

SEC. ____ . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out any reduction in force pursuant to subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, or section 3595 of that title, at any department or agency in the executive branch of the Federal Government unless that reduction in force has been provided for in this Act.

SA 1281. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON FUNDS FOR CERTAIN RELOCATIONS.

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by an agency, as defined in section 902 of title 5, United States Code, to relocate the agency to a location outside of the National Capital Region, as defined in section 8702 of title 40, United States Code.

SA 1282. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITING THE USE OF FUNDS TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT WEAKEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM.

No funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act or any other Federal law may be used to—

- (1) close, terminate the lease of, or reduce service levels at any office of the Social Security Administration; or
- (2) initiate any reduction in force procedures at the Social Security Administration.

SA 1283. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to remove any Federal employee who is a veteran.

SA 1284. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF BOP RETENTION INCENTIVES.

The Director of the Bureau of Prisons may not modify the retention incentives made available to employees of the Bureau of Prisons, as in effect on March 13, 2025, until on or after the first day of fiscal year 2026.

SA 1285. Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 29, line 24, strike “\$40,395,072,000” and insert “\$41,576,684,000”.

On page 30, beginning on line 5, strike “\$1,695,436,000” for” and all that follows through line 7 and insert a period.

SA 1286. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1968, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 East Pecan Boulevard in McAllen, Texas, as the “Agent Raul H. Gonzalez Jr. Memorial Post Office Building”; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE THE WORKFORCE AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available under any provision of any division of this Act may be used to reduce the workforce at public shipyards, including probationary employees.

(b) EXEMPTION.—The workforce at public shipyards and any other positions at a public shipyard not specified in subsection (c) shall be exempt from any workforce reductions related to spending cuts, reprogramming of funds, or the probationary status of employees.

(c) WORKFORCE AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “workforce at public shipyards” includes any of the following positions at a public shipyard:

- (1) Welders.
- (2) Pipefitters.
- (3) Shipfitters.
- (4) Radiological technicians and engineers.
- (5) Engineers and engineer technicians.
- (6) Apprentices.
- (7) Positions supporting a workforce development pipeline.
- (8) Positions supporting nuclear maintenance and refueling.
- (9) Mechanics.
- (10) Painters and blasters.
- (11) Positions supporting maintenance and operations of infrastructure.
- (12) Positions supporting implementation of the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.

SA 1287. Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING.

The Secretary of Agriculture—

(1) shall, immediately after the enactment of this Act, unfreeze funding for and implement all contracts entered into by the Secretary prior to the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) shall, as rapidly as possible after the enactment of this Act, pay all past due

amounts owed by the Secretary under contracts described in paragraph (1);

(3) shall not cancel any signed contract with a farmer or an entity providing assistance to farmers, unless the farmer or entity has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract; and

(4) shall not use any funds made available by this Act to close any Farm Service Agency county office or Natural Resources Conservation Service field office.

SA 1288. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1272 proposed by Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. KAINE) to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1, line 6, insert “to fund or otherwise pay for the waste, fraud, and abuse identified” after “used.”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider favorably reporting a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to consider a nomination.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 129, S. Res. 130, S. Res. 131, and H. Con. Res. 17.

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

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

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

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 129, S. Res. 130, and S. Res. 131) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to. (The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 17) was agreed to.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. BARRASSO. I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to Commissions, committees, Boards, Conferences, or inter-parliamentary Conferences authorized by law by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the U.S. Senate.

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

REPORTING AUTHORITY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that committees be authorized to report out legislation on Tuesday, March 18, from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025, THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn and then convene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times: Tuesday, March 18, at 12:15 p.m. and Thursday, March 20, at 12 noon; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 20, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 24; 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, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 36, John Phelan, and that at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Phelan nomination, followed by confirmation of Calendar No. 41, Christopher Landau; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session of the Senate ripen on Tuesday, March 25; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Monday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025, AT 12:15 P.M.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come be-

fore the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:14 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 18, 2024, at 12:15 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant colonel

CHRISTOPHER L. JUNKINS

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

To be lieutenant colonel

ANDREW M. ADKINS
IAN P. PAQUETTE

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

To be lieutenant colonel

ADAM J. ROMNEK

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

To be lieutenant colonel

JAMES A. BERRY

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

To be lieutenant colonel

SERGIO ABREU

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

To be lieutenant colonel

STEVEN L. FERWERDA

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

To be lieutenant colonel

BENJAMIN D. KASTNING

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 major

CHRISTOPHER V. POSADAS

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

To be major

JOHN H. HILDEBRANDT
TYLER W. MONTAGUE

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

To be major

MICHAEL J. DILLING
GASPAR PEREZ
MELAINÉ D. WEAVER

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

To be major

KEVIN M. PETTY

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

To be major

CARLOS L. FIGUEROA

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

To be major

STEVEN A. TAMM

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

To be major

THOMAS F. STONE
MICHAEL C. VANARSDDEL

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

To be major

RYAN S. DEAN
JASON E. KELLAM
DANIEL B. KRAKE

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

To be major

AUSTIN J. NELSON

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

To be major

JOSHUA S. BRIDGES
JAMESON R. HASTINGS

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

To be major

JASON A. MOORE
PATRICK S. WEBB

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

To be major

NATHAN C. HESS
CHRISTOPHER S. LAMBERT

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

To be major

JONATHAN R. CARUTHERS
HUGO A. PANIAGUA
ROBERT J. PHELAN III
GREGORY C. SCOTT, JR.

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

To be lieutenant colonel

MATTHEW A. BEARD

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate March 14, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

STEPHEN FEINBERG, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 14, 2025 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

ADAM BOEHLER, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR HOSTAGE AFFAIRS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 28, 2025.