

(F) the issuance of clear penalties for the landlord when the landlord does not meet its obligations under the agreement.

(d) **TERMINATION.**—The advisory group established under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 3680. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1659, to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 10, line 3, strike “that first occurs after October 1”.

NOTICES OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Brian Morrissey, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, dated August 1, 2025.

I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, dated August 1, 2025.

I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Francis Brooke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, dated August 1, 2025.

APPOINTMENT

The **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Chair announces, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114-196, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Jack Schlossberg of New York, Vice David Cohen; and Paul Tetreault of the District of Columbia, Vice James Swanson.

NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY

Mr. THUNE. 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. 340.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 340) designating July 30, 2025, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”.

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

Mr. THUNE. 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. 340) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the **RECORD** of July 29, 2025, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

AMERICAN GROWN FLOWER AND FOLIAGE MONTH

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 367, 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. 367) designating July 2025 as “American Grown Flower and Foliage Month”.

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

Mr. THUNE. 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. 367) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s **RECORD** under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO DISINTER THE REMAINS OF FERNANDO V. COTA FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, TEXAS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 1071 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1071) to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 1071) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read

the third time, and was passed as follows:

S. 1071

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS OF FERNANDO V. COTA FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, TEXAS.

(a) **DISINTERMENT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas.

(b) **NOTIFICATION.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not carry out subsection (a) until after notifying the next of kin of Fernando V. Cota.

(c) **DISPOSITION.**—After carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

(1) relinquish the remains to the next of kin described in subsection (b); or

(2) if no such next of kin responds to the notification under subsection (b), arrange for disposition of the remains as the Secretary determines appropriate.

BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 1659 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1659) to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Coons amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3680) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To make a technical correction)

On page 10, line 3, strike “that first occurs after October 1”.

The bill (S. 1659), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and was passed as follows:

S. 1659

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Congress has amended the laws governing bankruptcy fees as necessary to ensure that the bankruptcy system remains self-supporting, while also fairly allocating the costs of the system among those who use the system.

(2) Because of the importance for the bankruptcy system to be self-funded, at no cost to taxpayers, Congress has closely monitored the funding needs of the bankruptcy system, including by requiring periodic reporting by the Attorney General regarding the United States Trustee System Fund.

(3) Because the system governing bankruptcies of various types is interconnected, Congress has established fees, including filing fees, quarterly fees in chapter 11 cases, and other fees, that together fund the courts, judges, United States trustees, and trustees serving in bankruptcy cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code.

(4) Trustees serving in bankruptcy cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, are vital to the functioning of the bankruptcy system, as they provide services at the front lines of the bankruptcy process, administering thousands of cases.

(5) Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees provide valuable returns of assets to government creditors, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Agriculture, the Small Business Administration, and other Federal, State, and municipal governments.

(6) Due to the work of the chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees, millions of dollars are also disbursed annually to private creditors of all types, including medical providers, unsecured creditors, small businesses, and micro-enterprises such as domestic support providers.

(7) Despite the essential role of chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees, since 1994 the amount of compensation paid to these trustees has not been increased. As in 1994, bankruptcy trustees receive only \$60 per case (composed of \$45 from subsection 330(b)(1), and \$15 from subsection 330(b)(2), of title 11, United States Code) in nearly 90 percent of chapter 7 cases, and bankruptcy trustees receive no compensation at all for cases in which the filing fee is waived by the bankruptcy court.

(8) Since 1994, there have been significant increases in salaries, attorney fees, budget appropriations, filing fees, and court-related fees associated with chapter 7 bankruptcies. In contrast, the \$60 paid to chapter 7 trustees has remained the same and has not even been increased for inflation. In 2021, Congress attempted to implement a mechanism that would give chapter 7 trustees a raise, but the trustees only received increased compensation for 1 fiscal year. Based on Consumer Price Index estimates, the \$60 paid to trustees in 1994 would be the equivalent of over \$125 today.

(9) This Act and the amendments made by this Act—

(A) increase the compensation of chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees to the level that is appropriate, overdue, and proportionate with the level that was intended in 1994, by increasing the total compensation of trustees to \$120 per case;

(B) ensure adequate funding of the United States trustee system through the increase of certain fees, which will also apply to districts that are not part of a United States trustee region as required by existing law; and

(C) support the preservation of existing bankruptcy judgeships that are urgently needed to handle existing and anticipated increases in business and consumer caseloads.

(10) This Act will not alter the filing fee under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, and will not modify, impair, or super-

sede the current authority of the district courts of the United States, or of bankruptcy courts, to waive the payment of filing fees by indigent individuals.

SEC. 3. TRUSTEE COMPENSATION.

(a) **COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS.**—Section 330 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “\$45” and inserting “\$105”; and

(2) by striking subsection (e).

(b) **REMAINDER OF FEES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the remainder of fees collected under section 1930(a)(1)(A) of title 28, United States Code, after compensating trustees under section 330(b)(1) of title 11, United States Code, shall be deposited as follows:

(1) \$63.51 in the special fund of the Treasury established under section 1931 of title 28, United States Code.

(2) \$25.00 in the special fund established in accordance with section 10101(b) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (28 U.S.C. 1931 note).

(3) \$51.49 in the United States Trustee System Fund established under section 589a of title 28, United States Code.

(c) **UNITED STATES TRUSTEE SYSTEM FUND.**—Section 589a of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) 28.33 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(1)(B);”;

(2) in subsection (f)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (D) by striking “Fourth” and inserting “Second”;

(B) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B).

SEC. 4. BANKRUPTCY FEES.

(a) **QUARTERLY FEES.**—Section 1930(a)(6)(B) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “5-year” and inserting “10-year”; and

(2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “.8” and inserting “.1”.

(b) **PERIOD FOR DEPOSITS.**—Section 589a(f) of title 28, United States Code, as amended by section 3(c)(2), is amended by striking “2026” each place it appears and inserting “2031”.

(c) **DEPOSITS OF CERTAIN FEES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2031.**—Notwithstanding section 589a(b) of title 28, United States Code, for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031—

(1) the fees collected under section 1930(a)(6) of title 28, United States Code, less the amount specified in subparagraph (2) of this subsection, shall be deposited as specified in section 589a(f) of title 28, United States Code, as amended by this Act; and

(2) \$5,400,000 of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(6) of title 28, United States Code, shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF TERM OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY OFFICES OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE.

(a) **BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2020.**—Section 4 of the Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act of 2020 (28 U.S.C. 152 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(C) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(D) in subparagraph (D)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(E) in subparagraph (E)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”; and

(F) in subparagraph (F)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(3) in subsection (c)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(4) in subsection (d)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(5) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”; and

(6) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”.

(b) **BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT OF 2017.**—Section 1003(b)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017 (28 U.S.C. 152 note) is amended by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”.

SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on October 1 that first occurs after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

(1) **COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS.**—Section 3 and the amendments made by section 3 shall apply to any case under title 11, United States Code, commenced on or after October 1 that first occurs after the date of enactment of this Act—

(A) under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code; or

(B) under chapter 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, that is converted to a case under chapter 7 of title 7, United States Code.

(2) **BANKRUPTCY FEES.**—Section 4 and the amendments made by section 4 shall apply to—

(A) any case pending under chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, on or after October 1 that first occurs after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) quarterly fees payable under section 1930(a)(6) of title 28, United States Code, for disbursements made in any calendar quarter that begins on or after October 1 that first occurs after the date of enactment of this Act.

ORDERS FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2; 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. 186, Andrew Puzder; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 10 a.m., the cloture motions filed on Thursday ripen and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Puzder nomination; finally, and if any nominations are confirmed during Saturday's session of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid