

In fact, in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Sweden and Finland have shrugged off a long history of neutrality to apply to join NATO. I applaud them for this and look forward to voting in favor of their accession treaties on the U.S. Senate floor here very soon.

Tomorrow, in fact, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is going to hold a hearing on their interest in joining the alliance. I urge my Senate colleagues to support this, and instead of causing global division, as he meant to do, show President Putin that he has brought NATO together and added to the strength of NATO.

I urge swift consideration of NATO expansion. Let's bring the Swedes and the Finns into the fold. We can't forget that Russia has claimed this war started because Ukraine wanted to join the NATO alliance. It is certainly true that as they reaffirmed in 2014, when they threw off a Russian-backed corrupt government, the people of Ukraine have been looking westward, not eastward.

Of course, they want to join NATO and they want to join the European Union and they want to form ever closer bonds with the transatlantic community—and they have made significant progress in doing this. This brutal invasion is just Russia's latest attempt to throw that progress off course, to stop them from what is their inevitable move to the West. We must not be deterred.

As I have said before, Ukraine deserves NATO membership and immediately the NATO membership action plan to provide a clear path to eventual membership. At the NATO summit in Madrid last week, much of the attention will rightfully be focused on Sweden and Finland, but I urge the leaders gathered there to remember Ukraine and Georgia in a similar situation as well.

Just last Friday, there was some big news. The European Commission recommended that Ukraine be granted candidate status to join the European Union. That is not NATO, but it is the European Union, the political union.

The recommendation by the European Commission, the EU's executive body, is a significant step forward toward EU membership. The Commission also recommended EU candidate status for Moldova, a country with its own troubled history with Russia.

Here we see Moldova between Romania and Ukraine. Transnistria is right along here, which is controlled by the Russians, a small part of Moldova. I visited Moldova last month and met with their government, including their Prime Minister.

We have a very strong partner in Moldova. They, too, are looking to the West. The people of Moldova want their freedom and freedom from Russian intimidation. When the leaders of the EU meet next month in Brussels, I hope they will strongly support both Ukraine's and Moldova's candidacies toward the European Union.

Soon, the Senate is going to adjourn for a couple of weeks. During that time, Ukraine will be continuing to defend its territorial integrity. I have now come to the floor, as I said, every week to highlight this fight—every week since this illegal, unprovoked, and brutal invasion began.

The Ukrainian people just want to live in peace, including with their neighbor, Russia. This is our fight during our generation where democracy is on the line. How this war develops will have far-reaching impacts on all of us, all freedom-loving countries, including the United States of America.

Most of us in this Chamber, Republicans and Democrats alike, get that. We know that America can't afford to stay on the sidelines and be a spectator in this conflict. At this crucial time in the battle for freedom, democracy, and the ability for countries to decide their own future, America cannot afford to be tentative. That is why we need to supply them with these mobile rocket launchers, the HIMAR system, to have the range and the ability to protect themselves.

Let's not be tentative. We must remember the lesson of the late 1930s: that appeasing tyrants will not satiate their desire to violently conquer and subjugate their neighbors. Ukrainians certainly understand this. They know what it is like to live under the thumb of authoritarians, the Soviets, the Russians, and they broke away from that and toward democracy, first in 1991 and again in 2014.

I was in Ukraine after the Revolution of Dignity, which is what they call it, in 2014, where Ukrainians decided for themselves that they wanted to turn away from Russian domination and corruption and turn to us—Europe and the United States—to pursue a more hopeful future of freedom and democracy.

Now President Putin is trying to extinguish that hope. We cannot let that happen. The countries of the free world are with us but more so when we lead. Now is not the time to equivocate.

At this critical juncture, let's work with allies to provide our democratic brothers and sisters in Ukraine what they actually need to protect their homeland and to defend democracy.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HASSAN). The majority leader is recognized.

GUN LEGISLATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, earlier this evening, Democratic and Republican negotiators finally released, after a lot of hard work, a bipartisan gun safety bill.

This bipartisan gun safety legislation is progress and will save lives. While it is not everything we want, this legislation is urgently needed. As the author of the Brady background checks bill, which passed in 1994, I am pleased that for the first time in nearly 30 years, Congress is back on the path to take

meaningful action to address gun violence.

I will now take the first steps to move this lifesaving legislation on the Senate floor for a vote, with an initial procedural vote tonight. Following that, we will move to final passage as soon as possible. I expect the bill to pass the Senate by the week's end.

I want to commend all of my colleagues—so many who worked so hard on this bill—for their diligent and astute efforts to finalize this legislation. I want to particularly single out Senators MURPHY, SINEMA, CORNYN, and TILLIS, who really led the charge to put this together.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

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

JOSEPH WOODROW HATCHETT UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE AND FEDERAL BUILDING—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, it is my understanding the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives to accompany S. 2938.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

VOTE ON MOTION TO PROCEED TO HOUSE MESSAGE

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate the message to accompany S. 2938, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The result was announced—yeas 64, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 235 Leg.]

YEAS—64

Baldwin	Graham	Portman
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Romney
Blunt	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Sanders
Brown	Kaine	Schatz
Burr	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Capito	Klobuchar	Sinema
Cardin	Leahy	Smith
Carper	Lujan	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Tester
Cassidy	Markey	Tillis
Collins	McConnell	Van Hollen
Coons	Menendez	Warner
Cornyn	Merkley	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murkowski	Warren
Duckworth	Murphy	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murray	Wyden
Ernst	Ossoff	Young
Feinstein	Padilla	
Gillibrand	Peters	

NAYS—34

Barrasso	Hoeven	Rounds
Blackburn	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Boozman	Inhofe	Sasse
Braun	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lankford	Shelby
Cruz	Lee	Sullivan
Daines	Lummis	Thune
Fischer	Marshall	Tuberville
Grassley	Moran	Wicker
Hagerty	Paul	
Hawley	Risch	

NOT VOTING—2

Cramer Toomey

The motion was agreed to.
(Ms. SINEMA assumed the Chair.)
(Ms. HASSAN assumed the Chair.)

JOSEPH WOODROW HATCHETT
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
AND FEDERAL BUILDING

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY). The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 2938) entitled "An Act to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the 'Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building', and for other purposes.", do pass with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 5099

(Purpose: To improve the bill.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to concur in the House amendment to S. 2938 with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] moves to concur in the House amendment to S. 2938 with an amendment numbered 5099.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 5100 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5099

Mr. SCHUMER. I have an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] proposes an amendment numbered 5100 to amendment numbered 5099.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To add an effective date)

At the end add the following:

SEC. . . EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

MOTION TO REFER WITH AMENDMENT NO. 5101

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to refer S. 2938 to the Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] moves to refer the House message to accompany S. 2938 to the Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 5101.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent that further reading of the motion be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To add an effective date)

At the end add the following:

SEC. . . EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 2 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 5102

Mr. SCHUMER. I have an amendment to the instructions at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] proposes an amendment numbered 5102 to the instructions of the motion to refer.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the effective date)

On page 1, line 3, strike "2 days" and insert "3 days".

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 5103 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5102

Mr. SCHUMER. I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] proposes an amendment numbered No. 5103 to amendment No. 5102.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the effective date)

On page 1, line 3, strike "3 days" and insert "4 days".

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 2938, a bill to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the "Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building", and for other purposes, with amendment No. 5099.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Kyrsten Sinema, Martin Heinrich, Jack Reed, Debbie Stabenow, Jeff Merkley, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Duckworth, Richard Blumenthal, Tim Kaine, Edward J. Markey, Patrick J. Leahy, Alex Padilla, Patty Murray, Mazie Hirono.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call for the cloture motion filed today, June 21, be waived.

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST
DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAF-
FICKING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 685, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 685) designating June 26, 2022, as the "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking".

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that 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. 685) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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