year and must be extended to keep healthcare costs from rising for everyone.

It is not a handout. It is not welfare. It is a tax cut that helps lower the costs of healthcare for families in all of our States—all of our States. And without these, healthcare costs are going to go up for everyone, and many will be priced out of care.

I implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to see reason, to understand that this is not a partisan issue. Americans—well, all of us—are one medical diagnosis away from catastrophe. Strokes, cancer, heart attacks don't care if you are a Democrat or a Republican. It is why we need to make sure all of our constituents are able to afford a healthcare policy. It is not unreasonable.

But if an appeal to humanity doesn't work, maybe an appeal to your political instincts will. Six of the ten States that have the most amount of people receiving the enhanced premium tax credits are States with two Republican Senators, including Florida, which is at the top of the list; Texas; North

Carolina; Tennessee; South Carolina; and Ohio. So this isn't just good policy; it is critical for your own constituents.

Isn't that why we were all elected? Not to go have gold-plated dinners at the White House to celebrate not taking action on American's healthcare, protecting American's healthcare. We were elected to help families, to stand up for them, and make sure that they could thrive and reach the American dream, and it is about damn time we remembered all of that.

So, no, we should not act like this is business as usual. We should work to find a path forward that protects healthcare access. And if that means we need to be here all weekend, so be it. And if you disagree, I want you to be on the record saying you want to go home for the weekend right as families are confronted with higher healthcare costs.

Everybody here knows me. I am usually pretty mild-mannered. I am willing to work with anyone, and I remain willing to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to prevent healthcare costs from going up in the future.

But I am fed up. The dysfunction in this place is going to have real consequences when people lose their healthcare coverage. And I am done. I am just done. We need to figure this out, work in a bipartisan way—not next week but right now.

Therefore, while I do not object to the Senator's motion on housekeeping matters for the Senate, I will not provide my consent to adjourning the Senate today without a vote so that Members of this Chamber can make clear whether or not they are willing to give up one weekend to roll up their sleeves and work together to prevent a massive spike in healthcare costs.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 3, 2025, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I move to adjourn under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:23 p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 3, 2025, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. JONATHAN W. BENNETT
COL. SUSAN M. GANNON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. RYAN J. NIELSEN

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 30, 2025:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GARY R. CHARLTON II

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER A. JARRATT

IN THE SPACE FORCE

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

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DAVID N. MILLER, JR.
LT. GEN. DOUGLAS A. SCHIESS
MAJ. GEN. GREGORY J. GAGNON
MAJ. GEN. STEVEN P. WHITNEY

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE AND 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., SECTIONS 601 AND 9033:

To be general

GEN. KENNETH S. WILSBACH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JASON T. HINDS
MAJ. GEN. JASON R. ARMAGOST
MAJ. GEN. CLARK J. QUINN
MAJ. GEN. DAVID B. LYONS
MAJ. GEN. DANIEL H. TULLEY
MAJ. GEN. JENNIFER HAMMERSTEDT

IN THE SPACE FORCE

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

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DENNIS O. BYTHEWOOD

IN THE ARMY

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

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHELLE A. SCHMIDT
MAJ. GEN. PETER N. BENCHOFF
MAJ. GEN. MICHELLE K. DONAHUE
MAJ. GEN. JAMES P. ISENHOWER III
MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM D. TAYLOR
MAJ. GEN. RICHARD L. ZELLMANN
MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL C. MCCURRY II
MAJ. GEN. CHRISTOPHER L. EUBANK
MAJ. GEN. FRANCISCO J. LOZANO

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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 vice admiral

REAR ADM. PATRICK J. HANNIFIN
REAR ADM. MICHAEL W. BAZE

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. KARL O. THOMAS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. LISA K. SNYDER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. CLINTON K. MURRAY

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) ANTHONY E. ROSSI

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. SONYA L. MORRISON

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY 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. JOSEPH A. RYAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. CONSTANCE L. JENKINS
COL. MARK E. STACKLE

