

Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 454, a resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2025, to October 31, 2025, as “Bat Week”

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 458—EXTENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN BUDGETARY POINTS OF ORDER IN THE SENATE

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

S. RES. 458

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF BUDGETARY POINTS OF ORDER IN THE SENATE.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 et seq.), subsections (c)(2) and (d)(3) of section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 note) shall remain in effect for purposes of Senate enforcement through September 30, 2027.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 459—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

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 459

Whereas, in 1991, the United States established diplomatic relations with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan following the dissolution of the Soviet Union;

Whereas the Governments of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan provided essential support to United States and NATO operations in Afghanistan through the Northern Distribution Network;

Whereas, on November 1, 2015, the United States and the C5 launched the C5+1 platform, a regional mechanism for high-level dialogue and cooperation, supported by a permanent Secretariat since 2022;

Whereas the inaugural Summit agreed on partnerships to increase national and regional security, trade and economics, and energy and environmental issues; and

Whereas, in 2023, the first presidential-level C5+1 summit identified new opportunities for partnerships in energy security, counterterrorism, infrastructure, and critical mineral mining development: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) affirms the strategic importance of the C5+1 platform in promoting regional sovereignty, stability, and shared security interests with the United States;

(2) appreciates expanded cooperation on energy and critical minerals through transport corridor development;

(3) recognizes the unwavering commitment of the Central Asian nations to counterterrorism coordination under the C5+1; and

(4) hopes for a reduction in strategic trade barriers and increase in continued prosperity and friendship.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 460—RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND RECOMMENDING THAT HE BE AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 2026

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 460

Whereas President Donald J. Trump has a legacy of bold action to save lives around the world;

Whereas President Trump acted swiftly to protect human life by launching Operation Warp Speed to mobilize the scientific might of the United States to combat a novel pathogen;

Whereas Operation Warp Speed created unprecedented public-private partnerships to develop, approve, and distribute medical products in under a year;

Whereas the United States Government directly partnered with companies to underwrite clinical trials and manufacturing capacity and enter into advance purchase agreements;

Whereas the actions of the United States Government gave companies the certainty needed to scale production at record speed, which would not have been feasible without United States investment and leadership;

Whereas an estimated 1,600,000 hospitalizations and 235,000 deaths in the United States were averted in the first 10 months that the vaccine was available;

Whereas President Trump's leadership saved approximately 14,400,000 lives globally; and

Whereas Operation Warp Speed saved roughly \$1,150,000,000,000 in medical costs through late 2022: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) recognizes President Donald J. Trump in bringing all available Federal resources to bear through Operation Warp Speed to counter a novel pathogen;

(2) commends President Trump for his steadfast commitment to partnering with the private sector to save lives, protect public health, and revitalize economies; and

(3) recommends that President Donald J. Trump be awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of his accomplishments and legacy of saving lives.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 461—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20 TO OCTOBER 24, 2025, AS “CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK”

Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 461

Whereas the United States of America relies upon a robust energy industry to power its homes, businesses, industries, and infrastructure;

Whereas access to safe, secure, reliable, and low-cost energy is fundamental to Amer-

ican prosperity, national security, and the health and well-being of all Americans;

Whereas the energy industry encompasses a wide array of career paths, from traditional fossil-fuel production and renewable-energy generation to cutting-edge research, engineering, and technology development;

Whereas the dedicated and skilled workforce of millions of men and women across the Nation is the backbone of energy independence, ensuring the continuous and efficient delivery of energy to our communities;

Whereas these workforce professionals exhibit unwavering commitment, technical expertise, and a deep sense of responsibility in maintaining and advancing the energy industry;

Whereas the energy workforce will need tens of millions of replacement and new workers over the next decade;

Whereas it is essential to raise awareness about the rewarding and vastly growing career opportunities available in the energy sector, particularly among students and young professionals;

Whereas highlighting the importance of energy education and training will help to cultivate a pipeline of skilled workers to meet the evolving needs of the Nation's energy future; and

Whereas recognizing the contributions of the energy workforce will foster a greater appreciation for the vital role it plays in powering the Nation's economy and fueling the energy needs of the future: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of October 20 to October 24, 2025, as “Careers in Energy Week”;

(2) recognizes and honors the dedication and professionalism of the millions of individuals working in the energy sector who ensure the safe and reliable delivery of energy in the Nation;

(3) highlights the rewarding career opportunities available in the energy industry, from skilled trades and technical professions to engineering, science, and management roles;

(4) promotes energy education and awareness among students and the general public, emphasizing the importance of career and technical education, vocational training, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills to the future of energy innovation;

(5) encourages collaboration between industry, educational institutions, industry workforce, community-based organizations, and government agencies to support workforce development and address the evolving needs of the energy sector; and

(6) encourages all Americans to observe Careers in Energy Week with relevant programs, activities, and ceremonies showcasing the full range of energy careers, promoting career and technical education opportunities, and strengthening workforce development.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3933. 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

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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; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**SEC. 3. NO PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “Government shutdown” means a lapse in appropriations for 1 or more Federal agencies or departments;

(2) the term “Member of Congress” means an individual serving in a position under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a)(1) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501(1)); and

(3) the term “payroll administrator”, with respect to a House of Congress, means—

(A) in the case of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, or an employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate who is designated by the Secretary to carry out the requirements of this section; and

(B) in the case of the House of Representatives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the requirements of this section.

(b) REQUIRING REDUCTION OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OCCURS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If on any day during a pay period a Government shutdown is in effect, the payroll administrator of each House of Congress shall exclude from the payments otherwise required to be made with respect to that pay period for the compensation of each Member of Congress who serves in that House of Congress an amount equal to the product of—

(A) an amount equal to one day’s worth of pay under the annual rate of pay of the Member under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

(B) the number of 24-hour periods during the pay period during which the Government shutdown is in effect.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Notwithstanding section 2(f), this subsection shall apply with respect to days occurring after the date of the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2026 (in this section referred to as the “pay reduction effective date”).

(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION.—

(1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any day before the pay reduction effective date a Government shutdown is in effect, the payroll administrator of each House of Congress shall—

(A) withhold from the payments otherwise required to be made with respect to a pay period for the compensation of each Member of Congress who serves in that House of Congress an amount equal to the product of—

(i) an amount equal to one day’s worth of pay under the annual rate of pay applicable to the Member under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

(ii) the number of 24-hour periods during which the Government shutdown is in effect which occur during the pay period; and

(B) deposit in an escrow account all amounts withheld under subparagraph (A).

(2) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this subsection is carried out in a manner that shall not vary the compensation of Senators or

Representatives in violation of the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the payroll administrator of a House of Congress shall release for payments to Members of that House of Congress any amounts remaining in any escrow account under this subsection on the pay reduction effective date.

(3) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding section 2(f), this subsection shall apply with respect to days during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the pay reduction effective date.

(d) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll administrators of the Houses of Congress with such assistance as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrators to carry out this section.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have four 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to receive a closed briefing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct an executive session.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

(On October 9, 2025, the Senate passed S. 2296, as amended, as follows:)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

**SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into ten divisions as follows:

(1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.

(2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.

(3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.

(4) Division D—Funding Tables.

(5) Division E—Additional Provisions.

(6) Division F—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

(7) Division G—Department of State Matters.

(8) Division H—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025.

(9) Division I—ROAD to Housing Act.

(10) Division J—Department of State Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.

Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.

Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

**DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

**TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

**Subtitle B—Army Programs**

Sec. 111. Strategy for Army tactical wheeled vehicle program.

**Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

Sec. 121. Procurement authority for Columbia-class submarine program.

Sec. 122. Procurement authorities for Medium Landing Ships.

Sec. 123. Recapitalization of Navy waterborne security barriers; modification of prohibition on availability of funds for legacy waterborne security barriers.

Sec. 124. Modification to limitations on Navy medium and large unmanned surface vessels.

Sec. 125. Limitation on availability of funds for TAGOS ship program.

Sec. 126. Limitation on availability of funds relating to amphibious warfare ship requirement.

Sec. 127. Temporary unavailability of amphibious warfare ships.

**Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

Sec. 131. B-21 bomber aircraft program accountability matrices.

Sec. 132. Bomber aircraft force structure and transition roadmap.

Sec. 133. Requirement for an intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance roadmap for the Air Force.

Sec. 134. Annual report on Department of Defense unified datalink strategy.

Sec. 135. Plan for open mission systems of F-35 aircraft.

Sec. 136. Modification of prohibition on retirement of F-15E aircraft.

Sec. 137. Prohibition on retirement of A-10 aircraft.

Sec. 138. Extension of limitations and minimum inventory requirement relating to RQ-4 aircraft.

Sec. 139. Expansion of air refueler fleet.

Sec. 140. Requirements relating to C-130 aircraft.

Sec. 141. Information on future large and oversized air cargo transportation services.

Sec. 142. Extension of prohibition on certain reductions to B-1 bomber aircraft squadrons.

Sec. 143. Prohibition on certain reductions to inventory of E-3 airborne warning and control system aircraft.