

proceed to consideration of S. Res. 743, submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 743) congratulating the Colorado Avalanche on winning the 2022 Stanley Cup Final.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, 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. 743) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, August 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 55, and that at 1:45 p.m. the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; further, that upon disposition of the joint resolution, the Senate execute the previous order with respect to the Desai nomination; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. For the information of the Senate, there will be two rollcall votes at 1:45 p.m., with additional rollcall votes possible.

MORNING BUSINESS

TRIBUTE TO RECIPIENTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate this year's winners of the Congressional Award. Established by Congress in 1979, the award recognizes the achievements of young Americans between the ages of 14 and 23 years old and celebrates their accomplishment in four program

areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

The award challenges participants to set goals in an area that interests them, encourages them to pursue new interests, and helps them grow along the way. If they are successful in their pursuit, they earn bronze, silver, and gold certificates and medals. Through this long-running program, generations of young Americans have learned new skills, earned greater confidence, and positioned themselves for future success.

On Friday, August 5, Gold Medal recipients will gather for a virtual ceremony to receive their Congressional Award. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I would like to congratulate all of the winners for their accomplishments and for the example they set for their peers. Among this impressive group, my State of Kentucky is home to nine gold medalists.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a list of this year's recipients of the Congressional Award Gold Medal be printed in the RECORD.

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

Alabama: Barbara (Belle) Kelly

Arizona: Charles Zhang, Catherine Ross, Baraa Abdelsalam, David Conners, Nathan Devey, Jack Gray, Ryan Gross, Allison Li, Abby Wolf

Arkansas: Etana Morse

California: Alessandra Alcala, Valerie Lee, Sonia Burns, Emir Dine, Eric S. Lee, Andrew Sung, Sophia Lin, Aiden Chow, Bridget Chung, Nicholas Taylor, Kyle Min, Lauren Yu, Annabelle Yaeun Park, Manuel Choi, Gina Lee, Daniel Chang, Catherine Liu, Hawon Cho, Benjamin Kim, Nathan Park, Ethan Lee, Rachel Yun, Victoria Choi, Jade Bahng, Denny Lee, Chloe Kim, Chanah Park, Taeil Kim, Junsun Ho, Tyler Huang, Seok Woo Kim, Jesse Dong, Serim Jang, Maya Rosenbaum, Emily Doi, Jianhui (Edward) Liu, Yumin Kim, Amber Kim, Andrew Chung, Ellen Kang, Sharon Kim, Nathan Kim, Rachel Hong, Sangjun Shin, Kai Indeglia, Andre Lombardi, Hannah Kim, Anaiya Abney, Kevin Ann, Jacob Arca, Metin Aslan, Marcus Au, Tessa Augsberger, SaraJane Bacallao, Aaron Baek, Abhinav Balla, Snikitha Banda, Willow Black, Anaahat Brar, Cody Busch-Weiss, Julia Chang, Natalie Chen, Jamie Cho, Hana Choi, Jaemin Choi, Elise Chung, Chan Chung, Aidan Compton, Michael Dai, Keziah De Bie, Lauren Fields, Kacey Fifield, Andres Garcia, Joan Isabelle Go, Vansh Goel, Rachel Gwon, Jaiden Ha, Joshua Han, Angela Hao, Alexander Henderson, Jonathan Hinderaker, Kaiyue Hu, Lucy Hwang, Kate Hyun, Grace Jin, Joanna Jin, Benjamin Joo, Kaila Jung, Stella Jung, Luke Jung, Emma Ka, Jina Kang, Su Kara, Nathaniel Kim, Naomie Kim, David Kim, Doyoon Kim, Sean Kim, Jacob Kim, Jonathan (Junhyeong) Kim, Lena Kim, Minseo Kim, Hyojoong (Eric) Kim, Michelle Kim, Eunyul (Esther) Kim, Joanne Kim, Joon Kim, Annabelle Kim, Jonathan Kim, Rebecca Kim, Hajin Kim, Joshua Kwon, Julianne Lawrence, Vivian Lee, Min Young Lee, Helen Lee, Brian Lee, Kurtis Lee, Han Lee, Hyun (Henry) Lee, Weixuan (Demi) Lei, Shengyi Li, Shani Lin, Madeleine Lloyd, John (Will) Logue, YingZhi Ma, Ishan Madan, Michael McPhie, John McPhie, Troy Miyazato, Sarah Mohammed, Kishant

Mohan, Hannah Moon, Donovan Morgan, Roma Nagle, Michael Nam, Keyon Namdar, Ryan Namdar, Andrew Ngai, Joseph Oh, James Oh, Saanvi Pabbichetty, Brent Park, Seohyun Park, Angelina Park, Hanna Partovi, Curtis Peters, Jack Quach, Yasmine Qubain, Xinrui (Eric) Que, Sahana Raj, Maren Ritterbuck, Sofia Roberts, Tiana Salisbury, Janav Shah, Saiya Shah, Andrew (Woohyun) Shin, Alissa Shterenberg, Levent Sirtas, Kate Smith, Austin Son, Rachel Song, Deborah Song, Jake Song, Saurish Srivastava, Nisha Subramaniam, Eshan Subramaniam, Norah Takehara, Tatton Thompson, Ethan Tobey, Betul Serra Tulu, Emre Berk Uludag, Stefan Vin, HaoZhou Wang, Ethan Won, Kyle Woo, Charis Woo, Esther Wu, Shengnan Ye, Ethan Yee, Luciano Yi, Aaron Yoon, San (Martin) Yoon, Fengtianye Yu, Alexander Yue, Hannah Zhang, Joanna Zhu, David Song

Colorado: Soleil Gaylord, Jonathan Crowe, Ella Davis, Stephen Zhang

Connecticut: Caroline Tucker, Patrick Vicente, Brian Karle, Taylor Roy, Kennedy Muller, Alexia Anglade, Mallory Doyle, Kayla Roy, Brooks Barry

Florida: Kayra Akin, Karalyne Alliss, Caleb Amador, Blaine Baxter, Ainsley Boyd, Jordan Card, Allison Card, William Charouh, Ashley Colegrove, Grace Donath, Avery Doty, Savannah Virginia Elizondo Vega, Gillian Falls, Eric Feichthaler, Tyler Feichthaler, Nicholas J. Forester, Owen Gelber, Anna Grawunder, Meghan Heilpern, Andrea Holloway, Jonathan Howes, Breana Huggins, Austin Knight, Marcella (Ella) Ladd, Sophia O'Donnell, Ashwin Parthasarathy, Callahan Pirozzi, Colton Price, Garrett Rose, Kate Small, Andie Smith, Brandon Spohn, G. Logan Taylor, Marco Gino Thomas, Giavanna Vastola

Georgia: Darshan Addepalli, Zachary Beddingfield, Meghana Choragudi, Shivam Jain, Akshadha Jain, Vihan Chander Kamala, Yugeshwar Muralidhar, Zeynep Ozdemir, Jordan Smothers, Sabrina Yeh, Sophia Ying

Hawaii: Kai Moriyama, Sophie Nguyen, Jaime Wang, Annie Wang

Illinois: Caitlin Wilson, Paige Bowman, Michael Goodall, Jocelyn Canellis, Emily Yoo, Joy McClintick, Ermina Hassan, Aishvarya Godla, Krithik Praveen, Abigail Bergan

Indiana: Matthew Stachler, Allison K Pemberton, Rex Burkhardt

Iowa: Emily Poag

Kansas: Matthew Schmidt, Dorothy Caisley, Aaram Salam, Pranav Pathapati, Phoebe Martin, Amanda Zhu, Abigail Lopatofsky

Kentucky: Kalea Alexander, Madelyn Faughn, Clarissa Miller, Quinn Miller, Andrew Nichols, Jada Smith, Sydney Sun, Chloe Yates, Olivia Claire Yates

Louisiana: Kelsie Tillage

Maryland: Benjamin Lee, Elena Grant, Louis Gasper, Byron Wu, Josef Marschall, Stone Li, Miriam Talalay, Stella Szostak, Caroline Herring, Julianne Herring

Massachusetts: Taban Malihu, Amrik Eadara, Anya Mittal, Lars Gubitosi, Shea Furse, Theodor Illarionov, Tiffany Hu, Lindsey E. Arruda

Michigan: Isabella Cook, Pooja Kapoor

Minnesota: Giselle Johnson

Mississippi: Katie Evans, Parker Henry

Missouri: Patrick Mason, Abigail Mueller, Rhea Patney, Michael Smith

Nebraska: Carmela Rigatuso

Nevada: Lexie Wilder, Rida Ali, Brayden Mendoza

New Hampshire: Sage Herr

New Jersey: Riya Karande, Varija Mehta, Seung Hee Rhew, Evan Kuster, Dhruv Parikh, Matthew Reiter, Helena Rittenhouse, Andrew Ge, Michael Caggiano,

Shivam Syal, Mahek Shah, Shannon Rhatigan, Riya Goel, Naomi Klein, Christopher John, Anusha Bansal, Owen Brown, Megan Szot, Naaz Syed, Annika Santhanam, Tanish Tyagi, Lauren Doliszny, Katherine Doliszny, Joshua Whitaker, Gabrielle Akiatan, Chaitanya Bhimineni, Anish Chaganti, Paige Vrankovic, Lily Mahabir, Kate Minn, Preeti Chemiti, Mirika Jambudi, Elif Cebe, Mirella Richard, Anika Parthiban, Dhruv Balaji

New York: Srivaths Ravva, Philemon Han, Caroline Fouts, Jessica Dantoni, Jay Kim, Armaan Pahuja, Jocelyn Greshes, Druery Czarkowski, Anthony Ciampi, Andrew Choy, Vishala Swami, Tahirah Abdul-Qadir, Nicole Cioffi, Kevin Harrington, Alexandra Osilovskiy, Shreya Narayan, Twisha Faria, Jane Robinson, Cindy DeDianous, Aidan Kiely, Sophia Baldassarre

North Carolina: Kayla Anderson, Phillip Bartlett, Gabriel Bonomo, Reagan (Charlie) Brown, Joshua Dong, Marcus Freeman 111, Aria Gholizadeh, Lauren Gregg, Sarah "Sorren" Gregg, Eliana Hounslow, Andrew Hubertus Joseph Juhasz, Santosh Kandula, Vaishnavi Kode, Avery Lester, Jerry Lin, Peter John Liotino, Sriya Manneppalli, Jadon Palmeter, Parker Rose, Brynne Van Allsburg, Austin Winkelspecht, William Witte, Ashrith Yelavarti, Harrison Yost

Ohio: Naveen Kamath, Anna Houseknecht, Glenn Ochsner, Katrina Beer, Ian Wright, Neha Jasti, Pranav Krishnan, Tanya Keskar, Nithya Duddella, Rishika Jeyaprakash

Oklahoma: Bruce Bigler, Phillip Kane, Emma Linsenmeyer, Benjamin Martin, Ashlyn Milford, Caleb Tham

Oregon: Karlynn Kenny
Pennsylvania: Justine Eng, Waverly Huang, Alexander Wood, Genevieve Barge, Qingqing Zhao, Anker Zhao, Nicole Rozanski, Anna Laible, Shivani Jajoo, Madeline Day, Nathanael Chen

Rhode Island: Brittan Gallo
South Carolina: Robert "Wesley" Quinn, Hannah Cate Smith

Tennessee: Rachel Baker, Hadley Brown, Katherine Koester, Joshua Mi

Texas: Barret Allen, Karthik Bhagavatula, Reese Billedo, Saahas Bondalapati, Salim Budak, Kai Campbell, Akif Celepcikay, Alaqmar Chawalwala, Maria Cheng, Seoyeon Chung, Aylin Cibik, Aesha Derasari, Pragya Devashish, Muhammed Bera Dogan, Margaret Dorsey, Martha Grace Fields, Sriyuktha Ghanta, Nicolas Gonzalez, Eric Gonzalez, Sofia Guiot Villarreal, Ishayu Gupta, Serene Haroon, Suhani Jampala, Courtney Janecka, Vinayak Joglekar, Mihir Kalvakaalva, Jane Kamata, Mucteba Karaca, Aaliyah Khan, Andy Kim, Aarushi Lakhni, Michala Lee, Francisco Lugo Gonzales, Sandhya Mahesh, Sydney Mathew, Welles McDevitt, Busra Olmez, Juhu Pandit, Baxter Perry-Miller, Sanjana Perungulam, Pranav Police, Ryan Schlimme, Sohum Sharma, Lauren Stump, Vibha Velur, William Wallis, Bennett Welsh

Utah: Jasmine Brensan, Rivanna Buechner, Jessica Cardon, John Evershed, Ashley Herbert, William Herbert, Anagha Rao, Benjamin Woodfield

Virginia: Sarah Chang, Madeleine Dearie, John Dozier, Eric Feng, Ramya Griddaluri, Noelle Koo, Chase McCullough, Natalia Nelson, Hannah Nguyen, Joshua Nichols, Emily Ocasio, Susan Pirnat, Ross Roberts, Kushaan Saran, Divya Singh, John Paul Sommer, Hudson Stoltz, Lynn Tao, Gent Veizi, Justinian Wright

Washington: Josiah Stewart, Andrew Champlin, Cara Elzie, Roxanne Fredericksen, Vanesha Hari, Connor Huang, Benjamin Kinder, Jack Pietrusiewicz, Evan Ping, Anya Vaish

Washington, DC: Roshan Natarajan
Wisconsin: Daphne Wu, Maximilian Hong

Wyoming: Dawson Fantin, Nathan Duda, Kora Williams, Allison Morrison, Harris Tanner, Faith Danner, Alexandra Robert, Karli Nelson, Megan Zotti, Brooke Bindl, Gracie McGraw, Seneva Sullivan, Carl Gray, Faith Brandt, Hudson Garner, Ellie Weibel, Berkeley Snyder, Koye Gilbert, Henry Dickinson, Rachel Kuntz

NATO

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the following article printed in the RECORD.

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

A UNIFIED SENATE, AND A UNIFIED NATO—OPINION

(By Senator Angus King (I-Maine))

Six months ago, President Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops to invade Ukraine with no provocation, breaking a European peace that has lasted since the Allies turned back Adolf Hitler's attacks during World War II. Today, this new dictator with delusions of grandeur is threatening global peace, and history shows that we cannot stand by and hope for the best. The free world must defend our shared values; that begins with presenting a united front.

This week, the U.S. Senate took a historic step to meet that responsibility by voting to approve Sweden and Finland's applications to join the NATO Alliance. The vote was overwhelming, and bipartisan—in total, the applications were approved by a vote of 95 to 1. The result shows that Putin's egregious and brutal power-grab has unified the U.S. Senate—just as it has unified the broader global community.

Since the war in Ukraine began, thousands of innocent Ukrainians have been killed, millions have been forced from their homes, and billions around the globe have been forced to shoulder increased costs on fuel and food. The damage wrought by Putin's forces is nothing short of horrific—but if Putin expected the rest of the world to roll over and accept his invasion, he miscalculated. Badly.

If you want evidence of this miscalculation, you need look no further than the state of North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which has been reinvigorated in light of Putin's aggression and is only getting stronger. A wide range of countries have come together to provide military and humanitarian aid to help Ukrainians stand strong. Beyond supporting Ukraine during the current crisis, NATO members have also reaffirmed their commitment to one another in the event of further Russian aggression.

The crisis also prompted Sweden and Finland—two proud and strong nations that have long remained neutral—to seek accession into NATO. The addition of the two Nordic nations will make NATO stronger and more unified in the face of Putin's misguided and murderous ambitions to rebuild the Soviet Union.

I saw the potential benefits of these new additions earlier this year, when I traveled to Finland as part of a bipartisan congressional delegation (called a CODEL) shortly after they formally requested NATO membership. My colleagues and I met with the nation's president and his top defense officials to discuss the nation's position in the current state of play. Finland has a long history of dealing with Russia—a necessity, given the two nations' shared 800-mile border. They also have a very capable military, as does Sweden.

Combined, the two nations will strengthen the defensive capabilities of NATO—and I

must stress the importance of NATO's defensive nature. NATO's charter does not require member nations to enter into proactive military activities; rather, military action is only invoked in collective defense. This is why Russian accusations of new threats posed by a larger NATO are flat-out false; the only way these new additions could create conflict between Russia and NATO is if Russia intends to launch yet another violent invasion of a peaceful neighbor.

On the heels of the Senate's overwhelming vote, I am hopeful that Finland and Sweden's applications will move forward swiftly. The lone NATO member that has expressed hesitancy to admit the new members, Turkey, has also demonstrated a willingness to waive its concerns if certain conditions are met. Our bipartisan CODEL also traveled to Turkey shortly after we left Finland, seeking to talk through their concerns and address their needs through tangible actions. My Senate colleagues and I left our meetings optimistic that the differences between Turkey and the Nordic nations can be resolved—and it now appears this is the case.

This week's vote and our trip to Eastern Europe has made one thing abundantly clear: the free world stands united against Vladimir Putin's would-be empire building, and is ready to respond against his illegal and immoral military attacks. NATO, the United States, and the U.S. Senate will not allow him to destroy freedom-loving nations; we will stand with our allies, as we have in the past, united against deposition.

(At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

NATO

• Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to be present today for votes on amendment No. 5192 to the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification for the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to NATO. I offer this statement for the RECORD in support of amendment No. 5192 and in support of the underlying resolution.

Amendment No. 5192, offered by my good friend from Alaska, Mr. DAN SULLIVAN, would amend existing language in the Resolution of Advice and Consent to say, "the Senate declares that all NATO members should spend a minimum of 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense and 20 percent of their defense budgets on major equipment, including research and development, by 2024, as outlined in the 2014 Wales Summit Declaration." This language is stronger and clearer than the current resolution language, and it would deliver a clear message to the President that Congress expects him to engage our allies on alliance spending obligations.

Finally, the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification for the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to NATO would add two excellent allies who will be significant contributors to the NATO Alliance. Finland and Sweden both possess fully funded, modern, self-sufficient, highly capable militaries. Their addition to the NATO alliance will help to share the burden of NATO defense