

of the floor be granted to my first session summer interns Amanda Edgar, Grace Kolean, Jeffrey Alsop, Rhiannon Dobbins, Wesley Hulbert, Selby Long, Brooke Markoff, Mia Parish, Karley Thrun, Drake Ward, Braxton Zine, and Vanessa Auth and to my Senate Committee on Indian Affairs interns Elmore Limberhand, Julia King, and Austin West for the month of June 2025 in the 119th Congress.

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

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. 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. 293 and S. Res. 294.

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and 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. 293 and S. Res. 294) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 15, which is at the desk.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 15) expressing support for America's law enforcement professionals.

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent 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 concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 15) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2025, AS THE 39TH ANNIVERSARY OF C-SPAN CHRONICLING DEMOCRACY IN THE SENATE

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 259.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 259) recognizing June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 259) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of June 2, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HEINOUS ATTACK AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB ON JUNE 12, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 275.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 275) honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 275) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of June 12, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025, THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and

times: Friday, June 20, at 3:15 p.m.; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, June 20, it stand adjourned until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23; 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, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; finally, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on June 18 ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of the very patient Senator CANTWELL.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

TIKTOK

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise to express my concerns about reports that President Trump is going to again extend the deadline for getting TikTok out of the control of ByteDance and the Chinese Government—concern because that means that, again, we are going to allow this national security issue to fester and to continue on, maybe for several more months.

What we know now, though, in the middle of a global conflict, during which we know our enemies can weaponize TikTok to spread their propaganda and turn the world against the United States, we need to take action. While I know there are legitimate uses of TikTok, it is also used by governments, in particular the Chinese, to spread lies and indoctrinate people about what China, Iran, and Russia want Americans to believe about our own country, about our own government. This is alarming when an app is the top news source of Americans under the age of 30. Let me give some examples of these practices.

In December 2023, Rutgers University found that TikTok's algorithm disproportionately amplified anti-Israel and, by extension, anti-Semitic content compared with other social media platforms. This amplification observed in the context of a major geopolitical events, such as the portrayal of the Israel-Hamas conflict, and such hashtags "I stand with Israel" or "Pray for Israel" were unrepresented. That means they weren't represented at a ratio of six to one.

According to the Jewish Federation of North America, individuals on TikTok for over 30 minutes a day were

17 percent more likely to be anti-Semitic. And last year, anti-Semitic comments on TikTok rose 912 percent.

My fear is that a similar study would show that in between the issues that we do think are legitimate businesses on TikTok, that there is a bias and anti-American content being pushed about even the current hostilities now in Iran. That is why I would like to submit for the RECORD a report by Rutgers University entitled "A Tik-Tok-ing Timebomb: How TikTok's Global Platform Anomalies Align with the Chinese Communist Party's Geostategic Objectives," which can be found online at https://networkcontagion.us/wp-content/uploads/A-Tik-Tok-ing-Timebomb_12.21.23.pdf.

On the flip side of another example is the current topics that China doesn't like to talk about—they are sensitive to. You are never going to see any information on TikTok about Tiananmen Square and what happened.

And now, we are in a trade war. In a new report last month, Rutgers University found that following President Trump's decision to put new tariffs on China, TikTok drove content pushing Americans to buy directly from Chinese manufacturers, as well as content denigrating U.S. companies. The research pointed it out—and it resulted in tens of millions of views on Chinese products, suggesting the platform influenced the user and drove behavior that changed at a massive scale. That is to say, now, TikTok is being used against us in a trade war.

I am also concerned that despite this clear and present danger, these extensions just continue to give China an ability to unduly influence American citizens. The President needs to implement the law that Congress gave him, that the Supreme Court has upheld, and protect our military and our citizens against this foreign misinformation that is taking place. Last week, I asked Secretary Bessent from the Treasury whether he had been discussing TikTok at meetings with Chinese officials in London. He said they had not.

I am concerned that these extensions of the TikTok deal are illegal. Note that Congress passed this law, and the President extending the deadline to allow them to continue to operate in the United States under the control of ByteDance and the Chinese Government is not what Congress intended.

Congress said in the law that any deal on the sale of TikTok must include a transfer of the ownership of TikTok's source code, training data, and recommendation algorithms. This may be, for some people, not really clear, but we would not let the Chinese Government own ABC or NBC, and we shouldn't let them broadcast their content into the United States on ABC or NBC, and we shouldn't allow them to do the same with TikTok.

The Supreme Court, as I said, unanimously upheld this law that Congress passed. I am concerned that each extension, though, of not getting a deal, puts America and some of our leading tech companies at great financial risk.

Under the law, app stores that distribute and support TikTok are subject to severe penalties: up to \$5,000 per user and that could amount to billions of dollars in damages. And while the current administration has signaled that they won't enforce the law, the statute of limitations for that liability is 5 years, meaning future administrations could apply those penalties retroactively.

So simply put, we cannot continue to allow foreign adversaries to control technology that can fuel domestic and political polarization and civil unrest. We need the President to follow the law that Congress passed and bring TikTok under U.S. ownership.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
JUNE 20, 2025, AT 3:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 3:15 p.m. on Friday.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:17 p.m., adjourned until Friday, June 20, 2025, at 3:15 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 18, 2025:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

OLIVIA TRUSTY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

RODNEY SCOTT, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.