

**SA 3113.** Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3038 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division B, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the amount made available for—

(1) “Agricultural Programs—National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” shall be \$487,510,000;

(2) “Agricultural Programs—Economic Research Service” shall be \$80,000,000;

(3) “Agricultural Programs—National Agricultural Statistics Service” shall be \$185,000,000;

(4) “Agricultural Programs—Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses” shall be \$1,700,000,000;

(5) “Agricultural Programs—Agricultural Research Service—Buildings and Facilities” shall be \$42,500,000;

(6) “Farm Production and Conservation Programs—Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations” shall be \$112,259,000;

(7) “Farm Production and Conservation Programs—Natural Resources Conservation Service—Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations” shall be \$36,360,000;

(8) “Farm Production and Conservation Programs—Farm Production and Conservation Business Center—Salaries and Expenses” shall be \$214,000,000;

(9) “Farm Production and Conservation Programs—Farm Service Agency—Salaries and Expenses” shall be \$950,000,000, of which no amounts shall be required to be used for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county offices and farm loan officers;

(10) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Development—Salaries and Expenses” shall be \$265,008,000;

(11) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account” for—

(A) gross obligations of the principal amount of section 523 self-help housing land development loans shall be \$0; and

(B) the cost of section 523 self-help housing land development loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be \$0;

(12) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Voucher Account” shall be \$0;

(13) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Housing Service—Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants” shall be \$0;

(14) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants” shall be \$0;

(15) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program Account” for the cost of loans, loan guarantees, and grants, including the cost of modifying loans, shall be \$204,436,000, of which no amounts shall be available for community facilities grants, as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, or grants to tribal colleges as authorized by section 306(a)(25) of such Act;

(16) “Rural Development Programs—Rural Utilities Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications Loans Program Account” for—

(A) cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 shall be \$0; and

(B) guaranteed rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to section 306 of that Act shall be \$0;

(17) “Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutrition Service—Commodity Assistance Program” shall be \$91,070,000, of which no amounts shall be available for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program; and

(18) “Foreign Assistance and Related Programs—Foreign Agricultural Service—McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Grants” shall be \$0.

**SA 3114.** Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the matter preceding division A, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. RESCISSION LIMITATION.**

No amounts may be rescinded from amounts provided under any division of this Act or any other appropriation Act for fiscal year 2026, unless the rescission is made through an appropriation Act (as defined in section 3 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622)).

**SA 3115.** Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KAINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. LIMITATIONS ON REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act or any other Act may be used to implement the Department of Agriculture memorandum issued on July 24, 2025 (relating to the Department of Agriculture reorganization plan) (referred to in this section as the “Memorandum”), or any similar plan relating to reorganization of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

(1) conduct a benefit-cost analysis on the Memorandum and any similar plan relating to reorganization of the Department of Agriculture; and

(2) submit to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture an unredacted report that contains—

(A) the findings of that benefit-cost analysis; and

(B) such other information as the Office of Inspector General determines necessary for that benefit-cost analysis.

(c) PUBLIC COMMENT; REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

(1) carry out a public comment period on the Memorandum and any similar plan relating to reorganization of the Department of

Agriculture to solicit public comment from agricultural producers and other communities on the impact of that reorganization; and

(2) submit to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture a report that contains—

(A) a description of how that reorganization will retain sufficient staff expertise to carry out Department of Agriculture mission areas and result in greater efficiencies and customer service for agricultural producers and other communities; and

(B) such other information as the Office of Inspector General determines necessary for the report.

(d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Office of Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and make publicly available, the reports received under subsections (b)(2) and (c)(2).

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. THUNE. 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY**

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in closed session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a briefing.

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed business meeting immediately followed by a closed briefing.

COMMEMORATING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM AND HUMAN SPACE EXPLORATION

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 309.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 309) commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Marshall Space Flight Center and recognizing its continued leadership in the development of the Space Launch System and human space exploration.

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

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, 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. 309) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of June 26 (legislative day, June 24), 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Madam 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. 344 and S. Res. 345.

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

Mr. THUNE. 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 were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

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

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30; 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 Executive Calendar No. 182, Thomas Gaiser; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m. the cloture motions filed on Monday ripen and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Gaiser nomination; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday's session of the Senate, the motions 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 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Madam 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 9:21 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RE-

SERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203 AND 12212:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. LYNN M. LEE

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 major general

BRIG. GEN. SHAWN M. COCO  
BRIG. GEN. SEAN F. CONROY  
BRIG. GEN. BUEL J. DICKSON  
BRIG. GEN. DANIEL M. FESLER  
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT E. HARGENS  
BRIG. GEN. TROY D. HAVENER  
BRIG. GEN. PATRICK L. LANAGHAN  
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM M. LEAHY  
BRIG. GEN. ALLISON C. MILLER  
BRIG. GEN. MARK R. MORRELL  
BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH F. MORRISSEY, JR.  
BRIG. GEN. JAMES R. PARRY  
BRIG. GEN. CARLA R. RINER  
BRIG. GEN. STEPHANIE S. SAMENUS

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 major general

BRIG. GEN. GARY R. CHARLTON II  
BRIG. GEN. JAMES D. CLEET  
BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER A. JARRATT  
BRIG. GEN. JASON W. KNIGHT  
BRIG. GEN. GREGORY A. KRANE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER 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 major general

BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER M. BLOMQUIST  
IN THE ARMY

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 12211:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. MONIE R. ULIS

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 29, 2025:

##### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SAMUEL BROWN, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR MEMORIAL AFFAIRS.

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WILLIAM KIMMITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

EARL MATTHEWS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUSAN MONAREZ, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

##### THE JUDICIARY

EMIL J. BOVE III, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT.