[Rollcall Vote No. 161 Leg.]

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| Cassidy | Johnson | Rounds |
| Collins | Justice | Schmitt |
| Cornyn | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cotton | Lankford | Scott (SC) |
| Cramer | Lee | Sheehy |
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| Blumenthal | Kelly | Schumer |
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| Booker | King | Slotkin |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Smith |
| Coons | Luján | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Fetterman | Ossoff | Welch |
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NOT VOTING—3

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The motion was agreed to.

## PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RELATING TO ''ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR WALK-IN COOLERS AND WALK-IN FREEZERS''

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to ''Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers''.

## MORNING BUSINESS

### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on another matter, there are few more devastating words to hear than: ''You have cancer.''

The unfortunate truth is that millions around the world are faced with that reality every year. The statistics are devastating. Cancer kills 10 million people each year and is a leading cause of death globally.

The good news? Medical research has led to breakthrough advancements that are helping in the fight against cancer, with new treatments and cures being developed each year.

If some of the most painful words someone can hear are: ''You have cancer,'' then some of the most hopeful words are: ''You have promising treatment options.''

Thanks to research from the National Institutes of Health and other global medical research organizations, the scientific community is making ground-breaking advances in cancer treatment.

For example, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have used NIH funding to develop a new system to predict a person's likelihood of developing lung cancer up to 6 years in advance, using a low-dose CT scan.

Researchers at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine used NIH funding to develop a test that identifies 95 percent of early pancreatic cancers, one of the deadliest cancers because it is rarely caught early.

Medical research worldwide has also led to the development of personalized cancer vaccines, discoveries about the genetic causes of cancer, and the creation of drugs to cut breast cancer risk and treat cervical cancer.

This lifesaving research is creating hope for millions across the world at a time when the estimated number of new cancer cases and deaths is only predicted to rise.

But the Trump administration is directly threatening the very research that provides the foundation for new discoveries, treatments, and cures.

Since the President took office and ceded power to his unelected billionaire buddy Elon Musk, they have attempted sweeping cuts and illegal caps on medical research funding.

Already, because of these efforts, NIH has been forced to hold back more than $1 billion in Federal grant funding for researchers. Imagine that. The President cutting funding to help find cures for cancer.

As if that weren't bad enough, Elon Musk and RFK, Jr., Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, have taken their chainsaws to the medical research workforce, cutting more than 1,000 jobs from NIH and threatening thousands more.

Just yesterday, NIH employees reported to work, not knowing if they still had jobs or not. How does dismantling our Nation's premier medical research agency make our Nation better? Or healthier?

When you freeze NIH's work, limit its resources, fire its experts, or cut its budget, you are hamstringing the world's leading medical research agency from doing what it does best: saving lives.

We are at a very dangerous precipice. If this attack on medical research is allowed to continue, we will lose an entire generation of researchers, medical breakthroughs will be delayed, and the words ''you have cancer'' will be heard by far more people who will have far less hope in a treatment or cure.

### REMEMBERING NITA M. LOWEY

Mrs. ROSEN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the legacy of Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey, who passed away on March 15 at the age of 87. For 32 years, Congresswoman LOWEY proudly served her district in the House of Representatives, fighting on behalf of women, children, and families not just here in America, but also around the world. She served on the prestigious House Appropriations Committee for 28 years, ultimately becoming the first woman to serve as the committee's chair. She was a tireless advocate to help those society often overlooked. She was also someone I was lucky to call a friend. She was kind, funny, and a master legislator that I was lucky to learn from.

In Judaism, the term ''tikkun olam'' refers to the concept that Jews are commanded to repair and improve the world. Few people have embodied this concept more beautifully than Nita. Throughout her time in Congress, she championed issues of importance to the Jewish people, creating the House Bipartisan Taskforce to Combat Antisemitism and advancing legislation to protect Jewish communities in America and abroad. She was a lifelong supporter of the US-Israel relationship, using her powerful role on the House State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee to ensure Israel's defense needs were supported. Yet she never gave up hope for a future two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, pushing through the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA), landmark legislation that established a fund supporting joint Israeli-Palestinian economic projects and people-to-people peacebuilding efforts, in her final years in Congress.

But Nita's call to repair the world was far reaching, and she was driven to help all people, especially women and girls. When she first got to Congress and learned that NIH clinical trials weren't required to include women or people of color—remarking that ''even the lab rats were male''—she spearheaded a bill that changed that. She fought fiercely for women's reproductive rights and services in the U.S. and abroad, believing that when women have control over their own bodies, they are able to control their own destinies. And as a former PTA president in the Bronx, Nita knew the transformative impact education has for all children, particularly girls. An advocate for all forms of foreign assistance, Nita believed that U.S. international development hinged on education, often referring to it as ''the single greatest force multiplier in foreign aid.'' Through her leadership, she turned the United States into the global leader for international basic education, working for more than a decade to pass the Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development (READ) Act and push funding for these programs to an all time high. Thanks to

Nita's legacy, millions of children around the world have the chance at a better future.

Nita was beloved by legislators on both sides of the aisle, as evidenced by the many bipartisan statements after she passed. But this love could not match that of her family, including her three children, her eight grandchildren, and her devoted husband Stephen Lowey. No matter how pressing her responsibilities were in DC, Nita's family remained the center of her life, and her commitment was an example to us all.

Nita was a force to be reckoned with, and her legacy will long outlive her. Her memory will be a blessing to the millions of lives that have benefited from her work, and she will continue to be an inspiration to me and all those who are compelled to repair the world.

## TRIBUTE TO ZACHARY NORTHCUTT

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. Zachary Northcutt of Florida for his promotion to lieutenant commander of the Navy after 12 years of dedicated service to our country in the U.S. Navy.

Before coming on to serve as a legislative fellow in my office, Zach enlisted and served as a division officer in the U.S. Navy from 2013 to 2018, overseeing all aspects of missile systems onboard the USS *Princeton* and then as a training officer onboard the USS *Curtis Wilbur*, where he managed a command of 300 personnel. After his time at sea, Zach moved to Annapolis, MD, to start as a seamanship and navigation instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, conveying his lessons learned during his time onboard to midshipmen. Zach was involved in their instruction of navigation principles and helped develop new curriculum.

Zach then moved to Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan in 2021, where he served as a department head, responsible for the weapons systems and all external and internal communications, computers network, and navigation equipment onboard USS *Rafael Peralta*. Since November 2024, Zach has served my legislative team as they review and formulate policy proposals, address constituent concerns, and support my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

I am grateful for Zach's service to our country and particularly the role he has played in protecting America's interest in the Indo-Pacific region. It is truly an honor to be part of commemorating his latest achievement, promotion to lieutenant commander in the Navy. I wish him all the best as he assumes the responsibilities of this new role. He shares this achievement with his loving wife Erika, daughter Peggy, and their growing family.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### RECOGNIZING THE NORTH DAKOTA BOYS CLASS A BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS FROM KINDRED HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, high school basketball tournaments are a highlight every March in North Dakota. Athletes, coaches, students, parents, and fans of all ages come together from around the State to make these tournaments unforgettable experiences.

This year's boys class A basketball championship on March 22 was an epic game, a rematch of the Kindred Vikings and Devils Lake Firebirds teams that played for the title last year—add to that an unlikely comeback from a 26-point deficit and a Kindred buzzer beater win of 59 to 58. It was even more exciting for my family because Kindred is my hometown, and I lettered all 4 years in Kindred High School sports.

Our teams in the late 1970s did not compare to the athletic excellence of the players today. This year, with only one loss the entire season, the Kindred Vikings took home their second boy's basketball championship trophy, having won their first in 2021. They entered the tournament as the No. 1-seeded team and kept their winning streak going up to the final game. Guard Brooks Bakko made the winning point in the last-second tip-in.

These 15 talented players all contributed to their successful season by tapping into the strength of each other. They demonstrated teamwork at its finest. This year's players are Brooks Bakko, Gabriel Iverson, Karson Ouse, Jakob Starcevic, Presley Peraza, Izaak Spelhaug, Jackson Schlieman, Kylan Swenson, Gabe Whipple, Eli Maack, Carter Gronwold, Tyler Gronwold, Graham Hesse, Kyle Campbell, and Lukas Starcevic. Scoring leaders for the championship game were forward Karson Ouse with 17 points, Jakob Starcevic with 13, Brooks Bakko with 12, and Presley Peraza with 10. And, Brooks Bakko and Presley Peraza were selected by the State sportscasters and sportswriters to be on the All-State Team.

I congratulate the team, as well as Coach Brad Woehl, assistant coaches Brent Plante, Matt Hagen, and Jimmy Hoy, and all the loyal fans on this State championship. A sincere thanks also goes to the Kindred Public School administrators, teachers, staff, and the entire community for the role they play in supporting quality education.

This was a championship game we will remember for years. I join all North Dakotans in thanking each and every Kindred Vikings player for inspiring us with your basketball excellence. You continue to show us what can be achieved by combining faith and passion with determination and teamwork.●

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

*Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031.

By Ms. ERNST for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

*William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

*Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

## 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. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 1246. A bill to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a cabinet-level independent agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 1247. A bill to ensure the ability of public safety officers to retain their right to free speech on matters related to public safety, working conditions, and other matters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1248. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a model to improve access to specialty health services for certain Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.