

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of, Executive Calendar No. 197, Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, John R. Curtis, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Bill Cassidy, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, Marsha Blackburn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Ron Johnson, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Mike Rounds, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Jim Justice, Bill Hagerty.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 81.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Scott Kuper, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of, Executive Calendar No. 81, Scott Kuper, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Thom Tillis, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, John R. Curtis, Joni Ernst, Deb Fischer, Pete Ricketts, Roger Marshall,

Chuck Grassley, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Cassidy, Jon A. Husted, Mike Rounds, John Kennedy, Katie Boyd Britt.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 58.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 58, William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John R. Curtis, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Eric Schmitt, Jon A. Husted, Roger Marshall, Jim Justice, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Hagerty, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Marsha Blackburn, Tim Sheehy.

### 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 for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### H.R. 1

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, contrary to misinformation campaigns seeking to stop commonsense Medicaid reforms from getting to the President's desk, the One Big Beautiful Bill does not take away Medicaid from those who need it. In fact, the bill will strengthen the Medicaid program, so

that it can continue to serve the vulnerable populations it was designed to serve.

Before I discuss the program integrity measures in this bill, I want to give some context on Medicaid spending. Under this bill, Medicaid will spend over \$7.4 trillion over 10 years. We are only slowing the growth of Medicaid spending as Medicaid spending will still go up at about 2 to 3 percent annually, compared to 4.5 to 5 percent annually, if we don't pass this bill.

A sizable majority of Americans support efforts to stop wasteful spending that drains resources for people who truly need this safety net and puts an unfair burden on taxpayers. Between 2015 and 2024, the total amount of improper Federal Medicaid payments was over \$560 billion. Some independent estimates put it closer to \$1.1 trillion. We must do something about it. I am also the author of major updates to the False Claims Act, a major tool to save taxpayers money.

Since my reforms were enacted, the Federal Government has recovered more than \$78 billion lost to fraud—much of it in government healthcare programs—and saved billions more by deterring would-be fraudsters. We are doing more in this bill, because taxpayers and those who rely on Medicaid deserve better. That is why we are putting an end to the billions of dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse in healthcare programs.

Let me list off a few provisions that establish some program integrity:

Reducing duplicate enrollment under the Medicaid program.

Ensuring deceased individuals and health care providers don't remain enrolled.

Payment reduction for erroneous excess provider payments under Medicaid.

We're also going to require states to check if an individual is eligible to be on Medicaid twice a year, instead of once a year.

These provisions alone save over \$94 billion, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, CBO. We establish robust verification for individuals receiving premium tax credits through the Federal marketplace.

We also ensure that if someone gets more subsidization than they are allowed based on their income, the excessive subsidy amount is returned.

Last year, I pointed out to the Treasury Inspector General that excessive payments were not being recouped. Through my oversight, I discovered over 40 percent of excessive Federal marketplace subsidy payments totaled over \$10 billion dating back to 2016. These excess payments were not recouped because of current safe harbor rules. This excessive waste will end in this bill and save over \$60 billion, according to CBO.

We also delay costly regulations that establish one-size-fits-all rules, including for nursing homes and State Medicaid programs. I am a strong proponent of nursing home oversight and ensuring our most vulnerable senior citizens and those with disabilities have access to high-quality care. We

should be addressing the workforce challenges nursing homes face by partnering with nursing homes, not mandating from Washington, DC. Delaying the nursing home staffing mandate rule and so-called “streamlining eligibility rule” saves over \$187 billion according to CBO.

We also ensure Medicaid, Medicare, and Federal marketplace resources are going to Americans, instead of illegal aliens. Taxpayers expect us to prioritize vulnerable Americans and seniors in these programs. We prohibit Federal financial support under Medicaid for individuals who don’t have verified citizenship, nationality, or satisfactory immigration status. These provisions save over \$163 billion according to CBO.

When my colleagues on the other side of the aisle fearmonger and misinform what is in the bill, they must be willing to defend billions in healthcare waste, fraud, and abuse spending that total over \$500 billion, as standalone provisions. As I have illustrated, we establish some commonsense program integrity measures and stop wasteful spending.

We delay costly regulations that hurt patients and providers, especially those living in rural America. We stop Medicaid and Medicare resources from going to illegal aliens. Most importantly, we preserve the Medicaid program for those who most need it.

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, section 3001 of H.Con. Res. 14, the fiscal year 2025 congressional budget resolution, allows the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to revise committee allocations, budgetary aggregates, and the pay-as-you-go ledger for legislation considered under the resolution’s reconciliation instructions.

I find that amendment Nos. 2372 and 2814, which passed earlier today, fulfill the conditions found in section 3001 of H.Con. Res. 14. Accordingly, I am revising the allocations for the reconciled committees and other enforceable budgetary levels to account for the budgetary effects of the amendment.

This adjustment supersedes the adjustment I previously made for the processing of amendment No. 2360.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables providing details about the adjustments be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REVISIONS TO BUDGET AGGREGATES—BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS

[Pursuant to Section 3001 of H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025]  
[\$ in billions]

	2025
Current Spending Aggregates:	
Budget Authority .....	4,540.812
Outlays .....	4,549.048
Adjustment:	
Budget Authority .....	187.194
Outlays .....	— 170.468
Revised Aggregates:	
Budget Authority .....	4,728.006
Outlays .....	4,378.580

REVISIONS TO BUDGET AGGREGATES—REVENUES

[Pursuant to Section 3001 of H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025]  
[\$ in billions]

	2025	2025–2029	2025–2034
Current Revenue Aggregates .....	3,849.664	20,485.700	45,285.946
Adjustments .....	— 123.805	— 808.815	— 814.904
Revised Revenue Aggregates .....	3,725.859	19,676.885	44,471.042

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEES OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS

[Pursuant to Section 3001 of H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget For Fiscal Year 2025]  
[\$ in billions]

	2025	2025–2029	2025–2034
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:			
Budget Authority .....	185.761	967.912	1,987.937
Outlays .....	177.349	926.669	1,876.969
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority .....	— 5.425	— 46.180	— 116.682
Outlays .....	0.400	— 47.142	— 119.250
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority .....	180.336	921.732	1,871.255
Outlays .....	177.749	879.527	1,757.719
Armed Services:			
Budget Authority .....	289.771	1,117.079	2,102.064
Outlays .....	287.699	1,113.882	2,104.071
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority .....	156.154	153.405	153.405
Outlays .....	2.020	130.659	149.542
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority .....	445.925	1,270.484	2,255.469
Outlays .....	289.719	1,244.541	2,253.613
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:			
Budget Authority .....	26.245	87.321	277.233
Outlays .....	— 12.404	— 128.025	— 165.530
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority .....	0.942	0.338	— 0.794
Outlays .....	0.085	0.176	— 0.668
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority .....	27.187	87.659	276.439
Outlays .....	— 12.319	— 127.849	— 166.198
Commerce, Science, and Transportation:			
Budget Authority .....	28.674	112.433	208.612
Outlays .....	19.151	103.520	188.736
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority .....	45.715	37.854	— 39.419
Outlays .....	— 0.065	15.554	— 41.186
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority .....	74.389	150.287	169.193
Outlays .....	19.086	119.074	147.550
Energy and Natural Resources:			
Budget Authority .....	11.317	46.797	94.470
Outlays .....	14.111	73.125	129.454
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority .....	— 10.154	— 13.021	— 25.718
Outlays .....	— 0.056	— 5.523	— 19.189
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority .....	1.163	33.776	68.752
Outlays .....	14.055	67.602	110.265
Environment and Public Works:			
Budget Authority .....	65.948	333.253	657.947
Outlays .....	26.197	70.513	92.512
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority .....	— 6.579	— 6.579	— 6.579
Outlays .....	— 0.857	— 4.487	— 4.959
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority .....	59.369	326.674	651.368