

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. KING, Mr. KIM, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 2963. A bill to provide back pay to Federal contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2964. A bill to allow penalty-free distributions from retirement accounts in the case of certain Federal contractors impacted by Federal Government shutdowns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. GALLEG0):

S. 2965. A bill to prohibit the use of the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Department of the Treasury to bail out Argentina's financial markets; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2966. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive certain penalties for affected Federal employees receiving a distribution from the Thrift Savings Plan during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 85. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: Temporary-Use Incinerators and Air Curtain Incinerators Used in Disaster Recovery; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 86. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S.J. Res. 87. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness: Gulf of America"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 88, a bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to wildland firefighters in recognition of their strength, resiliency, sacrifice, and service to protect the forests, grasslands, and communities of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, and for other purposes.

S. 1173

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify and preserve the breadth of the protections under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.

S. 1404

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 2229

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2229, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the Foreign Service of the United States and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 2628

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2628, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish new payment rules for certain catastrophic specialty hospitals under the Medicare program.

S. 2706

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2706, a bill to prohibit cashless bail in the District of Columbia.

S. 2873

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2873, a bill to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit requiring an authorization for the installation, continued presence, operation, maintenance, repair, or recovery of undersea fiber optic cables in a national marine sanctuary if such activities have previously been authorized by a Federal or State agency.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal penalties for the knowing and intentional administration of any abortion-inducing drug to a woman without her informed consent, if the abortion-inducing drug has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 77

At the request of Mr. Kaine, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 77, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Canada.

S.J. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. Kaine, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 81, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil.

S.J. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 82, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Secretary of

the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Policy on Adhering to the Text of the Administrative Procedure Act".

S. RES. 426

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 426, a resolution designating the week of October 5, 2025, through October 11, 2025, as "Religious Education Week" to celebrate religious education in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have three 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 FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEES 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 Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 12 noon on Thursday, October 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 S. Res. 412, postcloture; finally, that all time during adjournment and leader remarks count postcloture on the resolution.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

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.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:25 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate: October 1, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

HUNG CAO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.