

from which the industry has yet to fully recover, as epitomized by mass layoffs and closures at several local news outlets in the 50 States and the District of Columbia since 2023;

Whereas PEN America proposed “a major reimagining of the local news space” in its 2019 call-to-action report, “Losing the News: The Decimation of Local Journalism and the Search for Solutions”, and called on society and the Federal Government to urgently address the alarming demise of local journalism; and

Whereas, half a century ago, Congress perceived that the commercial television industry would not independently provide the educational and public interest broadcasting that was appropriate and necessary for the United States, and, informed by an independent report prepared by the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television, created the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which has since ensured that radio and television include public interest educational and reporting programs using annually appropriated funds: Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved*, That the Senate—
- (1) designates April 2025 as “Preserving and Protecting Local News Month”;
  - (2) affirms that local news serves an essential function in the democracy of the United States;
  - (3) recognizes local news as a public good; and
  - (4) acknowledges the valuable contributions of local journalism towards the maintenance of healthy and vibrant communities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 153—DESIGNATING MARCH 27, 2025, AS “NATIONAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DAY”**

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. COONS, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KING, Mr. BENNET, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WICKER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 153**

Whereas the United States proudly recognizes agriculture as one of the most impactful industries of the United States and acknowledges the countless women who help agriculture prosper both in the United States and abroad;

Whereas there are more than 1,200,000 female agricultural producers in the United States, making up more than 1/3 of the agricultural producers in the United States;

Whereas, in 2022, farms operated by women in the United States sold \$222,000,000,000 in agricultural products, accounting for 36 percent of the total agriculture sales in the United States for that year;

Whereas, in addition to leading farming operations, women working in agriculture

make a difference across the United States in various commodity and industry fields, including research and development, manufacturing, sales and distribution, agricultural education, agribusiness, and advocacy, which extend benefits to individuals across the globe through the international trade of the United States;

Whereas the United States recognizes that women are vital in fostering the next generation of the agricultural workforce by promoting science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and agricultural education and entrepreneurial and community initiatives by serving as mentors for the 4-H Program, the National FFA Organization, the Cooperative Extension System, and numerous postsecondary agricultural science educator programs;

Whereas March is National Women’s History Month; and

Whereas female professionals, instructors, and leaders in the agricultural field should be celebrated for their efforts during National Ag Week, which takes place between March 23 and March 29, 2025: Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved*, That the Senate—
- (1) designates March 27, 2025, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”;
  - (2) recognizes the important role of women in agriculture as producers, educators, leaders, mentors, and more; and
  - (3) encourages all citizens to—
    - (A) recognize women working in agriculture; and
    - (B) praise the significant positive impact those women have on the food resources and the agricultural workforce of the United States by encouraging and empowering women to—
      - (i) enter the agricultural field, which is a high-demand field of work;
      - (ii) cultivate opportunities to lead; and
      - (iii) feed a hungry world.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have seven 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY**

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to consider a nomination.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider a nomination.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

**NATIONAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DAY**

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 153, which is at the desk.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 153) designating March 27, 2025, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”.

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

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, 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. 153) 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, APRIL 2, 2025**

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2; 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 resume consideration of Calendar No. 46, Dean Sauer; and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Sauer nomination at 2:15 p.m.; further, that following the cloture vote on the Sauer nomination, the Senate vote on cloture on Executive Calendar No. 47, Harmeet Dhillon; finally, that if cloture is invoked on the Sauer and Dhillon nominations, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, during Wednesday’s session of the Senate, the Senate vote

on confirmation of the nominations; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday'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.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Madam 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 9:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JARED NOVELLY, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NEW ZEALAND, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA, THE COOK ISLANDS, AND NIUE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

*To be colonel*

TERESA A. BONZANI  
CHAD C. CARTER  
BRANDON C. HEMPHILL  
JAMES D. HONEYCUTT  
JOANNA M. JACKSON  
VALERIE V. T. JOHNSON  
MICHAEL T. KITTELL  
MARIE P. KRIG  
SEAN P. MARTIN  
PETER C. RHEE  
STEPHEN C. RUSH  
KEVIN R. SELLARS  
ONIER VILLARREAL ALEJANDRO

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

*To be colonel*

LAUREL M. CHIARAMONTE  
SHANNAN L. CORBIN  
CANDACE C. GARCO  
ANDREA A. HAYFLOCK  
ANGELLA M. MUDD  
STEPHEN L. TAYLOR  
SHANNON M. VAUGHT  
PATRICIA A. WILKINSON

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

*To be colonel*

ISREAL BENNETT, JR.  
SCOTT A. BLACK  
KAREN B. CHISHOLM  
DANIEL L. DILLINGER  
ATUL V. PHADKE  
CHRISTOPHER L. SUHR

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

*To be colonel*

JAMESON C. DURHAM  
ROBERT P. FLEMMING  
MEGAN G. RIOS  
JULIA K. WRIGLESWORTH

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

JAMES N. BOND  
ELI H. DOWELL  
QUENTIN M. GENKE  
MICHAEL C. GORTON  
JAMES M. HENRY  
MITCHELL S. HOLLEY  
BRADLEY H. KELSEY II

KEITH A. MANRY  
RICHARD C. POOLE  
CARLOS A. RAMOS GRAULAU  
MARIO S. ROSARIO  
ROBERT D. ROSE

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

*To be major*

BRUCE A. ABBOTT  
PRISCILLA ASHLEY ANDALIA  
HEATHER MARIE BAUGHMAN  
COLE M. BRENNAN  
SHAE DANIEL BRYANT  
JESSICA MARIE C. CHENG  
SOREN A. CHRISTENSEN  
KOLIN D. COOKSON  
MICHAEL W. CRUCIGER  
EMILY K. DOE

NOHORA CATALINA DUQUE  
ANGELA LYNN EMMERSON  
WESTON V. FRANDSEN  
JACOB A. FREEZE  
JAYMES ROBERT FURNIVAL  
MIGUEL GUZMAN, JR.  
HALI R. HALL  
DANIEL JOSEPH HALSE, JR.  
KARL M. HELLWIG  
DRAKE ALEXANDER HENRIE  
AUDREY NICOLE IMPERIAL  
KASEY M. JONES  
COURTNEY O. KELLY  
SHEILA CATHERINE KREWET

RYAN W. MATZEN  
JEREMY A. MELDRUM  
HYRUM K. MITCHELL  
SHAWN EDWARD MOFFETT  
NICHOLAS T. NELSON  
BRIAN C. NG

AI MI O. NGUYEN  
DANIEL D. NGUYEN  
MATTHEW P. ONEIL  
ALEXANDER V. PADALINO  
NICHOLAS SCOTT PANTORI  
SE HA PARK  
BRIANA NICOLE POLK  
ASHLEY RAYE ROTH  
EMILY M. SEXTON  
BROCK KEVIN SHAW

PHILLIP JOHN SHERIDAN  
JORDAN ELIZABETH SMITH  
MAI N. STERN  
JACOB ANDREW SULLIVAN  
JOSEPH X. M. TANAKA  
TROY NATHAN THAYER  
DANIEL JOSEPH THORNER  
AUSTIN MICHAEL TYLER  
CHAD LOWELL WAGNER  
KEVIN WANG

VICTORIA TSU CHING WEI  
SHIRLEY X. YE  
BENJAMIN K. YOON  
FIRAS MOUWAFK ZAKO  
CHRISTINE LAUREN ZMUDA

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

*To be major*

DANIELLE D. ACACIO  
JOSEPH R. ADAMSON  
KOLE P. AKULA  
YEABBSA KEFYALEW ALELIGNE

KATHERINE E. ALLEN  
KEVIN C. ANDERSON  
NOLAN N. ANDRES  
CHRISTOPHER M. ANTHONY  
CORIN R. ARCHULETA  
CODY R. ASHCROFT  
RAEGAN L. AUSTIN  
DALEY FAVO AUUIL

BENJAMIN D. BAILES  
THOMAS COLE BAKER  
MATTHEW J. BALLEW  
ASHLEY B. BARASA  
JOHN A. BARCEL

JANEANE ANN BARROW  
JACQUELINE A. BAUDE  
BRIAN JAMES BAXTER  
DEVIN E. BELL  
WILLIAM C. BENNETT IV  
DAVID AUSTIN BENNION, JR.

DAVID I. BERMEJO  
CATHERINE JOHANNA BERNAL  
ALEXANDER W. BETZ  
JOHN M. BLACK  
PAUL A. BLAKE IV  
FACOB C. BLOTTER

PHILIP T. BOWERS  
ZACHARY DAVID BOWERS  
RICHARD PAUL BOYD  
DOMINIC A. BRACERO  
DEREK B. BRADY  
JON ELLIOTT D. BRUBAKER  
ANTHONY J. BRUSNAHAN  
ANDREW T. BUSHONG  
MADISON R. CALDER

JOHNNY R. CAMPBELL, JR.  
MILES A. CAMPBELL  
GREGORY DANIEL CARBONELLA  
RYAN PETER CARPI  
TANNER C. CARLOCK  
RACHEL H. CARLSON  
HANNA CHANG

LISA J. CHOE  
NICHOLAS C. CHOY  
BRYCE R. CHRISTENSEN  
DANIEL W. CLINE  
MICHAEL T. COLFAX  
KATELYNN MARIE COLLINS  
LUKE M. CONKLIN  
WESLEY E. CONN  
STACY L. COOK  
PETER S. COOPER  
BRANDON M. COPE  
JASON MERRILL CORLESS  
JILL E. COSTER  
JOREY A. CUNICO  
DANICA M. CUTSHALL  
MARIO J. CUZZI III  
HENRY G. DANCHI  
CODY KENNETH DARRINGTON  
WILLIAM J. DAVIS  
JOHN HENRY L. DEAN  
MIKALYN T. DEFOOR  
IAN M. DEL VALLE  
JESSICA S. DEMES  
MARK T. DERASMO  
YONATAN P. DOLLIN  
DAVID M. DRAGO

ANIRUDH DWARAKANATH  
LISA VELING DYKES  
NICHOLAS Y. EISENBERG  
FEDOUA ER RBII  
LUIS ENRIQUE ESPINOZA  
SOREN K. ESTVOLD  
GEORGE L. ETTLE III  
LAUREN PALITZ FERGUSON  
FERNANDO H. FERRERA  
EDMUND R. FLORENDO  
STONE A. FRANKFORD  
TRAVIS C. PRANTZ  
MICHAEL P. FREIN  
CASEY E. FRENCH  
MARY B. GADAROWSKI  
VALENCIA DENISE GARCIA  
SAMUEL L. GARRETT  
JOSEPH A. GATVO  
MATTHEW W. GEORGE  
SYDNEY J. GIBLIN  
STEVEN J. GIBSON  
ROY THOMAS GILDERSLEEVE II  
KENDRICK V. GO  
HENRY JOHN GOETZMAN  
CAITLIN NICOLE GONSO LIN  
VARUN GOPINATH  
JONATHAN M. GOROG  
DOUGLAS A. GOUCHE  
LAWRENCE C. GRAY II  
ASHLEY MARIE Y. GREEN LOTT  
ABIGAIL S. GREENWELL  
KRISTIN NICOLE GREER  
TANNER G. GREIVING  
MARCO A. GRIECO  
CHRISTINA M. GRIMSLEY  
ASHLEY C. GULLIXSON  
MARC R. GUTIERREZ  
RYAN R. HAAS  
JACOB M. HALL  
KATHERINE A. HANEL  
ELIZABETH C. HARGROVE  
CLINTON D. HARPER  
KELLY ELIZABETH HARRELL  
KYLE D. HART  
SPENCER E. HART  
DESON GALEN HAYNIE  
BENJAMIN J. HAZEN  
ZACHARY A. HEMANN  
JONATHAN A. HESS  
ROBERT D. HILL  
VICTOR D. HOANG  
FIONA C. HODGES  
JENN LYNN HOEBLER  
MARCUS A. HOOF  
MARIA M. HORNBERGER  
ISAAC S. HOROWITZ  
MITCHELL R. HORTEN  
STEPHANIE ANNE HOWES  
MICHAEL S. D. HUBBELL  
DANIEL M. HUSHA  
JOEL D. HUTCHISON  
ELISABETH H. HWANG  
RYAN T. HYATT  
BENJAMIN P. ILIFF  
JOSEPH W. INHOFFER  
BRANNON L. INMAN  
ADAM J. JACKSON  
JACQUELINE N. JENSEN  
COURCER A. JIMENEZ JARAMILLO  
NOAH Y. JO  
ANNA E. JOHNSON  
KENNETH JAMES JOHNSON  
JONATHAN E. JOSEPHSON  
JENNY H. JUNG  
KRISTINA LAKE KARLSON  
MICHAEL J. KASUNIC  
PETER F. KEARES  
CONNOR L. KENNEY  
CHRISTIAN L. KILPATRICK  
HAESEUNG KIM  
MIKE S. KIM  
SHAWN K. KIM  
RYAN W. KISSINGER  
TAYLOR R. KJAR  
JEANETTE K. KLAMPFOTH  
MICHAEL A. KLEMME  
LUKE DANIEL KLEMBS  
BUNNARACK KUCH  
DAVID T. KVAMME  
KAISER G. LAHM  
ALEXANDER Q. LAM