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

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. LAWRENCE G. FERGUSON

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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. MICHAEL J. LUTTON

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 vice admiral

REAR ADM. STEPHEN R. TEDFORD

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHRISTOPHER F. COFFMAN AND ENDING WITH JOSEPH J. ZRODLOWSKI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 9, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JESSICA L. ADKINS AND ENDING WITH ELITHE E. ZOGLMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 9, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GABRIEL ALMODOVAR AND ENDING WITH ADRIAN A. ZINNERMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 9, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSEPH M. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH KYLE G. YATES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 9, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SEAN M. ANDREWS AND ENDING WITH MATTHEW ZULAUF, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 9, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARISSA L. AMMERMAN AND ENDING WITH JONATHAN R. WURZELBACHER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 31, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRIAN R. BLANCHARD AND ENDING WITH ANDREW J. WAGNER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 31, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JAMES HODGES, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF PETE N. TRAYLOR, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ARRON MANIEGO, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF MIRI C. KIM, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF BORIS ELISON, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF COURTNEY A. ANDERSON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF THOMAS D. WHITE, TO BE COLONEL.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF KELLY G. KILCOYNE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF COURTNEY L. GLASS, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DANIEL F. GWOSCH, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JENNIFER D. CEPEDA, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF GARY L. HELTON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ADAM D. WEAVER, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MERRILL M. MOE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RAYMOND A. AKERIWE AND ENDING WITH 0003774215, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES A. CLARK AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL P. SWANGER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BLAIR T. ANTHONY AND ENDING WITH ANDRE D. SAPP, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARTIN L. BLANK AND ENDING WITH JOHN CHOVANES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAULYNNE H. BELLEN AND ENDING WITH VICKY M. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SARAH P. ACKLEN AND ENDING WITH ANDREW J. WOODWARD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANTONIO A. ACEVEDOGUZMAN AND ENDING WITH 0002383913, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHARLIE E. ANDERSON III AND ENDING WITH 0002493652, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JENNIFER D. TINE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF NATHAN D. LEVY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ANDREW S. WILHELM, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BILLY J. THOMAS, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF WAI Y. CHAU, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PHILLIP W. GINGRICH AND ENDING WITH ANDREW J. RICHARDSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE

AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 15, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH OWEN S. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL S. WIDNER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 15, 2025.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL R. ABNEY AND ENDING WITH MATTHEW S. ZACH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOHN R. TEST, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF ANDREW E. PAUL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS J. AUGUSTINE AND ENDING WITH STEFAN WINTER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

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NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL G. GARCIA, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JERELYN M. ALVIS AND ENDING WITH DAVID J. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

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NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JONATHAN E. BAUMGARTNER AND ENDING WITH AUSTIN C. VANARSALL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THERON M. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH DAWN H. YOO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALEXZANDRIA S. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH DAVID M. YEE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KIEL L. ALBARRAN AND ENDING WITH CHING TING YUAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS B. ADMONT AND ENDING WITH ANDREW A. ZHAO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DENNIS M. DEVEY AND ENDING WITH BRADLEY A. VOMOCIL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATION OF KATHERINE M. NELSON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH HUGO M. ARGOTE AND ENDING WITH JENNIFER S. WUELZER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LEWIS C. ALDRIDGE AND ENDING WITH NICHOLAS R. SPALENY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. FREELAND, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF BRIAN S. KNIPP, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARTHA A. DODSON AND ENDING WITH STEVEN VUKAS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WHOON J. KIL AND ENDING WITH JASLEEN K. RAINA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GABRIEL DARWISH AND ENDING WITH OLEG ODIN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JENNIFER E. KIRSCHNER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KENNETH E. FORE II AND ENDING WITH THOMAS R. WARREN II, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ELIANE F. EAKIN AND ENDING WITH DAVID C. SAHADEVAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATION OF Lyla J. BLAKE-GUMBS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

SPACE FORCE NOMINATION OF ALEXIS C. BECK, TO BE MAJOR.