

Main Street organization where he chairs the design committee. Most recently, they received Bloomfield Main Street's "Spiffy Biz Award," celebrating businesses that enhance the beauty and vitality of the community. Guided by their motto, "Keep Reading," Joshua and Kerry aim to cultivate not only a love of books but also a sense of belonging and shared purpose. As Joshua describes it, "We wanted to create a space where old friends could meet, and new friends could be discovered." Through hard work, dedication, and a heart for others, Joshua and Kerry have transformed their dream into a thriving community cornerstone.

It is my honor to recognize the Williams family and By the Hearth Bookshop for their outstanding work and dedication to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 105. 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".

H.J. Res. 106. 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".

The enrolled joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

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. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORENO, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3017. A bill to require updates to the threshold amounts applicable to certain currency transaction reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3018. A bill to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LEE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 457. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 19, 2025, as "Coal Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) 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. 138

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to require each enterprise to include on the Uniform Residential Loan Application a disclaimer to increase awareness of the direct and guaranteed home loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 237

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) 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. 633

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary to mint and issue certain Presidential and First Spouse coins.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to provide for the crediting of funds received by the National Guard Bureau as reimbursement from States.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1591

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for advertising and promotional expenses for certain drugs.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Transition Assistance Program and Solid Start Program to address mental health issues, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include child development and early learning as community services under the Federal work-study program, and for other purposes.

S. 2255

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2255, a bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

S. 2392

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2392, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2502

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2502, a bill to deny entry into the United States of current or former government officials engaged in the forced repatriation of Uyghurs and other designated aliens to the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for State-based maternal mortality review committees, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to disseminate best practices on maternal mortality prevention to hospitals, State-based professional societies, and perinatal quality collaboratives, and for other purposes.

S. 2998

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of 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".

S. 3012

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) were added as cosponsors of S. 3012, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3013

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3013, a bill to require all testing relating to the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license to be conducted only in English, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 451

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

S. Res. 451, a resolution condemning attacks on Federal law enforcement in the State of Illinois.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 457—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 19, 2025, AS "COAL WEEK"

Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LEE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 457

Whereas the men and women in the coal industry who play a part in building, maintaining, and delivering access to energy should be commended for their hard work and vital role in modern life;

Whereas coal continues to serve as a reliable and affordable source of baseload power for consumers across the United States and provided 19.5 percent of the utility-scale electricity in the United States in 2022;

Whereas coal is the most abundant source of electricity worldwide, providing more than 36 percent of global electricity as of the date of introduction of this resolution;

Whereas coal was a critical source of power for the industrial revolution, driving steam engines, factories, and transportation such as railways and steam ships;

Whereas coal is an essential energy source that significantly enhanced the military readiness of the United States by enabling modernization of the Navy fleet from sail to steam-powered ships;

Whereas coal remains an important source of energy for the United States, supporting the reliable power needs essential to military readiness and national security;

Whereas the United States has made significant progress in reducing emissions from coal power plants through the adoption of advanced emission reduction technologies; and

Whereas these reductions contribute to improved air quality and public health while sustaining the energy necessary to maintain a steady and strong national gross domestic product: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning on October 19, 2025, as "Coal Week"; and

(2) congratulates the ongoing progress in reducing coal emissions every year, while recognizing the role of coal in ensuring essential energy for the military readiness and economic stability of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3932. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3012, to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3932. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3012, to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of ex-

cepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) is amended by striking "September 30, 2023" and inserting "September 30, 2026".

(b) PROGRAM EXPIRATION.—Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking "September 30, 2023" and inserting "September 30, 2026".

(c) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as if enacted on September 30, 2025.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for the 2025 third quarter Mass Mailing report is Monday, October 27, 2025. An electronic option is available on Webster that will allow forms to be submitted via a fillable PDF document. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

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For further information, please contact the Senate Office of Public Records at (202) 224-0322.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114-196, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Kellyanne Conway of Washington, D.C., vice Tom Walker.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE MATH AND TAXPAYER HELP ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 998 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 998) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed