

(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 Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2215. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for floodplain easement restoration and management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2216. A bill to extend war reserves stockpile authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 2217. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding pension plans for independent workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 2218. A bill to provide a combat status identifier equivalent for remotely piloted aircraft crew who conduct combat operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. KELLY, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2219. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to establish an Office of Inspector General in the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2220. A bill to expand presumptions of exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 2221. A bill to establish requirements under which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall carry out the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2222. A bill to enhance the security, resilience, and protection of undersea communication cables vital to Taiwan's national security, economic stability, and defense, particularly in countering gray zone tactics employed by the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2223. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that may be invested in small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 2224. A bill to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's

Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUJAN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2225. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2226. A bill to exempt the Department of Defense from certain environmental protection activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2227. A bill to eliminate the period of limitations for certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

S. 2228. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to harmonize the definition of employee with the common law; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2229. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the Foreign Service of the United States and its contribution to United States diplomacy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2230. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the rules for wagering losses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2231. A bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTQI people around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2232. A bill to expand the surety bond program under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2233. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to modify requirements for a meat food product of cattle to bear a "Product of U.S.A." label, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2234. A bill to make improvements to the Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 94, a bill to award 3

Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 United States Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the XIII Olympic Winter Games where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet ice hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing morale in the United States at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations, and transforming the sport of ice hockey in the United States.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to modify the fire management assistance cost share, and for other purposes.

S. 139

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention and Services program, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 349

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System land without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.

S. 402

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise references in such title to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to establish a Wildfire Intelligence Center, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to support research and development of ungulate grazing land management techniques for purposes of wildfire mitigation, fuel reduction, and post-fire recovery.

S. 646

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to carry out Executive Order 14160.

S. 726

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to improve availability of information relating to cybersecurity threats.

S. 1404

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were

added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to exempt small business concerns from duties imposed pursuant to the national emergency declared on April 2, 2025, by the President.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1715, a bill to prohibit payment card networks and covered entities from requiring the use of or assigning merchant category codes that distinguish a firearms retailer from a general merchandise retailer or sporting goods retailer, and for other purposes.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue regulations to ensure due process rights for physicians before any termination, restriction, or reduction of the professional activity of such physicians or staff privileges of such physicians.

S. 1877

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1877, a bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate rules with respect to the electronic delivery of certain required disclosures, and for other purposes.

S. 1889

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1889, a bill to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

S. 1892

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 1892, a bill to clarify that amounts from declinations should be deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and to temporarily provide additional deposits into the Crime Victims Fund.

S. 1919

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a domestic cotton consumption credit.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1950, a bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1955

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1955, a bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings.

S. 1992

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of adjudications and appeals of claims for benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, educational opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to provide for an emergency increase in Federal funding to State Medicaid programs for expenditures on home and community-based services.

S. 2149

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S.

2149, a bill to expand access to health insurance coverage for immigrants and their families by removing legal and policy barriers to health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to define intimate partner to include someone with whom there is or was a dating relationship, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 56

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 56, a joint resolution designating the month of June as "Life Month".

S. RES. 288

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 288, a resolution condemning the rise in ideologically motivated attacks on Jewish individuals in the United States, including the recent violent assault in Boulder, Colorado, and reaffirming the commitment of the Senate to combating antisemitism and politically motivated violence.

S. RES. 315

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 315, a resolution expressing support for the designation of July 10, 2025, as Journeyman Lineworkers Recognition Day.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I have 12 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 during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

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, July 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

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, July 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

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, July 9, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to consider a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY

The Subcommittee on Cybersecurity of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 9 a.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, appoints the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: the Honorable SUSAN COLLINS of Maine (Reappointment); and the Honorable DEB FISCHER of Nebraska.

The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Ex-

ecutive Commission on the People's Republic of China during the 119th Congress: the Honorable DAN SULLIVAN of Alaska (Chairman); and the Honorable TOM COTTON of Arkansas.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 10; 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 the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 64, Jonathan Gould; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Gould nomination, and following that vote, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 261, Whitney D. Hermandorfer; further, if cloture is invoked, the Senate vote on confirmation of the Gould nomination at 1:45 p.m.; and if cloture is invoked on the Hermandorfer nomination, all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader on Monday, July 14; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday or Monday's session of the Senate, 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.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Ms. MURKOWSKI. 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 historic remarks of my Democratic colleagues, led by the Senator from Rhode Island after 300 floor appearances on 1 subject.

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

The Senator from Rhode Island.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, first of all, thank you, Senator MURKOWSKI.

I rise today for the 300th time with my trusty, increasingly battered "Time to Wake Up" chart to try to rouse this Chamber to the looming dangers caused by fossil fuel pollution.

I am not sure whether this is a triumph of persistence or an exposition of failure or a little bit of both. I will say that Speaker PELOSI, whom I admire immensely, called out my persistent