

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 D of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1048. FEASIBILITY AND DETERMINATION ON U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BASIC TRAINING.—The term “basic training” has the meaning given such term in section 7419(d) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL.—The term “military police school” means any institution, facility, or program that—

(A) is operated by a branch of the United States Armed Forces;

(B) is primarily engaged in the education, training, and professional development of individuals in military law enforcement, security operations, detention procedures, and related functions that is necessary for service as a military police officer or a similar role within the Armed Forces.

(b) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall complete an assessment of the feasibility of allowing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to utilize an existing military installation to train new officers and agents.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out the assessment required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider using a military installation that—

(A) has available firearm training ranges;

(B) has been previously used to train Federal law enforcement personnel;

(C) has unused capacity within the installation;

(D) can leverage synergies with military police schools;

(E) can leverage classroom facilities and infrastructure that can be used for instruction;

(F) can provide temporary housing for officers and agents, if necessary;

(G) provides basic training to a branch of the Armed Forces; and

(H) has a dual-use runway on site.

(c) DETERMINATION BRIEFING REQUIRED.—

(1) BRIEFING.—At the conclusion of the feasibility assessment required under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees regarding the results of such assessment, including whether the Secretary has determined that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement should be permitted to utilize a current military installation to train new officers and agents, after considering the factors described in subsection (b)(2).

(2) DETAILS.—If the Secretary determines that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement should be permitted to utilize a current military installation to train new officers and agents, the briefing required under paragraph (1) should also include information regarding—

(A) any additional authorities and resources required to host the training of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and agents; and

(B) a timeline to establish the conditions to host such training.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I have seven 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 in closed session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

**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, September 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent that the following Commerce Committee detailees be granted floor privileges for the remainder of Congress: Thomas Hastings, Joseph St. Peter, Tyler Stutin, Dean Legidakes, and Leticia Vega.

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

**RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY**

Mr. THUNE. Mr. 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. 427, S. Res. 428, and S. Res. 429.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon 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.”)

**CONDEMNING THE TRAGIC ACT OF VIOLENCE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, IN EVERGREEN, COLORADO, RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND RESPONDERS, AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT TO THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES**

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. 396.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 396) condemning the tragic act of violence on September 10, 2025, in Evergreen, Colorado, recognizing the victims, survivors, and responders, and expressing condolences and support to their families and their communities.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. 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. 396) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 16, 2025, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

**ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1; 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 resume consideration of Calendar No. 115, S. 2296.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, for the information of my colleagues, Senators should expect three votes at 11 a.m. and further votes later in the day.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. 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 remarks of my colleagues.

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

The Senator from Rhode Island.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, well, we are headed into a miserable situation. It is a miserable situation for all of the Federal employees around the globe who are going to be put into shutdown mode. It is a miserable situation for our country, as the rest of the world looks at us as the gang that can't get its act together and pass simple funding bills for the government.

It is an extraordinarily frustrating moment to be here now. There are very few people for whom this is not a miserable prospect, but there are a few of them, and one of them is OMB Director Russell Vought, who is a strange character who has spent his life in the care and feeding of the fossil fuel industry and big polluters and who takes a perverse joy from destroying American government from the inside.

So there will be misery ahead for most normal people, not counting the weird ones who like inflicting pain and doing damage for the benefit of a bunch of creepy, rightwing billionaires who have propped them up their whole lives.

The reason we are here is really twofold. One, as they have shown during the Trump regime, Republicans really don't want to govern; they want to rule. They don't want to talk to Democrats even where they need our votes.

Here, they need our votes. Yet what have we been offered to get those votes? Nothing—not even discussions. The President only met with the Democratic leaders just yesterday, and he didn't seem to be aware of what was at stake here for the Americans who are about to lose a huge healthcare benefit.

They just go wildly forward. We have seen it over and over again here on the Senate floor. How many times in just the few months that we have been here in this administration have Republicans done the thing that they were furious we even talked about doing to overrule the Parliamentarian and change the rules to make things easier for themselves rather than negotiate with us? My count is four already—four—and we are only 9 months in.

They don't want to govern. They don't want to talk to us. They want to rule. They want to dictate to us.

