

the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subsection to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subsection, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(c) PENALTIES.—Section 243 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.—The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the requirement to discontinue granting visas to citizens, subjects, nationals, and residents as described in subsection (d) that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of State on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subsection to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subsection, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(d) CERTAIN CLASSES OF ALIENS.—Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the limitation under subparagraph (A) that parole solely be granted on a case-by-case basis and solely for urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant public benefit, that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of Homeland Security on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subparagraph to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subparagraph, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(e) DETENTION.—Section 241(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “During the removal period,” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—During the removal period,”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.—The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the detention requirement under subparagraph (A) that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of Homeland Security on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subparagraph to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subparagraph, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(f) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)) is amended by adding at the end following:

“(3) CERTAIN ACTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an action brought pursuant to section 235(b)(3), subsections (e) or (f) of section 236, or section 241(a)(2)(B).”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of MARCO RUBIO, of Florida, to be Secretary of State.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

NOMINATION OF MARCO RUBIO

Mr. SCHUMER. Well, tonight, the Senate will vote on the confirmation of Senator RUBIO to serve as the next Secretary of State.

Democrats have been very clear about our approach to President Trump’s nominees. We will neither rubberstamp nominees we feel are grossly unqualified, nor will we reflexively oppose nominees that deserve serious consideration.

Senator RUBIO is an example of a qualified nominee we think should be confirmed quickly. Earlier today, he was unanimously reported out of committee with full support from Democrats, and he should be quickly confirmed here on the floor.

So today, I will vote yes on Senator RUBIO. While I certainly do not agree with many of Senator RUBIO’s positions, in this instance, it is important for the new administration to have a Senate-confirmed Secretary of State as soon as possible. So I will vote yes.

Republicans did the same with Secretary Clinton during the first Obama administration. It was appropriate then; it is appropriate now.

I will vote yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, it is an honor to be here today to ask the Senate to confirm President Trump’s first appointment, that being our colleague MARCO RUBIO to be the 72nd Secretary of State of this great country.

His nomination was voted positively and unanimously out of the Foreign Relations Committee just moments ago, actually.

Sixteen years ago, I came here and sat down on the Foreign Relations Committee. I took a seat at the very end. That afternoon, I got on the Intelligence Committee, took a seat at the very end. Two years later, MARCO came in and sat next to me. During that period of time, he and I have worked together a tremendous number of hours on many issues.

We are in a time when America faces threats from nearly every corner of the world. It is no secret that hostile powers, from China, to Russia, to North Korea, to Iran, have formed an authori-

tarian axis bent on weakening the United States. We need a principled, action-oriented chief diplomat like MARCO RUBIO to take them on.

Our challenges in the foreign relations lane and the national security lane are enormous and complicated. I can’t think of another person better equipped to tackle these issues than our colleague MARCO RUBIO.

I would encourage anyone who wants a clear understanding of U.S. foreign policy to look at and watch the recording of MARCO’s performance before the Foreign Relations Committee last week. I would say to you, his performance was flawless.

MARCO’s qualifications and ability to stand in the shoes of Thomas Jefferson, our first Secretary of State, and the 70 who followed him—MARCO’s qualifications are unchallengeable.

I urge you all to join me in voting for MARCO RUBIO.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, the position of Secretary of State is one of the most important in our entire government. Given the uncertainty around the globe right now, it is in America’s interests not to skip a beat and to fill this role immediately. That is why I am pleased that the Foreign Relations Committee has not only moved quickly today to hold a business meeting but we unanimously confirmed Senator RUBIO’s nomination.

I have had a good working relationship with Senator RUBIO for many years, and I was very impressed at his hearing by his grasp of policy. While we may not always agree, I believe he has the skills, knowledge, and qualifications to be Secretary of State. So I intend to vote in favor of MARCO RUBIO to be Secretary of State, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

VOTE ON RUBIO NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the great Senator RUBIO’s nomination?

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 8 Ex.]

YEAS—99

Alsobrooks	Collins	Galleo
Baldwin	Coons	Gillibrand
Banks	Cornyn	Graham
Barrasso	Cortez Masto	Grassley
Bennet	Cotton	Hagerty
Blackburn	Cramer	Hassan
Blumenthal	Crapo	Hawley
Blunt	Rochester	Cruz
Booker	Curtis	Heinrich
Boozman	Daines	Hickenlooper
Britt	Duckworth	Hirono
Budd	Durbin	Hoeben
Cantwell	Ernst	Hyde-Smith
Capito	Fetterman	Johnson
Cassidy	Fischer	Justice
		Kaine

Kelly	Murphy	Scott (SC)
Kennedy	Murray	Shaheen
Kim	Ossoff	Sheehy
King	Padilla	Slotkin
Klobuchar	Paul	Smith
Lankford	Peters	Sullivan
Lee	Reed	Thune
Luján	Ricketts	Tillis
Lummis	Risch	Tuberville
Markey	Rosen	Van Hollen
Marshall	Rounds	Warner
McConnell	Rubio	Warnock
McCormick	Sanders	Warren
Merkley	Schatz	Welch
Moran	Schiff	Whitehouse
Moreno	Schmitt	Wicker
Mullin	Schumer	Wyden
Murkowski	Scott (FL)	Young

The nomination was confirmed.  
(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein up to 10 minutes each.

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

### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Kalbaugh, one of his secretaries.

### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense.

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Marco Rubio, of Florida, to be Secretary of State.

By Mr. PAUL for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

\*Kristi Noem, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

By Mr. COTTON for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

\*John Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

\*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

### 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. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 152. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit kindergarten through grade 12 educational expenses to be paid from a 529 account; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 153. A bill to repeal the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 21

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 21 intended to be proposed to S. 5, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 24

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 24 intended to be proposed to S. 5, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 35

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 35 intended to be proposed to S. 5, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 53

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 53 intended to be proposed to S. 5, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 60

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 60 intended to be proposed to S. 5, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have four 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 5 p.m., to vote on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 4:45 p.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

### INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Inauguration of Donald John Trump, January 20, 2025, 10 a.m.

The Architect of the Capitol, Mr. Thomas Austin, accompanied by Mrs. Shannon Austin, entered the Great Rotunda.

The Leadership of the 60th Presidential Inaugural Committee, Cochairs the Honorable Kelly Loeffler and Mr. Steve Whitcoff; and Executive Director Mr. Richard Walters entered the Great Rotunda.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., entered the Great Rotunda.