

Executive Calendar No. 157, Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy

Executive Calendar No. 161, Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of 5 years

Executive Calendar No. 177, Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration

Executive Calendar No. 180, Donald Bergin III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs)

Executive Calendar No. 185, John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Executive Calendar No. 251, Daniel Aronowitz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor

Executive Calendar No. 276, Michael Dodd, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (New Position)

Executive Calendar No. 277, William Gillis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army

Executive Calendar No. 278, Jules Hurst III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army

Executive Calendar No. 279, Brent Ingraham, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army

Executive Calendar No. 283, George Wesley Street, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center

Executive Calendar No. 285, Peter Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency

Executive Calendar No. 289, Jeffrey Bartos, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the Rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Executive Calendar No. 290, Jennifer Locetta, of Florida, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Executive Calendar No. 297, Dudley Hoskins, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Executive Calendar No. 298, Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics

Executive Calendar No. 303, Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Executive Calendar No. 305, Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029

Executive Calendar No. 324, Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation

Executive Calendar No. 344, Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation

Executive Calendar No. 346, Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Executive Calendar No. 352, Jason Evans, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management)

Executive Calendar No. 356, Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years

Executive Calendar No. 362, Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality

Executive Calendar No. 365, Bryan Switzer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Textiles, Investment, Services, and Intellectual Property), with the rank of Ambassador

Executive Calendar No. 149, Callista Gingrich, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein

Executive Calendar No. 286, Kimberly Guilfoyle, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Greece

Executive Calendar No. 302, Christine Toretti, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Sweden

Executive Calendar No. 350, Peter Lamelas, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Argentine Republic

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The Senator from Texas.

#### RECESS

Mr. CRUZ. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 5:45 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:03 p.m., recessed until 5:45 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. HUSTED).

#### AUTHORIZING THE EN BLOC CONSIDERATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of leadership, I ask unanimous consent that 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.

Mr. WICKER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO SENATORS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I will shortly ask for unanimous consent to

authorize Senators to use their office accounts for security purposes. Every Senator will now have additional flexibility to address the security concerns they face as public officials. Along with the additional investment in security in the continuing resolution that Republicans have put forward, there is ongoing bipartisan work to address Member security in the legislative branch appropriations bill, which I hope House and Senate will complete work on in the very near future.

We are also actively working with the Sergeant at Arms to identify additional authorities for security options for Senators. I am grateful to the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police for their work on this and for the collaborative efforts of many Senators from both parties.

Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 413, 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. 413) authorizing the use of funds from the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account for security enhancements and services provided to Senators.

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

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader for his comments and commitments regarding improving Member security. I know that he, Leader SCHUMER, Chairman McCONNELL, and I all share the same goal. I think all 100 Senators share that goal.

We continue to see an unprecedented rise in threats targeting Members of Congress, with the Capitol Police on track to investigate over 14,000 threat cases in 2025. That represents a 50-percent increase over the nearly 9,500 threats Capitol Police reported in 2024.

We are witnessing disturbing incidents of politically motivated violence across the Nation, targeting elected officials and high-profile individuals associated with both political parties.

Whether it is the horrific assassination of Charlie Kirk at a college campus in Utah or the tragic assassination of former speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives Melissa Hortman and her husband in their home, it is tragic; it is unacceptable. And we would be foolish not to take notice.

The House acted on a bipartisan basis to provide new funding for enhanced Member security this past July. Even before the June shooting of Minnesota State officials, the Senate Sergeant at Arms proposed a program for enhanced security options for Senators. Bipartisan Senate Appropriations leaders have expressed support to fund that effort.

Unfortunately, progress has been slow despite strong interest from Senators of both parties. So today's resolution is a step in the right direction.

And the majority leader's statements about the further progress we need to make soon were very important—because, on its own, today's action is not nearly enough.

First, unlike the bipartisan House plan, there is no new funding provided by today's resolution. On the other side of the Capitol, bipartisan House leaders announced that Members will receive an additional \$10,000 per month to help with security. This resolution—without further action—requires Senators to choose between either paying for office staff and operations or paying for their own personal security.

The Senate has two great security agencies: the Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police. They do a great job with their existing programs, and they are ready and able to do more if we give them direction and funding.

So while I am ready to support adoption of this resolution today, I do so based on the commitments from the majority leader and Democratic leader, namely: First, we will work on new security options from the Sergeant-at-Arms, in coordination with the Capitol Police; and second, we will see real funding to support enhanced Senate security; and finally, that we will see more progress in the coming weeks.

I look forward to continuing to work on a bipartisan basis to get that done.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to and that the motion 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. 413) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. RES. 412

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send an executive resolution to the desk for the consideration of certain nominations en bloc and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the title of the resolution for the information of the Senate.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

An executive resolution (S. 412) authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, in order to place the executive resolution on the calendar, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the executive resolution will lie over 1 calendar day.

#### 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. 425.

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 Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

##### 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 senior assistant 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. 425, Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

John Thune, John Boozman, Tim Sheehy, John Hoeven, James Lankford, Shelley Moore Capito, Pete Ricketts, Markwayne Mullin, Tommy Tuberville, Rick Scott of Florida, James E. Risch, Bernie Moreno, Tom Cotton, Ted Budd, David McCormick, John R. Curtis, Mike Rounds.

#### 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. 410.

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 Michael G.

Waltz, of Florida, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the Rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

##### 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 senior assistant 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. 410, Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the Rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

John Thune, John Boozman, Tim Sheehy, James Lankford, Shelley Moore Capito, Pete Ricketts, Markwayne Mullin, Tommy Tuberville, Rick Scott of Florida, James E. Risch, Bernie Moreno, Tom Cotton, Ted Budd, David McCormick, John R. Curtis, Mike Rounds, Jon A. Husted.

#### 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.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2882

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2882) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 5371 AND S. 2882

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, should the Senate receive H.R. 5371 from the House, the Senate proceed to