

Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

David A. Bragdon, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Lindsey Ann Freeman, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Matthew E. Orso, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Braden Boucek, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Dominick Gerace II, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Jerome Francis Gorgon, Jr., of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Bryan Stirling, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Thomas Wheeler II, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2993. A bill to establish appropriate rules for prosecutors and Federal judges to carry a concealed firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KIM, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. 2994. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to clarify that a State may not use an individual's failure to vote as the basis for initiating the procedures provided under such Act for the removal of the individual from the official list of registered voters in the State on the grounds that the individual has changed residence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2995. A bill to require the Federal financial regulators to issue guidance encouraging financial institutions to work with consumers and businesses affected by a Fed-

eral Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. 2996. A bill to clarify that a State or local jurisdiction may give preference to individuals who are veterans or individuals with a disability with respect to hiring election workers to administer an election in the State or local jurisdiction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2997. A bill to protect the independent judgment of health care professionals acting in the scope of their practice in overriding AI/CDSS outputs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. MORENO, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 2998. A bill to designate the area of H Street Northwest between Connecticut Avenue Northwest and Vermont Avenue Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as "Charlie Kirk Patriot Way"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. 2999. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide deposit insurance for noninterest-bearing transaction accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 3000. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify and report instances of disability benefit questionnaire fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3001. A bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LEE, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3002. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. Res. 444. A resolution condemning the dictator of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping, for deceit, undermining prospects for peace and security, and orchestrating crimes against humanity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MORENO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 445. A resolution congratulating President Donald J. Trump for achieving peace in the Middle East; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BUDD, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 446. A resolution recognizing the 250th birthday of the United States Navy; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 447. A resolution designating September 25, 2025, as "National Ataxia Awareness Day", and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. Res. 448. A resolution designating October 1, 2025, as "Energy Efficiency Day" in celebration of the economic and environmental benefits that have been driven by private sector innovation and Federal energy efficiency policies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. REED, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 449. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 12, 2025, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve the administration of antidumping and countervailing duty laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 1151

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1151, a bill to expand the use of E-

Verify to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude debt held by certain insurance companies from capital assets and to extend capital loss carryovers for such companies from 5 years to 10 years.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) 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. 1748

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1821

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1821, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax on income from litigation which is received by third-party entities that provided financing for such litigation.

S. 2282

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2282, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to reauthorize the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, and for other purposes.

S. 2330

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2330, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to support the recruitment and retention of paraprofessionals in public elementary schools, secondary schools, and preschool programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2451

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2451, a bill to ensure that paraprofessionals and education support staff are paid a living wage.

S. 2960

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2960, a bill to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

S. 2967

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2967, a bill to address the management by certain Federal land management agencies over Federal land along the southern border and northern border, and for other purposes.

S. 2985

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2985, a bill to secure the dignity and safety of incarcerated women.

S. 2988

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2988, a bill to bolster upgrades and infrastructure for lasting development at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 69

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 69, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Record of Decision for the Barred Owl Management Strategy; Washington, Oregon, and California".

S.J. RES. 84

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 84, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Market Integrity and Affordability".

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that paraprofessionals and education support staff should have fair compensation, benefits, and working conditions.

S. RES. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 442, a resolution condemning Russian incursions into NATO territory and reaffirming Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

S. RES. 443

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 443, a resolution expressing concern about the growing problem of book banning, and the proliferation of threats to freedom of expression in the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 3927

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3927 proposed to S. 2296, an original bill 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.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 444—CONDEMNING THE DICTATOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, XI JINPING, FOR DECEIT, UNDERMINING PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY, AND ORCHESTRATING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 444

Whereas Xi Jinping is the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, a criminal organization posing a grave threat to global stability and peace;

Whereas, under the control of General Secretary Xi Jinping, the Chinese Communist Party has engaged in systemic deception, warmongering, and crimes against humanity, the likes of which have few historical parallels;

Whereas, under the leadership of Xi Jinping, the Chinese Communist Party routinely lied about the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, using international organizations like the World Health Organization to peddle falsehoods regarding the supposed limited transmissibility of the virus;

Whereas the number of individuals from the United States who have died from the coronavirus exceeds 1,000,000, representing the many lives needlessly lost as a result of the lies and deceit of the People's Republic of China;

Whereas General Secretary Xi Jinping pledged to engage more fully in fentanyl cooperation with the United States in 2019 and again in 2023, only to see more than 70,000 individuals from the United States die from fentanyl overdoses in recent years, with the 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment stating that "fentanyl and other synthetic drugs . . . are the primary drivers of fatal drug overdose deaths nationwide";