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Calendar Number 427: Todd Wilcox, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security)

Calendar Number 428: Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

NOMINATIONS EN BLOC

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, while I voted nay on S. Res. 412, which calls for an up or down vote on 108 nominations, en bloc, I would have voted yea on the following nominations if I had the opportunity to vote on each nomination separately:

1. Calendar Number 126: Leah Campos, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Dominican Republic.

2. Calendar Number 128: Joseph Popolo, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

3. Calendar Number 158: David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

4. Calendar Number 265: Marc Andersen, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

5. Calendar Number 355: Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

6. Calendar Number 359: Macon Hughes, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

7. Calendar Number 360: Philip Weinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

8. Calendar Number 374: Arch Capito, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of 4 years.

9. Calendar Number 375: David Dunavant, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of 4 years.

10. Calendar Number 376: Matthew Harvey, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of 4 years.

11. Calendar Number 379: Adam Sleeper, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of 4 years.

12. Calendar Number 380: David Toepfer, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the

Northern District of Ohio for the term of 4 years.

13. Calendar Number 381: Kurt Alme, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, for the term of 4 years.

14. Calendar Number 382: Nicholas Chase, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of 4 years.

15. Calendar Number 383: Bart McKay Davis, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of 4 years.

16. Calendar Number 384: David Metcalf, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years.

17. Calendar Number 385: Lesley Murphy, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of 4 years.

18. Calendar Number 386: Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of 4 years.

19. Calendar Number 387: Kurt Wall, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years.

20. Calendar Number 388: David Charles Waterman, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of 4 years.

21. Calendar Number 389: Daniel Rosen, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of 4 years.

22. Calendar Number 391: Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malta.

23. Calendar Number 392: Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

24. Calendar Number 395: Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

25. Calendar Number 396: Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Denmark.

26. Calendar Number 397: Richard Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco.

27. Calendar Number 398: Bill Bazzi, of Michigan, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Tunisia.

28. Calendar Number 400: Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

29. Calendar Number 401: Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Austria.

30. Calendar Number 402: Melinda Hildebrand, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Costa Rica.

31. Calendar Number 403: Michel Issa, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Lebanese Republic.

32. Calendar Number 404: Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Czech Republic.

33. Calendar Number 405: Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

34. Calendar Number 408: John Giordano, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Namibia.

35. Calendar Number 411: Sean O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Thailand.

36. Calendar Number 412: Julie Stuftt, of Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

37. Calendar Number 413: Dan Negrea, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of 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.

38. Calendar Number 414: Sergio Gor, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of India.

39. Calendar Number 415: Stephanie Hallett, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

40. Calendar Number 416: James Holtsnider, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

41. Calendar Number 417: Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment).

42. Calendar Number 418: Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

43. Calendar Number 419: Thomas DiNanno, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

44. Calendar Number 424: Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

45. Calendar Number 427: Todd Wilcox, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

46. Calendar Number 428: Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, on October 6, 2025, I was unavoidably absent for the following rollcall votes. My absence was due to an unavoidable conflict.

For rollcall vote No. 544, On the Cloture Motion (Motion to Invoke Cloture: Motion to Proceed to S. 2882), a bill making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, I would have voted yea.

For rollcall vote No. 545, On the Cloture Motion (Motion to Invoke Cloture: Motion to Proceed to H.R. 5371), a bill making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes I would have voted nay.

For rollcall vote No. 546, On the Cloture Motion (Motion to Invoke Cloture: En bloc Nominations Provided for

Under the Provisions of S. Res. 412), I would have voted nay.

TEXAS MEASLES OUTBREAK

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Washington Examiner, Aug. 26, 2025]

RFK JR.'S LEADERSHIP BROUGHT AN END TO THE TEXAS MEASLES OUTBREAK

(By Rep. Jodey Arrington)

The world has witnessed a concerning surge of measles cases. Europe reported 127,350 cases in 2024—the highest number recorded on the continent since 1997. In Canada, 4,586 cases have been documented in 2024 and 2025, while Mexico has confirmed 3,911 cases to date.

And, on Jan. 17, 2025, just three days before President Donald Trump assumed office, the Houston Health Department reported two confirmed measles cases, marking the first case in Texas since 2023. While left-leaning media outlets were quick to criticize the Trump administration over these cases in Texas, they remained largely silent about the 383% nationwide increase in measles cases between 2023 and 2024 during the Biden administration, including Illinois's largest measles outbreak since 1990, which was linked to a migrant shelter in Chicago.

In stark contrast, the Trump administration's response to the measles outbreak, led by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., met the moment. It was prompt, aggressive, and wholly effective. And, this week, thanks to the secretary's leadership and tireless work, Texas health officials declared the outbreak over.

Kennedy's approach was not a top-down, government-knows-best strategy where the feds swoop in and usurp the direction from state and local leaders. Instead, he understands what too many people in Washington forget: The most effective solutions come from those closest to the problem and most accountable to the people. It's with this understanding that he listened first, acted decisively, and never left our community's side.

He spoke to leaders at every level public health officials, healthcare providers, and the community members affected—and not just once, but daily. I am convinced his personal commitment and sense of urgency enabled him to break through the bureaucracy, swiftly marshal the necessary resources, and successfully end the outbreak.

The secretary used his platform to raise awareness for the measles outbreak, publicly urging people to take it seriously and emphasizing the critical role of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

He directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response to work hand-in-glove with Texas health officials to deploy rapid response teams, give comprehensive support, and provide 7,000 doses of the MMR vaccine and therapeutic medications to our local communities. He made sure local health authorities, providers, and families had the tools and support they needed, providing prevention, guidance and establishing a local response network laboratory at Texas Tech to expedite measles testing in West Texas.

And he engaged the broader public as well. The CDC accelerated its public reporting of measles cases and outbreaks so that anyone who visited the CDC's website could see hot

spots of infection. It also posted a "Be Ready for Measles" toolkit, which provided outbreak response tools and communication materials for clinicians and the public health community. What's more, the CDC held biweekly national calls to share best practices on managing the outbreak for providers and health departments.

But beyond the policies, beyond the programs, what defined the secretary's leadership during the measles outbreak was his personal engagement and genuine compassion for the families affected. He personally visited the small town of Seminole, Texas, and he didn't just give its residents resources. He gave them what they needed most: the confidence and hope that their nation's healthcare system and their country would not abandon them. He developed real, meaningful connections with West Texas families—comforting them, mourning alongside them, and giving them the encouragement they needed to persist in the face of this crisis.

This is what good leadership looks like. Not command and control, but compassion and service. Not someone who thinks they have all the answers, but someone who seeks first to understand.

I have never witnessed a leader at his level, a man who leads an entire national agency, show such humility, humanity, and heart. Kennedy is not a conventional Cabinet secretary, and thank God. Because of his unique leadership, our families are safer, our communities are stronger, and, together, we are making America healthy again.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 61, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Thune, Steve Daines, Thom Tillis, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, John Boozman, James C. Justice, Tommy Tuberville, Tom Cotton, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Bernie Moreno, Eric Schmitt, Mike Rounds, John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer, Cynthia M. Lummis, Mike Crapo, Jerry Moran, Deb Fischer, Roger Marshall, Jon Husted, Ted Cruz, Ron Johnson, John Kennedy, Mike Lee, Lindsey Graham, David McCormick, Ashley Moody, John Cornyn, Tim Scott (SC).

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 62, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Thune, Steve Daines, Kevin Cramer, Tom Cotton, Ron Johnson,

Jim Banks, Ted Cruz, Eric Schmitt, Markwayne Mullin, Bill Cassidy, Pete Ricketts, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven, James Lankford, James E. Risch, Tommy Tuberville, John Cornyn, John Barrasso, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Cynthia M. Lummis, Ashley Moody, Katie Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Bernie Moreno, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chuck Grassley, Marsha Blackburn, Roger Marshall, David McCormick.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 63, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan" and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

John Thune, Steve Daines, Kevin Cramer, Tom Cotton, Ron Johnson, Jim Banks, Ted Cruz, Eric Schmitt, Markwayne Mullin, Bill Cassidy, Pete Ricketts, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven, James Lankford, James E. Risch, Tommy Tuberville, John Cornyn, John Barrasso, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Cynthia M. Lummis, Ashley Moody, Katie Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Bernie Moreno, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chuck Grassley, Marsha Blackburn, Roger Marshall, David McCormick, Dan Sullivan, Lisa Murkowski.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolutions were discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 61. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

S.J. Res. 62. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

S.J. Res. 63. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2983. A bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated: