

*Resolved*, That the Senate commemorates June 11, 2025, as “World Franchise Day”.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 272—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE SECOND SATURDAY IN JUNE AS “VETERANS GET OUTSIDE DAY”**

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KING) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas, between 2000 and 2024, the Secretary of Defense found that more than 460,000 members of the Armed Forces were diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries;

Whereas studies have found that, after decades of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq, 20 percent of veterans suffer from post-traumatic stress and depression;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs found that veterans suffer a disproportionately higher rate of suicide compared to non-veterans, and post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, depression, and anxiety are root causes of the suicide epidemic in the veteran community, with an estimated 17.6 suicides per day in 2022;

Whereas, despite a strong effort by Congress and Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce the number of veterans' suicides, there are still gaps in mental health care for veterans, and the United States needs to use every treatment available to support the veteran community;

Whereas studies have shown that exposure to nature and the outdoors has a positive therapeutic impact on mental health, including by resulting in lower risks of depression and improved focus and attention, and even a single day outside can improve an individual's overall mood and lessen feelings of isolation;

Whereas studies have found that individuals with increased access to green space have a lower suicide risk;

Whereas the Forest Service sponsors a National Get Outdoors Day on the second Saturday in June to promote the health benefits of outdoor recreational activities;

Whereas the United States has recognized the need to connect veterans with nature by providing free admission to national parks and forests; and

Whereas a targeted outreach effort, such as Veterans Get Outside Day, to veterans living with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, depression, and anxiety may lead to further participation in outside events and improved mental health outcomes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the second Saturday in June as “Veterans Get Outside Day”; and

(2) encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior to coordinate and cooperate in promoting Veterans Get Outside Day along with National Get Outdoors Day.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 2354. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2307 proposed by Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2355. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

**TEXT OF AMENDMENTS**

**SA 2354.** Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2307 proposed by Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . AUDIT REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 714 of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law, the Comptroller General of the United States shall complete an audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks under subsection (b) of that section not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the audit required pursuant to subsection (a) is completed, the Comptroller General of the United States—

(A) shall submit to Congress a report on the audit; and

(B) shall make the report described in subparagraph (A) available to the Speaker of the House, the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, the Chair and Ranking Member of the committee and each subcommittee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate, and any other Member of Congress who requests the report.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include a detailed description of the findings and conclusion of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to the audit that is the subject of the report, together with such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Comptroller General of the United States may determine to be appropriate.

(c) REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.—Subsection (b) of section 714 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the second sentence.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 714 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “or (f)” each place the term appears;

(B) in subsection (e), by striking “the third undesignated paragraph of section 13” and inserting “section 13(3)”; and

(C) by striking subsection (f).

(2) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—Subsection (s) (relating to “Federal Reserve Transparency and Release of Information”) of section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “has the same meaning as in section 714(f)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code” and inserting “means a program or facility, including any special purpose vehicle or other entity established by or on behalf of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or a Federal reserve bank, authorized by the Board of Governors under section 13(3), that is not subject to audit under section 714(e) of title 31, United States Code”;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “or in section 714(f)(3)(C) of title 31, United States Code, the information described in paragraph (1) and information concerning the transactions described in section 714(f) of such title,” and inserting “the information described in paragraph (1)”; and

(C) in paragraph (7), by striking “and section 13(3)(C), section 714(f)(3)(C) of title 31, United States Code, and” and inserting “, section 13(3)(C), and”.

**SA 2355.** Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON ILLICIT CRYPTOCURRENCY ACTIVITIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General shall jointly establish and co-chair an interagency task force on illicit cryptocurrency activities.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force established under subsection (a) shall include representatives from the following:

- (1) The Department of the Treasury.
- (2) The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.
- (3) The Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- (4) The Internal Revenue Service.
- (5) The Department of Justice.
- (6) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (7) The Drug Enforcement Agency.
- (8) The Department of State.
- (9) The Department of Homeland Security.
- (10) The United States Secret Service.
- (11) The Central Intelligence Agency.

(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the task force established under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) coordinating investigations and prosecutions of individuals and entities engaged in illicit activities relating to digital assets, including money laundering, terrorism financing, drug and human trafficking, sanctions evasion, ransomware, and fraud;

(2) coordinating with international partners to pursue transnational enforcement actions;

(3) providing training and technical assistance to relevant law enforcement and financial regulatory personnel; and

(4) ensuring, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with Federal law, that assets seized or forfeited through successful prosecutions are returned to the identifiable victims of the related crimes.

(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General shall submit to Congress an annual report detailing prosecutions, enforcement outcomes, financial assets recovered, and trends in illicit activities relating to digital assets.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I have five 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 COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nomination.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The Committee on Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:15 a.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 Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges until June 12, 2025: Jude Hebert and Sophia Damalas.

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

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to grant floor privileges to my interns for their shadow days, as follows: Lesly Maldonado on June 17, Emma Singleton on June 24, Malia Perry on July 8, Kunga Wilson on July 10, Katherine Lackey on July 15, Salma Sheikh on July 17, Delaney Jones on July 22, Vincent Sheoships on July 24, Abraham Barrow on July 29, and Ethan Abisellan on July 31.

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE SECOND SATURDAY IN JUNE AS VETERANS GET OUTSIDE DAY

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 272, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 272) expressing support for the designation of the second Saturday in June as "Veterans Get Outside Day".

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

Mr. MORENO. 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. 272) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the disposition of the Long nomination, the Senate resume legislative session and consideration of Calendar No. 66, S. 1582; further, that the postcloture time with respect to the substitute amendment No. 2307 be expired, and Senator MERKLEY or his designee be recognized to table amendment No. 2310; further, that upon disposition of the motion to table amendment No. 2310, there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, and following the use or yielding back of that time, Senator MERKLEY or his designee be recognized to raise a budget point of order; further, that if the budget point of order is waived, the remaining pending amendments with respect to Calendar No. 66, S. 1582, except for the substitute amendment No. 2307, be withdrawn, and the Senate vote on adoption of the substitute amendment; finally, that if cloture is invoked on Calendar No. 66, S. 1582, as amended, if amended, all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader on Tuesday, June 17.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

Mr. MORENO. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 12; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate proceed to executive session, resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 173, and execute the order with respect to the Long nomination at 12:30 p.m.; further, that if confirmed, the motion 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 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. 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 6:18 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. AARON D. DRAKE

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

To be brigadier general

COL. CATHERINE V. BARRINGTON

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. KEOLANI W. BAILEY

COL. JOHN P. FLINT

COL. JEREMY R. FORD

COL. KRISTIN K. HALEY

COL. BERNADETTE MALDONADO

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

To be brigadier general

COL. CHAD R. W. BIEHL

COL. GREGORY D. BUCHANAN

COL. CONNIE L. CLAY

COL. ALLEN E. DUCKWORTH

COL. MARK J. ESTLUND

COL. ETHAN P. HINKINS

COL. MICHELLE K. IDLE

COL. SHARIFUL M. KHAN

COL. MICHAEL C. MENTAVLOS

COL. MICHAEL B. PARKS

COL. ATHANASIA SHINAS

COL. XAVIERA SLOCUM

COL. MOLLY A. SPEDDING

COL. GAVIN D. TADE

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

To be brigadier general

COL. JEREMY S. BERGIN

COL. CHARLES D. COOLEY

COL. LAUREN COURCHAIEN

COL. KEVIN M. CROFTON

COL. DANIEL S. DEJONG

COL. DANIEL C. DIEHL

COL. DAVID A. FAZENBAKER

COL. RYAN J. GARLOW

COL. KEVIN M. JAMIESON

COL. HENRY R. JEFFRESS III

COL. TERENCE M. JOYCE

COL. STACY A. KIHARA

COL. PATRICK R. LAUNEY

COL. JAMES C. MCFARLAND

COL. KENNETH C. MCHEE

COL. ANGELA F. MCHOA

COL. AMANDA L. OKESON

COL. WILLIAM L. OTTATI

COL. TODD E. RANDOLPH

COL. MATTHEW R. REILMAN

COL. RYAN E. RICHARDSON

COL. NATHAN L. RUSIN

COL. GEORGE H. SEBREN, JR.

COL. ANTHONY L. SMITH

COL. KRISTOFFER R. SMITH

COL. JOSEPH C. TURNHAM

COL. SCOTT P. WEYERMULLER

COL. JOSHUA P. WILLIAMS

COL. CONSTANCE H. YOUNG

IN THE ARMY

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

To be brigadier general

COL. MATTHEW M. CAIN

COL. ABIGAIL A. CATHELINEAUD

COL. MICHAEL B. CLARK

COL. RYAN C. MCDAVITT

COL. STEPHEN M. PAZAK

COL. MARK F. SCHOENFELD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. ISAAC B. MARTINEZ

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

To be brigadier general

COL. MARSHALL S. SCANTLIN

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

To be brigadier general

COL. PATRICK L. POLLAK