

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 191, 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.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 191, 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.

John Thune, Ted Budd, Katie Boyd Britt, Ron Johnson, Roger Marshall, Tommy Tuberville, Jon Husted, Bernie Moreno, David McCormick, Roger F. Wicker, Rick Scott of Florida, Pete Ricketts, Steve Daines, Joni Ernst, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Shelley Moore Capito, Mike Rounds.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 471.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 471, Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Jon Husted, Tom Cotton, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, James Lankford, Markwayne Mullin, Katie Boyd Britt, John Cornyn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, Pete Ricketts, Tim Sheehy, Jim Banks, Eric Schmitt, Chuck Grassley.

## MORNING BUSINESS

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO MELANIE CAMPBELL

• Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, it is my distinct honor to enter into the RECORD my heartfelt congratulations to Melanie Campbell on three decades of extraordinary leadership and commitment to civic engagement, service, justice, healthcare equity, and so much more.

She has served for over 30 years, shaping our country through politics, culture, and social activism. Her leadership at the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, NCBCP and its signature programs—the Black Women's Roundtable, BWR; Black Youth Vote, BYV, Unity Campaign; and NCBCP Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Institute at Clark Atlanta University—have inspired not just me, but countless Americans across our Nation. Whenever there has been a moment of injustice in this Nation, she runs toward it, not away. She has taken her fight from our Nation's Capital to Georgia to every corner of this country.

A true convener and inspiration, her dedication to fighting not only for Black women, but for Black families to build lives where they flourish has inspired my work as U.S. Senator. I don't want our families to just get by; I want them to have lives where they truly thrive.

I will never forget that we met at Community of Hope AME Church. I was told, "You need to meet Melanie! This is someone you must know." And they were absolutely right—not only because her work has inspired me and given me faith and purpose, but because she is also one of the kindest, warmest, most sincere women I have ever met.

I am so appreciative, as are the countless Black women she has inspired, for her 30 years of fighting. •

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(October 20, 2025)

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 582. A bill to provide for the authorized use of Federal vehicle transportation by certain astronauts (Rept. No. 119-82).

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 613. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain the National Mesonet Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-83).

S. 1492. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce support the leadership of the United States with respect to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-84).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1523. A bill to modify operations of the National Water Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-85).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1278. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct a project to improve forecasts of coastal marine fog, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-86).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 434. A bill to establish the Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-87).

S. 1378. A bill to enhance the use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of artificial intelligence for weather forecasting, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-88).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

(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. WELCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3019. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of orphan drugs under the Medicare

Drug Price Negotiation Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 3020. A bill to increase the number of judgeships for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and certain district courts of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3021. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance enforcement with respect to material depicting obscene child sexual abuse or constituting child pornography, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3022. A bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to reauthorize certain Environmental Protection Agency programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3023. A bill to limit liability for certain entities storing child sexual abuse material for law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3024. A bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3025. A bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted services for farmers; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 3026. A bill to amend chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, to require cooperation with Inspector General requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 458. A resolution extending the enforcement of certain budgetary points of order in the Senate; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 459. A resolution honoring the strategic importance of the C5+1 diplomatic platform and recognizing the deepening partnership between the United States and the nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 460. A resolution recognizing the accomplishments of President Donald J. Trump and recommending that he be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 461. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of October 20 to October 24, 2025, as "Careers in Energy

Week"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 49

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 49, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to police departments in the People's Republic of China and other persons seeking to establish a Chinese police presence in the United States.

S. 139

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 139, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention and Services program, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 248

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permanently extend certain in-home cardiopulmonary rehabilitation flexibilities established in response to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 463

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to facilitate the implementation of security measures undertaken by the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

S. 533

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 533, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 605

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) were added as cosponsors of S. 605, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase

the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 709, a bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes.

S. 710

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent transactions at virtual currency kiosks, and for other purposes.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to increase the penalty for prohibited provision of a phone in a correctional facility, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 942, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

S. 974

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to direct the Secretary of the State to seek to enter into negotiations with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office to rename its office the "Taiwan Representative Office", and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1320, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to provide for health