

owns or operates a sawmill or other wood-processing facility located in a rural area (as defined in section 343(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))) of the United States.

(2) **ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “eligible Federal land” means any unit of Federal land, including Indian forest land or rangeland, that has been identified by the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, as high or very high priority for ecological restoration involving vegetation removal under subsection (b).

(3) **PROGRAM.**—The term “Program” means the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program of the Department of Agriculture.

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) **IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than once every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall—

(1) review Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior; and

(2) identify units of Federal land that, as determined by the Secretaries, are high or very high priority for ecological restoration involving vegetation removal.

(c) **LOAN GUARANTEES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall provide loan guarantees under the Program to eligible entities seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or improve a sawmill or other wood-processing facility located within a 250-mile radius of, a unit of eligible Federal land, if the presence of a sawmill or other wood-processing facility would, or does, substantially decrease the cost of conducting ecological restoration projects involving vegetation removal on the eligible Federal land, as determined by the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) **CONDITIONS.**—A loan guarantee under the Program shall be provided in accordance with such conditions as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

(3) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The Secretary may provide a total of not more than \$220,000,000 in loan guarantees under the Program.

SA 3908. Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 707. MEDICAL TESTING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR FIREFIGHTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) **PROVISION OF SERVICES.**—During the annual periodic health assessment of each firefighter of the Department of Defense, or at such other intervals as may be indicated in subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the firefighter (at no cost to the firefighter) appropriate medical testing and related services to detect, document the presence or absence of, and prevent, certain cancers.

(b) **CRITERIA.**—Services required to be provided under subsection (a) shall meet, at a minimum, the following criteria:

(1) **BREAST CANCER.**—With respect to breast cancer screening, if the firefighter is a female firefighter—

(A) such services shall include the provision of a mammogram to the firefighter—

(i) if the firefighter is 40 years old to 49 years old (inclusive), not less frequently than twice each year;

(ii) if the firefighter is 50 years old or older, not less frequently than annually; and

(iii) as clinically indicated (without regard to age); and

(B) in connection with the provision of a mammogram under subparagraph (A), a licensed radiologist shall review the most recent mammogram provided to the firefighter, as compared to prior mammograms so provided, and provide to the firefighter the results of such review.

(2) **COLON CANCER.**—With respect to colon cancer screening—

(A) if the firefighter is 40 years old or older, or as clinically indicated without regard to age, such services shall include the communication to the firefighter of the risks and benefits of stool-based blood testing;

(B) if the firefighter is 45 years old or older, or as clinically indicated without regard to age, such services shall include the provision, at regular intervals, of visual examinations (such as a colonoscopy, CT colonoscopy, or flexible sigmoidoscopy) or stool-based blood testing; and

(C) in connection with the provision of a visual examination or stool-based blood testing under subparagraph (B), a licensed physician shall review and provide to the firefighter the results of such examination or testing, as the case may be.

(3) **PROSTATE CANCER.**—With respect to prostate cancer screening, if the firefighter is a male firefighter, such services shall include the communication to the firefighter of the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screenings and the provision to the firefighter of a prostate-specific antigen test—

(A) not less frequently than annually if the firefighter—

(i) is 50 years old or older; or

(ii) is 40 years old or older and is a high-risk individual; and

(B) as clinically indicated (without regard to age).

(4) **OTHER CANCERS.**—Such services shall include routine screenings for any other cancer the risk or occurrence of which the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified as higher among firefighters than among the general public, the provision of which shall be carried out during the annual periodic health assessment of the firefighter.

(c) **OPTIONAL NATURE.**—A firefighter of the Department of Defense may opt out of the receipt of medical testing or a related service provided under subsection (a).

(d) **USE OF CONSENSUS TECHNICAL STANDARDS.**—In providing medical testing and related services under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use consensus technical standards in accordance with section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-113; 15 U.S.C. 272 note).

(e) **DOCUMENTATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In providing medical testing and related services under subsection (a), the Secretary—

(A) shall document the acceptance rates of such tests offered and the rates of such tests performed;

(B) shall document test results to identify trends in the rates of cancer occurrences among firefighters; and

(C) may collect and maintain additional information from the recipients of such tests and other services to allow for appropriate scientific analysis.

(2) **PRIVACY.**—In analyzing any information of an individual documented, collected, or maintained under paragraph (1), in addition to complying with other applicable privacy laws, the Secretary shall ensure the name and any other personally identifiable information of the individual is removed from such information prior to the analysis.

(3) **SHARING WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**—The Secretary may share data from any tests performed under subsection (a) with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as appropriate, to increase the knowledge and understanding of cancer occurrences among firefighters.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **FIREFIGHTER.**—The term “firefighter” means someone whose primary job or military occupational specialty is being a firefighter.

(2) **HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL.**—The term “high-risk individual” means an individual who—

(A) is African American;

(B) has at least one first-degree relative who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age; or

(C) is otherwise determined by the Secretary to be high risk with respect to prostate cancer.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have two 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 Thursday, September 18, 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 Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 11 a.m. on Friday, September 19, and that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

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

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I ask that it stand in recess under the previous order, following the remarks of the Democratic leader.

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

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, tomorrow, the Senate will hold votes on two bills: the status quo continuing resolution from the Republicans, which will lead to a shutdown, and the Democrats' plan to prevent a shutdown while avoiding a catastrophe in rising healthcare costs.

Tomorrow, Americans will see the glaring contrast, the contrast between the Republican plan continuing the status quo of Donald Trump's healthcare cuts and high costs and the Democratic plan to avoid a shutdown while lowering premiums, fixing Medicaid, and protecting funds for scientific and medical research.

The latest studies, in fact, show that the impacts of the Republican healthcare cuts are quickly getting worse and worse than first imagined. This is an oncoming train that must be stopped.

So tomorrow, Republicans can choose: Either listen to Donald Trump and shut the government down or break this logjam by supporting our bill and keeping the government open. The votes tomorrow will tell all.

I yield the floor.

RECESS UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:59 p.m., recessed until Friday, September 19, 2025, at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the senate September 18, 2025:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JESSICA KRAMER, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DARIO GIL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

BRANDON WILLIAMS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY.

TRISTAN ABBEY, OF FLORIDA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

LESLIE BEYER, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

THEODORE J. GARRISH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (NUCLEAR ENERGY).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ANDREA TRAVNICK, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JUSTIN OVERBAUGH, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SCOTT PAPPANO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL CADENAZZI, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

SEAN O'KEEFE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

MICHAEL OBADAL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

KATHERINE SUTTON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WILLIAM L. DOFFERMYRE, OF TEXAS, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

KYLE HAUSTVEIT, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (FOSSIL ENERGY).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

MATTHEW NAPOLI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEFENSE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

RICHARD ANDERSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CONNER PROCHASKA, OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY-ENERGY, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

TINA PIERCE, OF IDAHO, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

JONATHAN BRIGHTBILL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROBERT GLEASON, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SEAN MCMASTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DONALD BERGIN III, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JOHN SQUIRES, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE-MARK OFFICE.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

DANIEL ARONOWITZ, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL DODD, OF INDIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

WILLIAM GILLIS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

JULES HURST III, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

BRENT INGRAHAM, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

GEORGE WESLEY STREET, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CENTER.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

PETER THOMSON, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GREECE.

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.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DUDLEY HOSKINS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS.

SCOTT HUTCHINS, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHRISTINE TORETTI, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

BENJAMIN DEMARZO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

JOVAN JOVANOVIĆ, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2029.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RICHARD FORDYCE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PAUL ROBERTI, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

JONATHAN MORRISON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PETER LAMELAS, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

JASON EVANS, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (MANAGEMENT).

THE JUDICIARY

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 FIFTEEN YEARS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

KATHERINE SCARLETT, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

BRYAN SWITZER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (ASIA, TEXTILES, INVESTMENT, SERVICES, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY), WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.