At the same time, the other reason we are here is that there is this strange

Republican fixation with taking healthcare away from people. I do not understand it. There are lots of Republican constituents who really depend on Medicaid, who really feel great that they are on Medicare, who really have their family budgets made possible by the credits from the Affordable Care Act. It is not like Democrats get the benefit of this; everybody gets the benefit of this. Yet what have we been put through just in these months? A trillion dollars in cuts to Medicaid. A trillion dollars in cuts to Medicare. Already, hospitals and nursing homes and doctors' practices are reeling at what those cuts mean for their financial viability.

Medicare—Medicare—half a trillion dollars in cuts hidden in the bill in a tricky way so that the cuts come through sequestration and nobody has to own them. They can do a Pontius Pilate hand-wash of the cuts.

Well, no. We saw what you did. You own it. It is a half-trillion-dollar cut to Medicare. And why you want to do that, I cannot imagine, but that is what you did.

Now we have these cuts to people receiving help paying for their healthcare under the Affordable Care Act. It is going to be about 40,000 Rhode Islanders. These aren't people who have loads of money. Their premiums are going to, on average, double or better. I mentioned a retired mental health counselor yesterday. She is going to have \$477 in added expenses every single month because of this. And it all starts now. It all starts happening now.

So when we are told, why are we forcing the issue now? It is because now is when the issue is upon us. When we are told, why don't we negotiate later? my question is: Why aren't we negotiating now? Why would we believe when we are told that you will negotiate later on this when you won't negotiate now on this? Now when you need our votes, you won't negotiate on something. You say you will negotiate later. Why does that make any sense? Why is that even remotely credible?

The harm starts now; the negotiations should start now. Frankly, what Democrats are asking for is something you ought to be doing anyway just to help your own constituents. This shouldn't be hard at all. We should not be here having this conversation. This should have been resolved already—except that the Republican majority wants to rule, not govern, and they have this strange fixation with taking away healthcare even from their own constituents.

Over and over again, we have seen it. We have seen it with the repeated overruling of the Parliamentarian. We have seen it with the "Beautiful for Billionaires Bill" that got rammed through with a simple majority. We have seen it with the change in the rules to allow 100 nominees to go through at a time under advice and consent. We have seen it with clean air standards that help

everyone being repealed. Over and over and over again, the Republicans take the path that allows them to rule, not to govern; that allows them to ignore the minority party even when they need our votes, even when what we are asking for is in their constituents' interests, even when what we are asking for is something that their constituents want. Even then, we are up against this blockade.

So I hope Republicans come to their senses. I hope the President realizes what he is doing and that we can put an end to this shutdown as quickly as possible. But let me make this absolutely clear: This is a shutdown that lands entirely at the feet of the Republican Party that controls the Senate, that controls the House, that controls the Presidency, that won't negotiate with Democrats even when it needs our votes, and that has an unhealthy fixation with taking away healthcare from their fellow Americans.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. LUMMIS). The Senator from Delaware.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I am asking why we are here—why we are here on the floor of the Senate as the hours tick down to the end of the Federal fiscal year and the shutdown of the Federal Government.

I have served here 15 years. I have seen my share of shutdowns, and I know how much they hurt, how much they hurt the men and women of our military, Federal law enforcement, folks who serve and protect our country at home and abroad. And they should not have to wonder when or if they will get paid.

A shutdown isn't good for our reputation abroad and our cohesion at home.

I have always worked to find some path, some deal, some way to keep the government open, and I have talked to a dozen colleagues in recent days about this fight and about tonight.

This is about healthcare. This is about my party saying: Enough is enough.

We know that if you have healthcare, everything else can work itself out. And if you don't have your health, almost nothing else matters.

President Trump ran on making America healthy again, on reducing prices, on making life easier for the working people of our country and their families. And, instead, what we have seen is decision after decision, action after action by President Trump and the Republicans in Congress that raise prices—raise prices on healthcare, on insurance, on drugs, on medications. Whether it is the tariffs being imposed on prescription medications or the decision to end subsidies that keep health insurance affordable, or it is laying off thousands of researchers working to help cure pediatric cancer or address ALS or do research into HIV AIDS—decision after decision that moves us in