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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM BANKS, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O God, our Father, we belong to You. Thank You that our government has reopened.

Give our lawmakers the wisdom to discontinue repeating the same actions while hoping for different results. Lord, empower them to find ways where no one will go hungry, thirsty, sick, or shackled because of the legislative process.

Use our Senators to set the captives free. Reveal to our legislators resources of power adequate to make them more than conquerors.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, November 18, 2025.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM BANKS, a Senator

from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. BANKS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 136, H.R. 4016.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 136, H.R. 4016, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, after 43 days, the longest government shutdown in history—but what is even more disturbing is the fact that a number of Democrats were prepared to let this shutdown continue even longer. Even as lines stretched around the block at food banks and air travel grew evermore precarious, progressive Democrats pushed to embrace the shutdown forever, as far as I can tell.

proving. Nutrition programs are back on a secure footing. But the damage remains.

How many of those government employees now getting paid again are staring at credit card debt taken on to cover necessities during the month and a half they worked without pay? The newly restored salaries don't contain extra to cover the interest on that debt.

How many small businesses are struggling, thanks to the hit that their business took during the shutdown?

How long is it going to take to catch up on the 43-day backlog in government services the shutdown created?

The pain the shutdown caused was immense, and all of it—all of it—could have been so easily avoided.

Republicans offered Democrats a clean, nonpartisan funding extension. We did not make a single demand. We didn't ask for a single partisan policy. We didn't add a single partisan policy rider. We simply asked Democrats to extend current funding levels for a few weeks so that we could continue bipartisan work on appropriations.

Instead, Democrats chose to plunge the country into chaos because the far left of their party demanded a showdown with President Trump. That is right. All of this pain, all of this profound financial stress, all of this economic damage is because the far left demanded a showdown with President Trump. And Democrats fell in line.

It is disturbing enough that the Democrat party was willing to shut down the government for 43 days—by far the longest government shutdown in history—but what is even more disturbing is the fact that a number of Democrats were prepared to let this shutdown continue even longer. Even as lines stretched around the block at food banks and air travel grew evermore precarious, progressive Democrats pushed to embrace the shutdown forever, as far as I can tell.

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The senior Senator from Vermont published an op-ed calling for a continued shutdown and continued opposition to President Trump, even though the President had exactly nothing to do with the clean funding extension that Republicans were proposing.

And the junior Senator from Connecticut spent the last week of the shutdown advocating for continuing it and fretting that ending it would damage Democrats' "brand." That is right, Democrats' "brand."

Neither Senator seemed to spend a minute seriously considering the incredible damage their shutdown was doing to hard-working Americans and to our country. Indeed, as we know from their own words, a lot of Democrats saw the pain of working people as leverage for Democrats in this shutdown, a useful tool to be deployed to advance the Democrats' political goals.

I am grateful that we finally got eight Democrats to join Republicans to reopen the government and spare the American people from further pain. But the fact that a month and a half into the shutdown 39 Democrats still voted to keep the government closed remains deeply disturbing.

Are Democrats going to continue hamstringing the necessary work of government at the behest of the far left? Are their partisan politics going to continue to obstruct the government's functioning?

We have a lot of work left to do, starting with the need to fund the government for the remainder of the fiscal year beyond January 30. And there is a lot more we could accomplish, too, from improving our healthcare system to passing a farm bill, but not if the vast majority of the Democrat party continues to put partisan politics above the well-being of the American people.

I hope Democrats will be content with their recordbreaking 43-day shutdown, and they will now be able to turn back to the business of the American people. The American people deserve better than the past month and more of Democrat-imposed misery.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The 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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today, the House of Representatives finally voted to demand that the Justice Department release the Epstein files. The American people have waited a very long time for this.

The margin in the House was overwhelming. In fact, every single Member

of Congress except one voted yes, and that now brings the focus to the U.S. Senate.

As soon as the House sends us the Epstein bill, the Senate should move, without delay, to pass it unamended and send it on to the President's desk to be signed into law. We should pass this bill as soon as possible, as written, and without a hint of delay.

Republicans must not try to change this bill or bury it in committee or slow-walk it in any way. Any amendment to this bill would force it back to the House and risk further delay. Who knows what would happen over there.

The American people have waited long enough, and they cannot take the risk.

We have an opportunity to get this bill done today and have it on the President's desk to be signed into law tonight. We should seize that opportunity. That is why later today, I will ask unanimous consent for the Senate to hold a vote to pass the House Epstein bill.

The Epstein victims groups have made it clear they do not want amendments to the bill. In fact, just this morning, Epstein survivors stood right in front of the Capitol demanding that Congress pass this version of the bill.

The House has now spoken in an overwhelming fashion, and Senate Republicans must step up because the public is fed up with waiting around to get to the bottom of the Epstein files. Americans are fed up with Donald Trump's lies, they are fed up with the coverups, and they are fed up with Republican leaders who keep siding with Donald Trump instead of siding with the American people, who demand transparency when it comes to Jeffrey Epstein.

There is only one right answer for the Senate: Pass this bill as written today.

Let me say something else. This could not have been possible without the courage and advocacy of Jeffrey Epstein's survivors. They made this vote possible. They risked their safety coming out of the darkness to share their stories and tell the truth. We thank them. We thank them and everyone who has pushed for transparency.

Let me also add this: This will go down as one of the most damaging moments of Donald Trump's Presidency. In trying so hard to hide the truth, Donald Trump has provoked the fiercest rebellion he has ever faced among his own supporters, both in Congress and around the country. All the lying, all the broken promises about transparency, all the bullying and threats to Members of Congress who wanted these files released—it has all blown up in Donald Trump's face. His usual methods of intimidation and dishonesty have failed spectacularly in this instance.

But make no mistake, today's vote is just one step. Once the Senate sends this bill to the President's desk, Donald Trump must obey the letter of the

law and ensure full transparency regarding the Epstein files. No "We will give you some of this but not that"; "Maybe you should see this"; "There is a reason you can't see that." Anything less than full transparency will be unacceptable in the eyes of the American people. If the President tries to manipulate his way into releasing just some of the Epstein files while deliberately hiding others, the public will see right through it, and their frustration, their distrust in Donald Trump will grow even worse.

Before we get to that step, the Senate must finish this job first. We must pass this bill unamended as soon as humanly possible.

I yield the floor to my colleague Senator MERKLEY, who has been a great partner as we have pursued finding full transparency with the Epstein files.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I join my colleague the minority leader from New York in noting that principles matter. Equal justice under law matters. In fact, it matters so much that it is carved into the facade of the Supreme Court. If you go out these doors down the hall, under the big staircase descending to the plaza, and you look out, you are square center of the Supreme Court—"Equal Justice Under Law." It is a powerful concept. It goes to the sense that everyone should be accountable for their crimes here in the United States of America no matter how much money you have, no matter how much power you have, no matter what large office you hold.

Mr. President, 427 to 1. That is what the House said, 427 to 1. The House just voted to say that equal justice under law matters, and they are standing behind that principle. But is it a principle this U.S. Senate will stand behind?

Let's look at what has happened. Back in July, a bipartisan group of Senators that included two of my Republican colleagues introduced legislation to release the Epstein files—the same bill that just passed the House of Representatives 427 to 1. But we only had two colleagues across the aisle join us in demanding justice.

In September, on the Defense Authorization Act, we had a vote on this bill as an amendment put forward by the minority leader, leading the charge to say that equal justice under the law matters. My colleagues across the aisle—did they follow the example of the House, or did they express the same spirit as the example we saw moments ago? No. They tabled the amendment. Only two colleagues across the aisle, only two Republicans stood for the principle of equal justice under law.

So there we have it—a bill introduced with only two colleagues; a bill voted on as an amendment led by the minority leader—only two colleagues from across the aisle, but every Democrat saying this matters.

Now, the Department of Justice didn't need a law to release the Epstein

files; they could have just done so. In fact, when President Trump was campaigning, he kept saying that these files are going to be released when he is President. Well, he has been President for 10 months. Where are those files? They haven't been released.

President Trump, why haven't you released the files?

In fact, not only has he failed to release the files, he has fought the release at every possible moment. It was widely reported that back in May, Attorney General Pam Bondi informed President Trump that his name appeared in the files. Oh, his name appears. Well, now he has doubled down on making sure they are never released. The Attorney General herself said she had the full file on her desk, and then she said, well, she didn't.

At every level, this administration has sought to thwart equal justice under law.

Powerful men—the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives—have fought to make sure these files are never released.

How long was the House on vacation in the middle of the legislative year? A full 7-plus weeks of abandonment, missing in action, nowhere to be found in the middle of the legislative year. The entire House of Representatives shut down for over 7 weeks and into an 8th week, vacationing around the world to avoid voting to release the Epstein files.

That is how much powerful people at the very top of our government were fighting to make sure these files never see the light of day. But across this great country, people said: Hell no. People on the right side of the aisle and the far-right side of the aisle, people on the left side of the aisle and the far-left side of the aisle all demanded that justice be served because this particular case is one that involves such egregious conduct.

Jeffrey Epstein was a monster who groomed, abused, raped underage girls and facilitated the ability of other powerful men to groom, abuse, and rape underage girls. He trafficked these women to rich and powerful men. He destroyed the lives of hundreds of young women. That is why, from every corner of this Nation and from every part of the political spectrum, there is a demand to release these files.

The Senate Finance Committee, led by my colleague from Oregon Senator RON WYDEN, had been investigating the financial network that facilitated this national and international crime, and the Biden administration cooperated fully with the Senate investigators in this case. The Finance Committee, under President Biden, went to Treasury to see the Epstein files suspicious activity reports. They proceeded to put together an incredible database of how money was spent to facilitate this network.

The Biden administration echoed the demand for equal justice under law.

Trump campaigned saying he would release these files, but then he is in office, his name is in the file, and he does everything possible to stop their release.

Now the House voted powerfully for sure—427 to 1—but a bill doesn't get enacted into law unless it is passed in this Chamber. That is why the minority leader Senator SCHUMER said he would return today after the bill has been sent over to the Senate to ask for unanimous consent.

If the House—427-strong—can call for equal justice—the release of these files—certainly the Senate can stand up and say 100 to 0 that we also stand for equal justice under the law.

The truth must not be buried.

We know how nervous the administration is. They responded by saying: We are going to release information about how those files affect powerful people who are Democrats.

Let me tell you, President Trump, that does not stop one of us because this is not a partisan affair. This is about a horrific crime on hundreds of underage girls whose lives were destroyed, hundreds who were groomed, hundreds who were abused, hundreds who were raped. So the chips must fall where they may no matter what the political party of the actors may be.

So, President Trump, you think you are doing something clever and you are going to intimidate Democrats from supporting this by making this partisan? I tell you, President Trump, hell no. There is nothing partisan about the principle of equal justice under law.

Now, we know why the President is so nervous. A few days ago, a trove of emails was released from the Epstein estate. They made clear in Jeffrey Epstein's own words that President Trump "knew about the girls," and he called President Trump "the dog that hasn't barked."

Jeffrey Epstein, a convicted pedophile, even wrote:

I've met some bad people. None as bad as Trump. Not one decent cell in his body.

Well, I don't know what President Trump's role was, and President Trump says he wants to see others investigated, including former Presidents who were Democrats. I don't know whether they were involved, but I do know this: It is time for the truth. It is time to end the coverup. The Epstein coverup is morally wrong; it is legally wrong. The victims deserve justice. The victims and the American people demand not just justice but transparency. The American people demand accountability.

It is the right thing to do no matter how rich or famous an individual might be who is mentioned in those files. And they may be mentioned in those files with no connection to the crimes committed. There is no knowing until we see what the files say. That is the point.

The bill that was passed in the House—the bill almost word for word identical to the bill introduced here in

the Senate—says that "no record shall be withheld, delayed, or redacted on the basis of" any of the following: "embarrassment, reputational harm, or political sensitivity, including to any government official, public figure, or foreign dignitary." Nothing withheld, redacted, or delayed because some powerful man or group of powerful men is afraid of what is in that file.

We did say in this bill to protect the victims and underage witnesses by redacting the personally identifiable information, any depictions of abuse or information that would jeopardize an active Federal investigation or national security. Protect the victims, but don't protect the perpetrators.

Let all 100 Senators come up the staircase outside, in order to enter this Chamber, and on the way up those stairs, look back—turn around—at the principle "Equal Justice Under Law," carved into the facade of the Supreme Court, and carry that principle in your heart.

And when the minority leader from New York comes to this floor and asks to pass this bill with unanimous consent so that it will be endorsed 100 to 0, echoing the cry for justice from down the hall, let not one voice of objection be raised. Let all 100 of us stand with the victims and stand for accountability and stand for justice.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if you put me on the spot and ask me how many times I have flown from O'Hare to Washington during the course of my congressional career, I couldn't guess. I am going to take a wild guess and say 2,000–2,000 flights in and out of O'Hare.

This morning, I had a press conference there, and it was important for those who count on that great airfield to know what I learned. I met with the air traffic controllers. Turns out that O'Hare, at this point, is the busiest airport in the world if you combine both passenger and cargo air traffic. It is also the case that, for more than 10 years, they have been understaffed when it comes to air traffic control. They don't have enough air traffic controllers. They have been working 6 days a week, 10-hour days, for at least 10 years and in the foreseeable future.

They are concerned about it. I am as well. They are doing their job and doing a great job in the process, but they are under pressure unlike anything most of us can imagine. They literally have the lives of ourselves and our families in their hands when they are directing air traffic around O'Hare.

Recently, when we had a government shutdown, there was a question raised as to whether or not we were going to reduce the number of air flights in America as a result of it. It was not an unreasonable suggestion because, when you consider that we need 14,000 air traffic controllers nationwide, and we have around 10,000, we already start off with a problem. Fortunately, the reduction in air service only lasted a brief period of time.

I met with those air traffic controllers today and told them that I voted to reopen the government, thinking of them and thinking of the recipients of the SNAP benefits and food stamp benefits across America.

But that isn't enough to be concerned about it. We need to do something on a bipartisan basis to solve this problem. We need more air traffic controllers. There are ways to do this, and I want to pursue those. We also need the very best in technology and equipment when it comes to the work that they do, and that can be improved. There seems to be a bipartisan feeling now that we should do something. Let's seize this moment and seize this opportunity and move forward in making sure that we have the safest and most modern air traffic control in the world.

I thank the men and women who continue to do their jobs so well at O'Hare and across the United States, but they have a burden that most of us don't even appreciate in their 6-day weeks and 10-hour days.

#### OPERATION MIDWAY BLITZ

Mr. President, on a separate topic now, for nearly 3 months, the city of Chicago has lived under the shadow of President Trump's Operation Midway Blitz, a cruel campaign that has swept up innocent American citizens, legal residents, and immigrants who pose no threat to public safety.

The Trump administration justifies this campaign by saying they are targeting "the worst of the worst." Oh, you heard him give the speech over and over again. We are going after those illegal immigrants in this country who are rapists, terrorists, murderers, criminally insane—"the worst of the worst," as he says over and over again.

But the situation on the ground, the reality of the situation, paints a dramatically different picture. As part of these immigration raids, agents, ICE agents, and others have baselessly rounded up and disappeared people on the streets and in homes across the city, almost all of whom had no prior warrants or criminal history.

Terrorists? That is not the case at all.

I want to speak to you about one of the incidents that I ran across when I went back home last week. Two weeks ago, a viral video showed agents, Federal agents, storming through the doors of Rayito de Sol daycare and preschool center in the North Center neighborhood of Chicago. These ICE agents, in their camouflage uniforms and with masks on their faces, were

dragging out a teacher while she screamed and cried: "I have papers," in Spanish. That teacher's name is Diana Santillana, but her students—little girls and boys between the ages of 6 months and 6 years—know her as Miss Diana.

According to school officials, Diana had an authorization to work, and agents did not present a warrant when they entered the building.

This is the "Meet the Teacher" file for Miss Diana that is posted in the classroom of Rayito de Sol. This was the woman that the ICE agents went into the school and daycare center and arrested. The flyer describes Diana's love of early education and working with kids because "it is one of the most rewarding experiences," in her words, and she likes to "nurture and leave a mark on young ones."

Does this look like one of the rapists, murderers, terrorists, criminally insane that President Trump has reminded us of over and over again? Of course not.

Thankfully, Miss Diana was released from detention after a judge ruled her mandatory detention was illegal.

They swooped her up out of this daycare center. She disappeared, and no one could find her, not family and friends—no one could find her. And then she turned up in a facility, I believe, in Indiana, and they released her from there.

What was this all about? Well, I will tell you what it was all about. It was about the reign of terror which Operation Midway Blitz is visiting on the city of Chicago.

Following her release, Diana said:

I love our community and the children I teach, and I can't wait to see them again.

Does that sound like a terrorist rant?

I know they can't wait to see her. They love Miss Diana.

This incident has rattled this community in Chicago, especially the kids who attend Rayito de Sol who range in age from, as I mentioned, 6 months to 6 years.

This past week, I visited with the parents of some of these students, about 12 of them. They, of course, expressed concerns for her because they love her. Miss Diana is well-loved by all of these kids. They also worried about the impact of this incident on their kids—the questions and the nightmares that followed as these little ones were forced to see and hear the administration's brutality in full view.

In an interview later after the incident took place, one of the parents, Tara, said the families were "traumatized." The "children were crying." And the scene was one none "of us have ever witnessed before and will ever forget."

It is outrageous that children are exposed to this, but the Trump administration basically doesn't give a damn. There used to be a time when ICE didn't cross certain lines. DHS had policies against enforcement at schools and churches for this very reason—not

anymore. They have got to go after "terrorists" like Miss Diane so they have to break all of the rules that have been established.

President Trump has touted Operation Midway Blitz as a resounding success. These raids aren't targeted. The administration is sweeping up people off streets while they are dropping off their kids at school or heading to work for simply looking Hispanic—good enough to be arrested and deported.

Don't take my word for it. Listen to what U.S. District Court judge Jeffrey Cummings said. In a lawsuit challenging warrantless immigration arrests in Illinois, Judge Cummings read from a summary he and his law clerks compiled of more than 150 pending immigration cases in which arrestees challenged their deportation. The judge said the circumstances of the arrests show that Operation Midway Blitz is not targeting hardened criminals, not targeting the worst of the worst. In that case, the Trump administration provided a list of more than 600 individuals detained during Midway Blitz. By their own data—their own data—just 16 of the 1,600 detainees have any criminal history that poses a high risk to public safety.

Do you know what percentage that is? Less than 3 percent. Terrorists, rapists, murderers, criminally insane—less than 3 percent have any criminal background.

All of this confirms what we have been saying for months. What is happening in Chicago with Midway Blitz is a political theater to spread fear, not reduce crime.

Oh, they struck fear in the hearts of the kids at this daycare center. They may never forget what they saw that day when the agents came in, in their camouflage and their masks, and whisked this poor woman out to deport her and started off by sending her to Indiana and then releasing her.

It made no sense whatsoever. This is political theater at its worst. Chicago deserves better. America deserves better.

Reports indicate Border Patrol Chief Greg Bovino is leaving the city of Chicago. Let me tell you, he couldn't leave too soon from my conclusion. However, we expect immigration raids to continue in the city.

And Mr. Bovino has already taken his administration's brutal tactics that they have been practicing in Chicago to Charlotte, NC. In just one weekend, DHS agents raided a church and arrested at least one U.S. citizen simply because he looked Hispanic.

And in Mr. Bovino's own words, "It wouldn't surprise me to see us in a city near you."

So I ask my colleagues, especially my Republican friends who value liberty and freedom as much as I do: What is stopping this government from deploying tear gas in your home city? What is stopping them from pointing guns at your constituents? What does

arresting your fellow neighbors without cause mean to you in the future?

It is a legitimate question. Don't look the other way out of personal or political loyalty to this President. Look straight in the eyes of the people you represent and tell them you stand for the Constitution and the well-worn history of this country where we have tried to push back on tyrants. It is on all of us to call out these abuses of power and this trampling of civil liberties.

How can we say to Miss Diana, "We are sorry"? We can say it by ending Midway Blitz as fast as possible and by reassuring the families there that we want to have a safe nation without the expense of our basic liberties.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today, I commend First Lady Melania Trump for her leadership on the recent "Fostering the Future for American Children and Families" Executive order, and, obviously, the thanks would go to President Trump for his support of his wife's work. And it wouldn't happen without his signing the order last week. This action is an important step to see that young people who have experienced foster care are supported as they begin to navigate their lives as adults.

For decades, I have worked to shine a light on the challenges that foster youth face. The bipartisan Senate Caucus on Foster Youth that I launched with former Senator Mary Landrieu in 2009 and still cochair today has a particular focus on the challenges that older foster youth face.

Young people who already face constant uncertainty growing up, often compounded with the trauma of neglect and abuse, are then expected to lead the rest of their lives successfully on their own, and that is a hard way to start a life outside of foster care. And, of course, that is just not quite right. They deserve a mom and dad, a supportive and safe environment to grow up and to develop, and to have meaningful connections.

While nothing can replace the things I just mentioned, I find they, at least, ought to have a chance to have some support to pursue higher education and find employment and stable housing, all to help prepare for their future.

I continue to work to find avenues to provide this support for these young people, including exploring ways to increase the awareness of Federal programs that support older foster youth.

I started out by complimenting our First Lady. In her remarks announcing the Executive order, the First Lady said this:

I predict this small spark today will ignite a profound and lasting nationwide movement.

I share her optimism and, once again, thank her for her commitment to improve the lives of young people. I look

forward to working with her and supporting how I can do that here in the United States Senate, both as an individual Senator and cochair of the Senate Caucus on Foster Youth.

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Mr. President, on another article, on Thursday, in Kossuth County, IA, I completed my 45th annual 99 county meetings. For 45 years in a row, I have held at least one question-and-answer session in all of Iowa's 99 counties.

Now, I have to modify that just a little bit because I remember—and it is not here in print—that in my first term in office, there was one county where nobody showed up, but, otherwise, I have had a Q&A in every county of Iowa—all 99—for the last 45 years.

Last week, I met with welders, students, family farmers, factory workers, and others to hear what is on their minds. I was in two high schools so I could hear straight from the next generation of Iowans about what is most important to young Iowans.

This year, I joined an artificial intelligence workshop in Grinnell, IA, with small business owners. I visited seven hospitals to hear from nurses and doctors about changes to Medicaid and how I am working to strengthen rural healthcare.

I held a roundtable with restaurant and hotel workers about the no tax on overtime and no tax on tips. These were all provisions, as we Senators know, from last summer's tax bill—everything to help working men and women of our country. These workers told me how the tax bill was a big moral boost for their employees and also to help recruit more employees.

Congress legislates and makes policy that impacts Americans. As a part of representative government, it is important to hear from our constituents how this policy is impacting their daily lives.

Hearing from Iowans face to face in my county meetings is the best way to keep in touch, but, as I tell them at that particular time, they only see me maybe 1 day out of 365. There are 364 days in the year that they ought to be telling me what is on their minds. So I encourage all Iowans to write or call my office with their opinions, and I always say dialogue is the essence of representative government. So if they don't see me face to face to have that conversation and they have it by email, they should expect an answer. If you don't get an answer, let me know because if I encourage you to write to me and I say I am going to answer, then I had better give you an answer.

Knowing what Iowans care about helps me better serve them. I look forward to more Q-and-A's in the coming weeks.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Nieh nomination.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. I yield the floor.

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. 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.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4405

Mr. SCHUMER. Well, Mr. President, Donald Trump has tried to cover up for Jeffrey Epstein long enough. It is time that the Senate finish the job to finally compel the Department of Justice to release the Epstein files.

A few hours ago, the House of Representatives passed their Epstein bill with as lopsided a vote as you can get, 427 to 1. It is now the Senate's turn.

In a few moments, I will ask unanimous consent for the Senate to pass the Epstein bill as soon as it comes over from the House. My unanimous consent request guarantees that the Senate will immediately pass the Epstein Files Transparency Act without any further action as soon as it comes over from the House. We will pass the House's bill without changes, without delay, and we will finally get this done.

Epstein victim groups have made clear that they support this bill as written, without amendments. We should listen to them and pass this bill quickly. They have worked so hard and long to make this happen and deserve tremendous—tremendous—credit that we have arrived at this moment.

This isn't about Democrats versus Republicans or about Congress versus the President. This is about giving the American people the transparency they have been crying for. This is about holding accountable all the people in Jeffrey Epstein's circle who raped, groomed, targeted, and enabled the abuse of hundreds of girls for years and years.

The American people have waited long enough. Jeffrey Epstein's victims have waited long enough. Let the truth come out. Let transparency reign. And I urge my Republican colleagues: Let the Senate act today.

And so, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives H.R. 4405, the Epstein Files Transparency Act, from the House, the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, the bill be considered read three times and passed, with no intervening action or debate, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the stable.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the Senate has now passed the Epstein bill as soon as it comes over from the House.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, hallelujah. Equal justice under law just took an enormous stride forward in this Senate Chamber.

It was back earlier this year in July when Senator LUJÁN and I introduced the Epstein bill—the same bill that just passed the Senate Chamber after passing through the House—and it had 25 sponsors, but we couldn't get a single sponsor from across the aisle, not one. Twenty-five Democrats said: Let's cosponsor this bill because we need transparency; the victims need justice.

And yet the President, who said during his campaign he was all about releasing these files, blocked them, did everything possible to stop them.

And then in September, under consideration of the Defense Authorization Act, we put forward an amendment. In fact, our minority leader, Senator SCHUMER from New York, put forward an amendment and said: Let's take the bill—the bill that Senator LUJÁN and I had introduced with 23 colleagues—and let's vote on it now and put it in the Defense authorization bill. And my good friends across the aisle again blockaded justice. They moved to table the amendment. And with only Republican votes, they created a 51-to-49 vote to kill justice, kill transparency, kill fairness for the victims of this evil—evil—operation that Epstein headed.

But the fight continued. The publicity continued from every part of the spectrum, politically, from the far right and the near right, left of center, far left of center, all saying: This is wrong. The crime is enormous—hundreds of young women, hundreds of girls, raped by powerful men. Every American knows how wrong those rapes were, how much damage they did to the young women involved, often destroying their lives.

Every father of a young girl thinks about how evil it would be for a powerful man to rape his daughter. And yet Trump's persistence in blockading the release of these files continued until the House came back into session, and there was a withdrawal petition—a discharge petition as they call it in the House—and a majority of the House Members said: We must vote on this.

And the President lobbied the Republicans who were on that discharge petition because Democrat names weren't enough to have a majority. He asked them to get off the petition, and they refused.

So it became clear the House was going to vote, and today they did. And when it came to the question of saying yes or no on releasing these files, it was 427 Members of the House strong, 1 opposed, saying today we stand for justice.

And so, just moments ago, the minority leader, Senator SCHUMER from New York, came to this floor, and he asked the Senate to follow the example set by the House. And just earlier today I said: When that moment comes, let's be 100 Senators strong, 100 strong in

saying yes to the unanimous consent request, saying yes to discharge of these files from the executive branch.

I am struck that the language is very full in saying all the details have to be discharged, and none of them can be blocked because of embarrassment or political sensitivity to the powerful individuals who are currently in office or may have been in office or may never have been in office but may have been involved in Epstein's operation. Let the chips fall where they may.

This bill says: Thirty days from a signature being provided by the President, 30 days those files have to be fully released, redacted only to protect the victims' names. So 30 days from now is a long time. And so I say to the President of the United States: You have had plenty of time to have your legal team already redact the names, so release these files now. Release them now. Sign this bill and release the files right away.

Today is a victory, a victory for the voices for justice who have pushed and argued that these two Chambers, the House and the Senate, need to fulfill the vision so embraced by the American people, so powerfully felt in their hearts, their sense of right and wrong, their sense that the powerful should not be able to do evil acts and get away with it, and finally their voices were heard today.

So I thank my Republican colleagues across the aisle. Every one of them decided not to come to the floor and object, which means they are giving unanimous consent. So all 100 Senators, however much they may have obstructed in the past, today did the right thing, and I applaud them for it.

Let's, together, push the President to release these files immediately. They have had plenty of time to redact the names. Let's see no further administrative delays or cleverness and let the chips fall where they may.

May there be justice for the victims. May there be accountability for the perpetrators. Equal justice under law should be served. It is our duty to serve it, and we have taken a powerful stride to equal justice today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. GALLEGUO. Mr. President, I ask consent to speak for 5 minutes.

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

Mr. GALLEGUO. Mr. President, I have come to the floor three times now to call for release of the Epstein files. Earlier today, the House voted to release the full files, and later today, I hope, this Chamber will do the same.

Before we vote, I want us to remember what is really at stake here. This isn't about Democrats versus Republicans. It is about real girls who were hurt, abused, and trafficked by Jeffrey Epstein and the powerful people who surrounded him.

One of those girls was Virginia Roberts Giuffre. She was forced to stay silent for years, but today I want to let her speak in her own words.

Virginia was just 16 when she started working at Mar-a-Lago where she met Epstein's recruiter Ghislaine Maxwell. She writes in her memoir:

Maxwell says she knows a wealthy man—longtime Mar-a-Lago member, she says—who is looking for a massage therapist to travel with him. . . . My lack of experience doesn't concern her a bit. I'm sure you'd be terrific," she insists, looking me up and down. "Will you come for an interview?"

Even today, more than 20 years later, I remember how excited I felt. Could my dreams of becoming a professional masseuse be coming true so quickly? Something about how this proper, well-spoken lady focused on me made that seem possible. I told her I had to get permission from my dad first, but that I really wanted to come.

That wealthy man, we all know now, was Jeffrey Epstein. That moment began years of trafficking and abuse for Virginia.

Later in her memoir, she writes:

I was about to spend more than two years in Epstein and Maxwell's orbit. My job: to do whatever they asked whenever they asked it. There were no bars on the windows or locks on the doors. But I was a prisoner trapped in an invisible cage.

Those are the words of a child—a child who should have been safe from predators like Epstein and Maxwell.

She talks about how Epstein gave her money to rent an apartment so her parents wouldn't question why she had to go to meet Epstein's clients in the middle of the night.

Here is the thing: Epstein did not act alone. He had help. And the men who helped him target and abuse young girls and protected him are still out there walking around like nothing happened. This can't just be another news cycle or another Tuesday. There needs to be justice.

We owe it to Virginia and every survivor of Epstein's to finally get the full truth of how this happened and who allowed it to happen. That is why I am going to, again, call for the full release of the Epstein files. Let's bring this evidence out, stop this secrecy, the coverups, and protecting these elites. The American people deserve the truth, and Virginia deserves transparency, accountability, and healing.

At a press conference earlier today, another Epstein survivor said:

Today we stand in a moment that will decide whether our government belongs to the American people or to those who prey on them.

We owe it to her and every survivor to choose accountability and release the files.

I yield the floor.

#### 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. 515, Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2029.

John Thune, Roger Marshall, John Barra-  
rasso, John R. Curtis, Ted Budd, Mike  
Rounds, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Tommy  
Tuberville, Jon Husted, Bernie Moreno,  
Steve Daines, Deb Fischer, Jim Justice,  
Kevin Cramer, Mike Crapo, Shelly  
Moore Capito, David McCormick.

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 Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2029, 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.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 65, nays 32, as follows:

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

[Rollcall Vote No. 619 Leg.]  
YEAS—65

Banks	Hagerty	Ossoff
Barrasso	Heinrich	Padilla
Blackburn	Hoeven	Paul
Boozman	Husted	Reed
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Ricketts
Budd	Johnson	Risch
Capito	Justice	Rounds
Cassidy	Kelly	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Coons	King	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Klobuchar	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Cramer	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McConnell	Warner
Daines	Mccormick	Warnock
Duckworth	Moody	Welch
Ernst	Moran	Whitehouse
Fischer	Moreno	Wicker
Graham	Mullin	Young
Grassley	Murkowski	

NAYS—32

Alsobrooks	Hassan	Rosen
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Bennet	Hirono	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Shafeen
Booker	Luján	Slotkin
Cantwell	Markley	Smith
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Gallego	Murray	Wyden
Gillibrand	Peters	

NOT VOTING—3

Fetterman	Hawley	Sanders
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 65, the nays are 32, and the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Ho Nieh, of Ala-

bama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2029.

will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. BRIAN MAST,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-80, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Denmark for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$318.4 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-80

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Denmark.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$270.2 million.  
Other \$48.2 million.  
Total \$318.4 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:  
Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Up to three-hundred forty (340) AIM-9X Block II Sidewinder tactical missiles.

Up to thirty-four (34) AIM-9X Block II tactical guidance units.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: training aids; weapon software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; transportation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (DE-P-AEI).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: DE-P-AEC; DE-P-AEF.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 12, 2025.

\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Denmark—AIM-9X Block II Tactical Missiles

The Government of Denmark has requested to buy up to three-hundred forty (340) AIM-9X Block II Sidewinder tactical missiles and up to thirty-four (34) AIM-9X Block II tactical guidance units. The following non-MDE items will also be included: training aids; weapon software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; transportation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$318.4 million.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-80, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Denmark for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$318.4 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

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This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Denmark's capability to meet current and future threats by ensuring its aviation forces' interoperability with the United States and other allied forces as well as their ability to contribute to missions of mutual interest. Denmark currently operates the AIM-9X missile system with F-35A aircraft and ground-based air defense and will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be RTX Corporation, located in Arlington, VA. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of four U.S. Government and four contractor representatives to Denmark on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-80

#### Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

##### (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-9X Block II and Block II+(Plus) Sidewinder missile represents a substantial increase in missile acquisition and kinematics performance over the AIM-9M and replaces the AIM-9X Block I configuration. The missile includes a high off-boresight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, a low drag/high angle of attack airframe, and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The software algorithms are the most sensitive portion of the AIM-9X missile. The most current AIM-9X Block II/II+ Operational Flight Software is developed for international partner countries and is authorized for export by U.S. policy; it provides fifth-generation infrared capabilities such as lock-on-after-launch, weapons data link, surface attack, and surface launch. No software source code or algorithms will be released.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that Denmark can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a

system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Denmark.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1M. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 21-65 of December 21, 2021.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosure.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

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U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

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Enclosure.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
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Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

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MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosure.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-1M

#### Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of France.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 21-65; Date: December 21, 2021; Implementing Agency: Navy.

(iii) Description: On December 21, 2021, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 21-65 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of one (1) Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS), two (2) launcher configuration; and one (1) Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG), three (3) engine configuration. Also included were land-based testing and test spares; shipboard install; testing and certification support; shipboard spares; peculiar support equipment; government furnished equipment; multi-purpose reconfigurable training system; operator and maintainer training; integrated electronic technical manuals; drawings and interface control documents; technical assistance; contractor engineering technical services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost was \$1.321 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$0.848 billion of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: one (1) Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) and three (3) launcher configurations. The following non-MDE items are also included: EMALS launcher configuration land-based testing and test spares; shipboard installation services; testing and certification support; shipboard spares; peculiar support equipment; government-furnished equipment; multi-purpose reconfigurable training system; operator and maintainer training; integrated electronic technical manuals; drawings and interface control documents; technical assistance; contractor engineering technical services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$755 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$513 million to a revised \$986 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$755 million to a revised \$2.076 billion. MDE constitutes \$1.09 billion of this total.

(iv) Significance: The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO Ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

##### (vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 13, 2025.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act

requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-74, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Germany for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$3.5 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
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U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

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MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-74

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Germany.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$3.0 billion.

Other \$500 million.

Total \$3.5 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One hundred seventy-three (173) Standard Missile 6 (SM-6) Block I

Five hundred seventy-seven (577) Standard Missile 2 (SM-2) Block IIIC

Non-Major Defense Equipment:

The following additional non-MDE items will also be included: MK 21 Mod 3 Vertical Launch System (VLS) canisters; MK 13 Mod 1 VLS canisters; missile and support test equipment component parts; engineering, integration, and test (EI&T) materiel and support required to produce SM-6 Block I and SM-2 Block IIIC missiles; special test and handling equipment; training and training equipment aids; technical publications data; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; related studies and analysis support; and product life cycle sustainment support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (GY-P-ALM, GY-P-GRN).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 14, 2025.

\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Germany—Standard Missile 6 Block I and Standard Missile 2 Block IIIC

The Government of Germany has requested to buy up to one hundred seventy three (173) Standard Missile 6 (SM-6) Block I missiles and up to five hundred seventy seven (577) Standard Missile 2 Block IIIC missiles, along with the non-MDE inclusion of MK 21 and MK 13 Vertical Launch System (VLS) missile transport, storage and launch canisters into which are installed SM-6 Block I and SM-2 Block IIIC missiles, respectively. The following additional non-MDE items will also be included: MK 21 Mod 3 Vertical Launch System (VLS) canisters; MK 13 Mod 1 VLS canisters; missile and support test equipment component parts; engineering, integration, and test (EI&T) materiel and support required to produce SM-6 Block I and SM-2 Block IIIC missiles; special test and handling equipment; training and training equipment aids; technical publications data; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; related studies and analysis support; and product life cycle sustainment support. The total estimated cost is \$3.5 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Germany's capability to meet current and future threats by providing integrated air and missile defense capabilities deployable from their future Aegis Weapon System equipped F127 class surface combatants, bolstering Germany's capacity to present a credible deterrence to regional strategic competitors. The proposed sale will also improve Germany's ability to operate alongside U.S. and Allied naval forces in facing a full spectrum of maritime threats. Germany will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be RTX Corporation, with locations in Camden, AR; Tucson, AZ; and Huntsville, AL. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Germany.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-74

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Standard Missile-6 (SM-6) is a surface Navy anti-air missile that provides area and ship self-defense. The missile is intended to project power and contribute to raid annihilation by destroying manned fixed and rotary wing aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, and cruise missiles. It was designed to fulfill the need for a vertically launched, extended range missile compatible with the Aegis Weapon System to be used against extended range threats at sea, near land, and over land. The SM-6 combines the tested legacy of Standard Missile 2 (SM-2) propulsion and ordnance with an active radio frequency seeker allowing for over-the-horizon engagements and enhanced capability at extended ranges.

2. The SM-2 Block IIIC maximizes existing SM-6 Block I active and SM-2 semi-active missile technology to deliver a low cost, medium range, dual mode, active semi-active missile. The guidance, ordnance and power, and control and telemetry sections are derived from SM-6 Block I, and the dual thrust rocket motor and missile canisters are derived from SM-2.

3. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that Germany can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Germany.

## ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-05, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Iraq for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$100 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,  
MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. BRIAN MAST,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

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Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-05, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Iraq for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$100 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this

proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-05

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Iraq.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$0.

Other \$100 million.

Total \$100 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case IQ-B-URS was below congressional notification threshold at \$41 million (\$0 in MDE) and included Radio Access Points (RAP), handheld dismounted radios; radio base station systems; radio repeater systems; very high frequency vehicular radio systems; WiMax systems; intermediate power amplifier base station systems; intermediate power amplifier vehicular systems; Very Small Aperture Terminals; installation materials and kits; routers; switches; shelters; solar equipment; cameras and spare parts; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; Contractor Logistics Support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The Government of Iraq has requested that the case be amended to include additional repeater systems and installation kits; high-capacity line of sight systems; RAP infrastructure (shelter, solar, camera, and air conditioner); and IT components (router, switch, and rack) to support a Country Wide Repeater System. This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: Radio Access Points (RAP), handheld dismounted radios; radio base station systems; radio repeater systems; very high frequency vehicular radio systems; WiMax systems; intermediate power amplifier base station systems; intermediate power amplifier vehicular systems; Very Small Aperture Terminals; installation materials and kits; routers; switches; shelters; solar equipment; cameras and spare parts; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; Contractor Logistics Support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support; repeater systems and installation kits; high-capacity line of sight systems; RAP infrastructure (shelter, solar, camera, and air conditioner); and IT components (router, switch, and rack) to support a Country Wide Repeater System; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (IQ-B-URS).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 13, 2025.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

## Iraq—Country Wide Repeater System

The Government of Iraq has requested to buy Radio Access Points (RAP), handheld dismounted radios; radio base station systems; radio repeater systems; very high frequency vehicular radio systems; WiMax systems; intermediate power amplifier base station systems; intermediate power amplifier vehicular systems; Very Small Aperture Terminals; installation materials and kits; routers; switches; shelters; solar equipment; cameras and spare parts; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; Contractor Logistics Support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$100 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner.

The proposed sale will improve Iraq's critical command-and-control capabilities, bolstering its defense against regional threats. This strengthens Iraq's ability to protect its borders, energy infrastructure, and residents, while advancing U.S. security interests. Iraq will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be L3Harris Corporation, located in Rochester, NY. At this time, the U.S. government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. government and five U.S. contractor representatives to Iraq for a duration of five years to support quarterly program management reviews, provide engineering consulting and technical assessments for equipment upgrades and growth of the CWRS, and to conduct in-country training.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

## ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-73, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$330 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
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MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. BRIAN MAST,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-73

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$0.

Other \$330 million.

Total \$330 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: Non-standard components, spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support for F-16, C-130, and Indigenous Defense Fighter (IDF) aircraft; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (TW-D-RAS).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: TW-D-RAR.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 13, 2025.

\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Non-Standard Spare and Repair Parts

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United (TECRO) has requested to buy non-standard components, spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support for F-16, C-130, and Indigenous Defense Fighter (IDF) aircraft; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$330 million.

The proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of the recipient's fleet of F-16, C-130, and IDF aircraft. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The equipment will be transferred from U.S. Government stock. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the recipient.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale

may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-91, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Ukraine for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$105 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
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MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

## TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-91

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Ukraine.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$0.  
Other \$105 million.

Total \$105 million.

Funding Source: JUMPSTART Funding from Germany.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services Under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: sustainment related articles and services for the PATRIOT air defense system, including the upgrade of M901 launchers to M903 configuration; classified and unclassified prescribed load lists and authorized stockage lists for ground support equipment; other necessary services, ancillaries, spare parts, support, training, and accessories; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (JU-B-UAE).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: UP-B-UDC and USAI Cases NX-B-VAB, NW-B-WMA, NW-B-WME, KA-B-WAM, KA-B-WAZ, M-B-WBA, KA-B-WBB, KA-B-WDE.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 18, 2025.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Ukraine—PATRIOT Air Defense System  
Sustainment

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy sustainment related articles and services for the PATRIOT air defense system, including the upgrade of M901 launchers to M903 configuration; classified and unclassified prescribed load lists and authorized stockage lists for ground support equipment; other necessary services, ancillaries, spare parts, support, training, and accessories; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$105 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Ukraine's ability to meet current and future threats by further equipping it to conduct self-defense and regional security missions with a more robust local sustainment capability. Ukraine will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be RTX Corporation, located in Arlington, VA, and Lockheed Martin, located in Bethesda, MD. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately five

additional U.S. Government and fifteen U.S. contractor representatives to the European Combatant Command for the duration of up to one month to support training and periodic meetings.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

## TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-91

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The PATRIOT air defense system contains sensitive and critical technology. The M903 upgrade will allow for deployment of all the munitions fieldable with the M902 configuration as well as the PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Missile Segment Enhanced (MSE) munition. The MSE variant of the PAC-3 is the next generation of hit-to-kill interceptors and provides expanded battlespace against evolving threats.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Ukraine can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Ukraine.

## TRIBUTE TO MAJOR BRIAN DULZO

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate MAJ Brian Dulzo for his exemplary dedication to duty and service to the Nation and Washington State. Major Dulzo served as an Army congressional fellow in my office, and he currently serves with distinction in the Army Congressional Budget Liaison Office, assisting my office and many others in serving our constituents.

Originally from Novi, MI, Major Dulzo's commitment to service began with his graduation from the University of Michigan in 2011, where he earned a bachelor of science in nursing and received his commission as an officer in the Army Nurse Corps. He continued to prove himself as a hard-working team member as he earned a master of arts in international relations from American Military University, a master of professional studies in congressional affairs from George Washington University, and a graduate certificate in global health engagement from Uniformed Services University.

Throughout his 14 years of dedicated service thus far, Major Dulzo's selfless dedication to our Nation and his fellow servicemembers has been apparent in every role he has taken on. Major

Dulzo has demonstrated exceptional leadership in a variety of essential positions, including as a critical care nurse, aide-de-camp to a commanding general, company commander, and officer-in-charge of a critical care section. During very uncertain times, he deployed to Iraq and Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Prior to his selection into the Army congressional fellowship, Major Dulzo led the critical care section at Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, in Washington State.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working directly with Major Dulzo over the past 3 years. His professionalism, unwavering commitment to our Nation and Washington State, and insightful contributions have earned the respect of me, my entire staff, and countless other offices. His work on servicemember healthcare, housing, childcare, and military families has been invaluable. Throughout his career, Major Dulzo has consistently demonstrated a profound dedication to the well-being of his peers and superiors alike.

I offer my deepest appreciation for Major Dulzo's leadership and continued dedication to our Nation's servicemembers. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his outstanding contributions to the U.S. Army and wishing Major Dulzo the best on his next assignment.

## THE BALLAD OF JANE GOODALL

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, in fond memory of Dame Jane Goodall, 1934-2025, Explorers Club Fellow, Honorary Member, and Explorers Club Medalist, by L. M. Levie:

There's a tale explorers tell, of a girl with drive and dreams, Who was born in Hampstead, London in a home of modest means, With a small toy chimp named Jubilee clutched close against her heart, And a yearning for the wilderness, imprinted from the start.

She would read of Doctor Dolittle and apes of Tarzan's land, While her mother, kind and gentle, held her daughter's reaching hand. Though she had no lofty pedigree from university, Jane set out upon a mission that would change humanity.

Jane would save all of her wages, every shilling, pence and pound, And she booked a ship to Africa, to Kenya she was bound. In the camp of Louis Leakey, digging age-old skulls from earth, He found something in her manner, recognized her hidden worth.

"You shall study chimpanzees in the wilds of Gombe Stream, You shall live among the primates and fulfill your childhood dream." So at twenty-six she ventured to Tanzania's lake shore, Where no woman dared go solo, where no scholar went before.

And at first the chimps would scatter, running fearful through the trees, But she sat there day and nighttime under sun and rain and breeze. 'Til one ancient male named David with a beard of silver-gray, Took a nut from Jane's kind outstretched hand and gently squeezed to say:

"You are welcome here among us, you may watch us, you may learn." And upon this invitation, science took a mighty turn. Through the years at Gombe watching, Jane recorded every deed, How they shared their

food and groomed with care—compassion was their creed.

How they laughed and kissed and mourned their dead with grief upon their face, How they held the mirror to us, showing evolution's trace. But in nineteen-eighty-six she flew far above this wood. And she saw the devastation where the forest once had stood.

She was no more mere observer, now she'd fight to save and teach, And she traveled 'round the planet, bringing hope within her reach. On three hundred days of travel, every year for decades long, Speaking, begging, preaching, pleading, singing out her urgent song:

"Every person makes a difference, every action matters true, And the future of our planet, of all life, depends on you." On October first she left us, and she shed all mortal cares. Ninety-one years of devotion, of a life of answered prayers.

Jane, who gave her life to nature, and gave voice to all things wild, Has returned unto the earth now, still a curious, loving child. So we weep for Jane this evening, though we know she'd ask us: "Why? I have lived the life I dreamed of underneath the broadest sky."

As we mourn for you, dear Jane, your great legacy burns bright, And the world's a kinder place because you brought us to the light. For in every child who plants a tree, in every soul who cares, In every word of hope and faith, we find you standing there.

Rest now in peace, dear Jane Goodall, in earth you loved and knew, You showed us how to live with grace, with courage strong and true. And when the wind sings through the Gombe trees, chimps call at dawn, Remembering one who loved them—Though she's gone, her work lives on.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL DALE STOVAL

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of recognizing Brigadier General (Ret.) Dale Stovall of Missoula as Montanan of the Month for his extraordinary courage, lifetime of military service, and heroic actions that saved the lives of his fellow airmen during the Vietnam war. Earlier this year, Ret. General Stovall traveled to Washington, DC, where he received well-deserved recognition from President Trump for the daring rescues that he carried out decades ago in Vietnam. His story is one of unwavering bravery, humility, and dedication to his country.

During his service as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, then-Captain Stovall flew some of the most dangerous missions of the war, going deep into hostile territory under heavy enemy fire to rescue downed American airmen. One of his most legendary missions was the rescue of fellow airman Roger Locker, a mission so dangerous that Stovall recalled the sky filled with explosions as he maneuvered his helicopter through relentless enemy attacks. Despite the danger, Stovall pressed on. His extraordinary flying skill and refusal to give up saved Locker's life and many others.

Over the course of a single combat tour, he completed 12 rescues behind

enemy lines. On each one, he risked his own life so that another American could go home to their family. For these acts of heroism, General Stovall received the Air Force Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Silver Stars, making him one of the most highly decorated Air Force Academy graduates in history.

But in true Montana fashion, General Stovall is always quick to shift the spotlight away from himself. He reminds us that rescue missions are a team effort of pilots, crew members, and rescuers united under the Jolly Green motto: "That Others May Live."

After Vietnam, Stovall continued to serve our Nation with distinction, ultimately retiring as a brigadier general after 31 years in uniform. His commitment to service, courage under fire, and lifelong dedication to his fellow servicemembers make him a hero of the Vietnam era.

General Stovall, you make Montana proud. Your legacy of valor, humility, and service will inspire Montanans for years to come. It is my honor to recognize you as Montanan of the Month.●

#### RECOGNIZING BOERNSEN BEES

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

Founded in the summer of 2004 in Ocheyedan, IA, Boernsen Bees began when Marlene Boernsen and her family transformed a simple backyard hobby into a thriving generational enterprise. What started as an effort to provide her children with the healthiest and most natural foods quickly grew into a passion for beekeeping and a commitment to understanding the vital role honeybees play in agriculture and the environment. Marlene first introduced her honey to the community through local farmers markets, selling raw honey in its purest form. As demand increased, the Boernsen family expanded their offerings and grew their apiary to more than 400 colonies. Today, Boernsen Bees produces more than 18 products, including creamed honey in over 20 flavors, raw honey, honey lemonade, body lotions, lip balms, beeswax candles, gift sets, and seasonal specialty items. The business also provides bees and basic beekeeping supplies, supporting hobbyists and new beekeepers across the region as interest in pollinator health continues to grow.

With a team of five employees, including Marlene's two daughters-in-law Jill and Mara, Boernsen Bees has grown well beyond its backyard origins. The business now sells at its storefront, known as the "Honey House," which has become a local destination for families, school groups,

and community members interested in honey production. In addition to in-person sales, Boernsen Bees operates an online store and partners with 26 year-round retailers and 4 seasonal locations throughout Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Through sustainable practices and a deep respect for nature, Boernsen Bees continues to expand while promoting environmental stewardship across the Midwest.

Marlene and the Boernsen Bees team are deeply committed to their community. They participate in local farmers markets throughout the spring and summer, helping connect residents with Iowa-made products while educating the public about the importance of pollinators. Marlene serves as the district 6 director of the Iowa Honey Producers Association, IHPA, where she supports fellow beekeepers, coordinates regional outreach, and helps lead educational efforts across the State. Beyond her involvement with IHPA, Marlene advocates for local food producers by engaging with the Osceola County Board of Supervisors on initiatives related to community self-governance and small-scale agriculture. In February 2025, her leadership earned her a Small Business Salute from the Iowa Secretary of State.

What began as one mother's effort to provide for her family has grown into a thriving Iowa business admired well beyond its county line. It is my honor to recognize Marlene Boernsen and the entire Boernsen Bees team for their dedication, innovation, and service to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING LAKE CITY VETERINARY SERVICE

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to honor Lake City Veterinary Service of Calhoun County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 1974, Lake City Veterinary Service was established by Dr. Paul Armbrecht, a dedicated swine veterinarian whose lifelong commitment to supporting independent livestock producers has shaped the practice. After graduating from Iowa State University and serving in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, Dr. Armbrecht and his wife planted their roots in Lake City. For more than 40 years, Dr. Armbrecht has served as the Calhoun County Expo veterinarian, providing guidance to independent pork producers, as well as diagnosing and troubleshooting farm operations, and mentoring the next generation of veterinarians. He has also contributed his expertise to swine disease eradication campaigns and to committees focused on foreign animal disease preparedness,

demonstrating his steadfast commitment to the health and success of Iowa's livestock industry.

In 2015, after his associates retired, Dr. Armbrecht became the sole owner and continued to practice in nearby Rockwell City. Today, as an independent practitioner, Dr. Armbrecht focuses primarily on veterinary farm visits and livestock auction markets and says he is having "more fun than ever." As Dr. Armbrecht puts it, his greatest honor is "the privilege to serve independent livestock producers," including now the third generation of families he has worked with since the 1970s.

Dr. Armbrecht's commitment to service extends far beyond his veterinary work. He is a loyal member of the Iowa Farm Bureau, an elder at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, a volunteer with the Capri City Theater Restoration and Rockwell City Sweet Corn Daze, and a proud supporter of local youth and education. Throughout his career, Dr. Armbrecht's exceptional service has been recognized with numerous honors. Most recently, Dr. Armbrecht was named as the Rockwell City Citizen of the Year for 2025. In 2010, he was named a "Master of Pork Production" by the National Hog Farmer magazine. His family has been recognized by Iowa State University with the 2004 Family of the Year Award, and he has been recognized by the Iowa Farm Bureau with awards such as Iowa's Favorite Veterinarian, the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award, and the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. Through his dedication to Iowa agriculture, Dr. Armbrecht represents the best of the heartland's small business owners.

For over 50 years, Dr. Armbrecht and Lake City Veterinary Service have faithfully served independent livestock producers across Iowa while exemplifying the values of hard work, community service, and integrity. What began as a veteran pursuing his passion has grown into one of the most trusted practices within Iowa's agricultural community. It is my honor to recognize Lake City Veterinary Service and Dr. Paul Armbrecht for his outstanding work and dedication to the Calhoun County community. I look forward to his continued success and wish him the very best in the years ahead.●

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM

• Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, Georgia Aquarium opened in 2005 and has since become one of Georgia's most beloved cultural institutions, welcoming millions of guests and inspiring curiosity, stewardship, and a lasting appreciation for the ocean.

Georgia Aquarium's transformative experiences have reimaged what an aquarium can be. Awe-inspiring habitats and immersive galleries are paired with science-based storytelling so families, students, and visitors of all ages connect deeply with aquatic life and leave with a renewed sense of wonder.

Its profound community impact reaches downtown Atlanta and classrooms across the State. Accessible programs and field experiences strengthen tourism, support local businesses, and expand hands-on STEM learning opportunities for Georgia's students.

As an animal well-being champion, the aquarium advances best practices through collaborative research and responds to urgent rescues, demonstrating expertise that saves animals and informs conservation worldwide.

Georgia Aquarium strives to make every experience welcoming and accessible. Designated a Certified Autism Center and recognized as KultureCity's Sensory Inclusive Venue of the Year, the aquarium also runs the Veterans Immersion Program—therapeutic dives for wounded and recovering veterans—now extended to children from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and patients from Shepherd Center, creating restorative, unforgettable connections with marine life. As research and conservation experts, the aquarium and its partners conduct and apply cutting-edge science. They advance knowledge of threatened species, restore critical habitats, and turn evidence into action for healthier oceans and stronger ecosystems.

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, I congratulate Georgia Aquarium and commend its enduring leadership in education, animal care, inclusion, and conservation. This work enriches the lives of Georgians and elevates Atlanta on the world stage.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 12, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5371. An act making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the en-

rolled bill was signed on November 12, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Vice President.

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 17, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 695. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 260. An act to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.

S. 2392. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1608. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to produce a report on emerging threats and countermeasures related to vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2212. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2261. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Department of Homeland Security's oversight of certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2659. An act to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by People's Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5078. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the State and local cybersecurity grant program of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 874. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, a former Vice President of the United States of America.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4703(b) of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act (20 U.S.C. 4703), the

Majority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Mr. Burgess Owens of Utah.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), as amended by section 1601 of Public Law 111-68, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Mr. Bacon of Nebraska.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. Foxx of North Carolina.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, November 18, 2025, he has signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 695. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1608. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to produce a report on emerging threats and countermeasures related to vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2212. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2261. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Department of Homeland Security's oversight of certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2659. An act to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by People's Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5078. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the State and local cybersecurity grant program of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States

Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 89, a joint resolution 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 "Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment", and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Cynthia M. Lummis, John Barrasso, Mike Crapo, Ted Budd, Bill Cassidy, John Boozman, Rick Scott, Lindsey Graham, Mike Rounds, Dan Sullivan, Steve Daines, Mike Lee, James E. Risch, James Lankford, Bernie Moreno, Markwayne Mullin, Tim Sheehy, Marsha Blackburn, Ted Cruz, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Cornyn, Rand Paul, Kevin Cramer, Deb Fischer, Tom Cotton, Pete Ricketts, Todd Young, Joni Ernst, David McCormick, Katie Boyd Britt.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 89. Joint resolution 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 "Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

#### PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator BILL CASSIDY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2115. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDT 25-070) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2116. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Mexico in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDT 25-

078) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2117. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Ukraine in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDT 25-103) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 246. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions (Rept. No. 119-96).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1884. A bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2503. A bill to require all aircraft to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast In, to improve aviation safety, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 3175. A bill to establish a pilot program for ZIP Code boundary changes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3176. A bill to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain Oklahoma communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 3177. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit a State to include as part of the mail voter registration form a requirement that applicants provide proof of citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MORENO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3178. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture to withdraw a final determination relating to energy efficiency standards for housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 3179. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal penalty for obstructing immigration enforcement activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3180. A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to increase transparency and oversight of third-party funding by foreign persons, to prohibit third-party funding by foreign states and sovereign wealth funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3181. A bill to revoke security clearances for former personnel of the Department of Defense who engage in lobbying activities on behalf of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KELLY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3182. A bill to amend chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the President from seeking relief under that chapter; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 3183. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to improve safety standards for wildland firefighters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

S. 3184. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to add access to telecommunications and information services in Indian country and areas with high populations of Indian people to the universal service principle relating to access to those services in rural, insular, and high cost areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 3185. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide information on relocation assistance programs when a member of the Armed Forces receives orders for a change of permanent station, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 3186. A bill to ensure that the United States, States, and local governments are liable for monetary damages for constitutional violations by law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 3187. A bill to provide a civil remedy for an individual whose rights have been violated by a person acting under Federal authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. BUDD):

S. 3188. A bill to establish a Biopharmaceutical Center of Excellence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 3189. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any retirement income received by individuals who retired from service as a law enforcement officer or member of the Armed Forces and subsequently serve as school resource officers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 3190. A bill to direct the establishment of a public-private wildfire technology deployment and demonstration partnership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3191. A bill to prevent corruption by appropriately limiting donations for any public property, building, or fixture at the White House, the Naval Observatory, or certain other public property, for events on such property, or for monuments to living current or former Presidents, current or former Vice Presidents, or current or former employees or officers appointed by the President; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3192. A bill to require Transmission Organizations to allow aggregators of retail customers to submit to organized wholesale electric markets bids that aggregate demand flexibility of customers of certain utilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 3193. A bill to amend section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 to limit liability protection under that section for certain social media platforms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3194. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land in California as the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAYNE, Mr. KING, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MURRAY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3195. A bill to repeal section 213 of division C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extension Act, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3196. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs opportunities to be represented by the representatives of their choices in examinations of the employees in connection with examinations that may result in disciplinary action, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S.J. Res. 95. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Interim Guidance Simplifying Application of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax to Partnerships"; to the Committee on Finance.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HUSTED:

S. Res. 499. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. Res. 500. A resolution commemorating the centennial year of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KAYNE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 501. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. KIM):

S. Res. 502. A resolution recognizing November 2025 as "National Family Caregivers Month"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to identify and address barriers to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women.

S. 343

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 343, a bill to require full funding of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

S. 410

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

S. 455

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit immigration enforcement actions at sensitive locations, to clarify the powers of immigration officers at sensitive locations, and for other purposes.

S. 593

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify Reid Vapor Pressure requirements and to provide for the return of certain retired credits, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 1277

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1286

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1286, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow workers an above-the-line deduction for union dues and expenses and to allow a miscellaneous itemized deduction for workers for all unreimbursed expenses incurred in the trade or business of being an employee.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to establish a Medicare-for-All national health insurance program.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, by adding an additional aggravating factor to be considered in determining whether a sentence of death is warranted.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to minimum participation standards for pension plans and qualified trusts.

S. 1757

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1757, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for more efficient hearings on nuclear facility construction applications, and for other purposes.

S. 1763

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1763, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-year recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 1796

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1796, a bill to modify the premerger notification requirements under the Clayton Act with respect to certain acquisitions of residential property, and for other purposes.

S. 1809

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) was added as a

cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, and for other purposes.

S. 1949

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1949, a bill to improve certain criminal provisions.

S. 1973

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1973, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of audiology services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2019

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2019, a bill to establish a Task Force for Recognizing and Averting Payment Scams, and for other purposes.

S. 2211

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 2211, a bill to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

S. 2212

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2212, a bill to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require all immigration enforcement officers to display visible identification during public-facing immigration enforcement actions and to promote transparency and accountability.

S. 2275

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the mine methane capture incentive credit.

S. 2329

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 2398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2398, a bill to reauthorize the Kay Hagan Tick Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize admission of Canadian retirees as long-term visitors for pleasure described in section 101(a)(15)(B) of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2468

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2468, a bill to amend section 249 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to render available to certain long-term residents of the United States the benefit under that section.

S. 2503

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAYNE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2503, a bill to require all aircraft to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast In, to improve aviation safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2557

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2557, a bill to direct the Attorney General to make publicly available documents related to Jeffrey Epstein, and for other purposes.

S. 2747

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2747, a bill to require the Secretary of State to designate the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a Country of Particular Concern, to impose certain sanctions, and for other purposes.

S. 2858

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2858, a bill to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, and for other purposes.

S. 2875

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual market coverage.

S. 2977

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2977, a bill to amend chapter 77 of title 5, United States Code, to ensure timely rulings by the Merit Systems Protection Board on appeals by Federal employees and applicants for employment.

S. 3126

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3126, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reform farm loans, to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to reform the National Appeals Division process, and for other purposes.

S. 3147

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3147, a bill to provide for continuing appropriations for Head Start programs.

S. 3165

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAYNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3165, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of Federal employees during the lapse in appropriations that began on October 1, 2025, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that paraprofessionals and education support staff should have fair compensation, benefits, and working conditions.

S. RES. 463

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 463, a resolution expressing condemnation of the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of religious minority groups, including Christians, Muslims, and Buddhists and the detention of Pastor "Ezra" Jin Mingri and leaders of the Zion Church, and reaffirming the United States' global commitment to promote religious freedom and tolerance.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr.

MULLIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MORENO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3178. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture to withdraw a final determination relating to energy efficiency standards for housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

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

S. 3178

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

#### SECTION 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR HOUSING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture—

(1) shall withdraw the final determination announced in the notice of final determination entitled "Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction of HUD- and USDA-Financed Housing" (89 Fed. Reg. 3312);

(2) may not take any action or use any Federal funds to implement or enforce the final determination described in paragraph (1) or any substantially similar final determination; and

(3) shall revert energy efficiency standards for covered programs under the final determination described in paragraph (1) to the energy efficiency standards required before the final determination.

##### (b) ACTION BY ADDITIONAL AGENCIES.—

(1) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not take any action or use any Federal funds to implement or enforce a final determination that is substantially similar to the final determination described in subsection (a)(1).

(2) FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency may not finalize, implement, or enforce a determination or rule relating to energy efficiency standards for single and multifamily housing.

(c) CONSIDERATION OF STATE STANDARDS.—Section 109(d) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12709(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting ";" and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) not fewer than 26 States have adopted an energy efficiency code or standard that meets or exceeds the requirements of the revised code or standard.".

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3192. A bill to require Transmission Organizations to allow aggregators of retail customers to submit to organized wholesale electric markets bids that aggregate demand flexibility of customers of certain utilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

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

S. 3192

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Responsive Energy Demand Unlocks Clean Energy Act” or the “REDUCE Act”.

**SEC. 2. AGGREGATOR BIDDING INTO ORGANIZED POWER MARKETS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any prohibition established by State law or a State commission (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796)) with respect to who may bid into an organized wholesale electric market, each Transmission Organization shall, consistent with any applicable market rules that do not establish such a prohibition, allow aggregators of retail customers to submit bids that aggregate demand flexibility of customers of utilities that distributed more than 4,000,000 megawatt-hours in the previous fiscal year.

(b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall issue a rule to carry out the requirements of subsection (a).

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

S. 3194. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land in California as the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Study Act. This legislation would direct the completion of a study to assess the feasibility of designating certain land along California’s central coast as the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area.

This bill would require the National Park Service to conduct a study to determine if coastal communities adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary meet the requirements to be designated as a national heritage area. If passed, the Park Service would hold robust consultation and listening sessions with local stakeholders and community members to assess whether this designation is appropriate.

A national heritage area designation recognizes a place’s cultural, historical, and ecological value. These designations create public-private partnerships that leverage Federal support to empower local conservation efforts, provide technical assistance, and spur economic development without imposing Federal land use restrictions or affecting private property.

In California, where we already have two such designations, residents continue to retain their private property rights despite the designation. Nothing in this bill would allow the Federal Government to infringe upon private property acquire land within a potential national heritage area boundary.

My bill would also not immediately authorize the designation but, rather,

assess the feasibility of moving toward a designation. I want to thank Senator SCHIFF for cosponsoring this bill, and I want to thank Representative JIMMY PANETTA for leading this effort in the House.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this straightforward legislation to recognize the unique cultural, historical, and environmental treasures in the Monterey Bay region.

**SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATE RESOLUTION 499—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE (CJD) AWARENESS DAY”**

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

S. RES. 499

Whereas Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) is a rare, fatal brain disorder within a group of illnesses called prion diseases;

Whereas CJD occurs in approximately 1 to 2 individuals per 1,000,000 each year, resulting in approximately 600 cases annually in the United States, 85 percent of which are designated as sporadic, with no known causes, while 10 to 15 percent are deemed genetic, and less than 1 percent are deemed acquired;

Whereas, in the early stages of the disease, CJD patients may exhibit failing memory, behavioral changes, impaired coordination, and visual disturbances, and as the illness progresses, mental deterioration becomes more pronounced while involuntary movements, blindness, weakness of extremities, and ultimately coma may occur;

Whereas CJD typically leads to death within a few months to 1 year following the onset of symptoms;

Whereas CJD is responsible for 1 in every 6,000 deaths in the United States each year;

Whereas comprehensive prion disease surveillance is critical in order to develop more efficient detection methods and to determine whether humans can acquire the disease through the consumption of prion-contaminated beef (known to cause bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or “mad cow” disease) or meat from cervids (deer, elk, and moose) affected by chronic wasting disease (referred to in this preamble as “CWD”);

Whereas CWD is a fatal condition in cervids, caused by misfolded prions, that has been detected in cervids in more than 36 States and all 4 regions of the United States;

Whereas monitoring the prevalence of prion diseases, including determining a disease’s incidence and whether it was acquired from animals or other humans, is critical;

Whereas continued prion disease surveillance, particularly through examination of postmortem human brain tissue, is imperative to evaluate whether CWD has or can spread to humans;

Whereas the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center is the only laboratory-based organization in the United States that monitors human prion diseases, which is critical to protecting the public health of the United States;

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (referred to in this preamble as “ADRD”) research could benefit from the study of prion diseases, like CJD;

Whereas caregiver and health-services research of ADRD should be applied to prion diseases, like CJD, which share many of the same challenges;

Whereas the families and communities affected by CJD have compelling stories due to the rarity and rapid effects of the disease;

Whereas, from the time of diagnosis, CJD presents unique challenges and burdens for patients, their family members, and caregivers given the rapidly progressive nature of this devastating disease; and

Whereas the establishment of November 12, 2025, as “Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day” would raise awareness about this rare, rapidly progressive, and invariably fatal disease: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of “Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day”; and
- (2) recognizes the importance of raising awareness of this rare brain disorder.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 500—COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION**

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Ms. ALSOBROOKS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 500

Whereas the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (referred to in this preamble as “ASHA”) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 241,000 members, certificate holders, and affiliates who are—

- (1) audiologists;
- (2) speech-language pathologists;
- (3) speech, language, and hearing scientists;
- (4) audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; or
- (5) students;

Whereas, in its centennial year, ASHA remains steadfast in achieving its mission to—

- (1) advance science;
- (2) foster excellence in education and professional practice;
- (3) establish standards; and
- (4) advocate for accessible and quality care for all;

Whereas ASHA believes that effective communication is a human right and should be accessible and achievable for all;

Whereas ASHA led the path for licensing in all 50 States and the District of Columbia by setting the initial standards in the fields of practice for audiology and speech-language pathology to ensure consumer protections through State licensure;

Whereas ASHA’s commitment to promoting access to care and support for those with communication disorders is demonstrated through engaging in advocacy for laws, such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), the Steve Gleason Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-40), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-241), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

Whereas people with communication disorders are frequently subjected to stigma that includes mockery, bullying, and myths that say they are of low intelligence and ability, which causes them to be wrongly underestimated and denied advancement at work and educationally, as well as isolated socially;

Whereas communication disorders are among the most common conditions in children and adults in the United States, affecting tens of millions of individuals in the United States;

Whereas May is National Speech-Language-Hearing Month, which provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders and the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology; and

Whereas ASHA looks to the future and how it can most effectively educate, support, and advocate for the audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are making a positive difference in the quality of life for millions of individuals in the United States, from infants to older adults: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for 100 years of positive impact for people with communication disorders and work to advance the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology; and

(2) commemoates the centennial year of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 501—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE HERITAGES AND CULTURES OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES**

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. ALSO BROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KAINES, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 501

Whereas, from November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, the United States celebrates National Native American Heritage Month;

Whereas National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States;

Whereas Native Americans are descendants of the original, Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census estimates that—

(1) in 2020, there were 9,666,058 individuals of American Indian and Alaska Native descent in the United States; and

(2) in 2020, there were 680,442 individuals of Native Hawaiian descent in the United States;

Whereas Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community;

Whereas Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations;

Whereas Native Americans speak and write in their Indigenous languages, which have influenced and contributed in a variety of ways to the United States, including the naming of places and sites throughout the United States;

Whereas Congress has consistently reaffirmed support for self-governance and self-determination policies for Native American communities and the commitment of the United States to improving the lives of all Native Americans;

Whereas the United States is committed to—

(1) strengthening the government-to-government relationship with Indian Tribes; and

(2) upholding the Federal trust responsibility to Native American communities;

Whereas Congress has recognized the contributions of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the influence of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on the Founding Fathers in the drafting of the Constitution of the United States with the concepts of—

(1) freedom of speech;

(2) the separation of governmental powers; and

(3) the system of checks and balances between the branches of government;

Whereas, with the enactment of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-33; 123 Stat. 1922), Congress—

(1) reaffirmed the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Native American governments; and

(2) recognized the important contributions of Native Americans to the culture of the United States;

Whereas Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the world in many fields, including agriculture, environmental stewardship, wayfinding, medicine, music, dance, language, and art;

Whereas contemporary applications of traditional knowledge systems of Native Americans have expanded scientific, environmental, and intercultural understanding;

Whereas Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars;

Whereas Native Americans have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States for centuries and have the highest per capita involvement of any population currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the United States has recognized the contribution of the Native American code talkers in World War I and World War II, who used Indigenous languages to communicate an unbreakable military code, saving countless lives in both conflicts; and

Whereas the people of the United States have reason to honor the great achievements and contributions of Native Americans and their ancestors: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the month of November 2025 as “National Native American Heritage Month”;

(2) recognizes the Friday after Thanksgiving as “Native American Heritage Day” in accordance with section 2(10) of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-33; 123 Stat. 1923); and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 502—RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2025 AS ‘NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH’**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. KIM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 502

Whereas, in 2025, there were 63,000,000 family caregivers in the United States who provide essential care to millions of people each year, providing unpaid care worth an estimated \$600,000,000 annually;

Whereas family caregivers play a vital role in the healthcare system of the United States, supporting loved ones who have chronic illnesses, disabilities, and are aging;

Whereas family caregivers, who are disproportionately women, often face significant challenges including financial strain, physical and emotional exhaustion, and social isolation; and

Whereas “National Family Caregivers Month” is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contributions of family caregivers of all ages and to advocate for policies that support family caregivers: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes November 2025 as “National Family Caregivers Month”;

(2) commends the 63,000,000 family caregivers in the United States who provide essential care to their loved ones and chosen family each day;

(3) recognizes the importance of the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers as a roadmap to better support caregivers in the United States; and

(4) encourages all people of the United States to learn more about family caregiving and to support their loved ones and neighbors who are providing care.

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**TAIWAN ASSURANCE IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1512 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1512) to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State’s Taiwan Guidelines.

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

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 1512) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

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**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

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

proceed to consideration of S. Res. 501, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 501) recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

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

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 501) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 502, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 502) recognizing November 2025 as "National Family Caregivers Month".

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 502) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19; 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 that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that the

postclosure time on the Nieh nomination be expired and the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination at noon tomorrow; and if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action. I further ask that the Senate recess following the disposition of the Nieh nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; finally, that at 2:15 p.m., Senator LUMMIS be recognized for up to 5 minutes prior to making a motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 89

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

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:47 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

STUART LEVENBACH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE ROHIT CHOPRA.

##### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

CARTER CROW, OF TEXAS, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE KARLA ANN GILBRIDE.

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROBERT CEKADA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, VICE STEVEN M. DETTELBACH, RESIGNED.

##### THE JUDICIARY

DAVID CLAY FOWLKE, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS, VICE PAUL KINLOCH HOLMES, III, RETIRED.

NICHOLAS JON GANJEE, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE LYNN H. HUGHES, RETIRED.

AARON CHRISTIAN PETERSON, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE TIMOTHY MARK BURGESS, RETIRED.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

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

##### To be general

LT. GEN. DALE R. WHITE

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. BRAD W. PIERSON

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 2121(E):

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MATTHEW T. BROWN  
CAPT. JONATHAN A. CARTER  
CAPT. ROBERT C. COMPHER  
CAPT. DOROTHY J. HERNAEZ  
CAPT. CHRISTOPHER J. HULSER  
CAPT. ANDREW D. MEVERDEN  
CAPT. BLAKE L. NOVAK  
CAPT. TORRENCE B. WILSON

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be colonel

JEREMY P. GARLICK

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

##### To be colonel

ROBERT D. HUHN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major

DAWN R. HARDWICK

##### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

SARAH B. PEZZAT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be colonel

ROBERT J. HILLERY

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be commander

SARAH D. RUSHNOV

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

##### To be captain

WILLIAM F. MURPHY

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

##### To be captain

KEVIN A. WITTE-HUNT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be captain

MICHAEL J. BEER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be captain

MICHAEL K. MOSI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be captain

JEFFREY T. VANAK

##### IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major

MARC B. GREEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major

JACOB A. DAHLKE

DONALD A. REDLEY

JASMINE C. TOYE

#### WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on November 18, 2025 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

DONALD KORB, OF OHIO, TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND AN ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE MARJORIE A. ROLLINSON, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON APRIL 29, 2025.