

from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1985

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1985, a bill to improve aviation safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2028

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2028, a bill to authorize funding to expand and support enrollment at institutions of higher education that sponsor construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2229

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2229, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the Foreign Service of the United States and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 2368

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2368, a bill to take measures with respect to certain property that is nationalized or expropriated by foreign governments, to amend section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 to include expropriation of the assets of United States Persons in acts, policies, and practices of foreign countries that are unreasonable or discriminatory, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2481

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2481, a bill to ensure that teachers are paid a livable and competitive salary throughout their career, and for other purposes.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2707, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to exclude certain student income from eligibility determinations, and for other purposes.

S. 2717

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2717, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for deductions of student loan payments from income.

S. 2790

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2790, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the retreaded tire credit, to require Federal agencies to consider the use of retreaded tires, and for other purposes.

S. 2965

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2965, a bill to prohibit the use of the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Department of the Treasury to bail out Argentina's financial markets.

S. 2966

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2966, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive certain penalties for affected Federal employees receiving a distribution from the Thrift Savings Plan during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3012

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3012, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of expected Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3018, a bill to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China.

S. 3024

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3024, a bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

S. 3025

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3025, a bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted services for farmers.

S.J. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms.

ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 48, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms an individual may serve as a Member of Congress.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 462—RECOGNIZING NOBEL PRIZE WINNER MARIA CORINA MACHADO AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GALLEGO, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 462

Whereas, on May 20, 2018, Venezuela held Presidential elections that were widely discredited as illegitimate;

Whereas the ensuing years under Nicolás Maduro were marred by devastating economic and political collapse, with millions fleeing the country and others jailed or killed for peacefully opposing the regime;

Whereas, amid that repressive environment, Venezuelan opposition parties conducted a credible Presidential primary election on October 22, 2023, won by former National Assembly member Maria Corina Machado;

Whereas the Maduro regime refused to allow Machado to be on the ballot for the July 2024 Presidential election;

Whereas retired Venezuelan diplomat Edmundo González was chosen by the opposition to run in Machado's stead;

Whereas, on July 28, 2024, González won two thirds of the vote in a process meticulously and transparently documented by credible election observers;

Whereas the Maduro regime refused to release actual election results and tabulations, instead conducting a sweeping crackdown of opposition leaders and supporters, including arbitrary detentions;

Whereas the Maduro regime refused to swear González into office on January 10, 2025, leading him to flee the country;

Whereas Machado, at great risk to her safety, has remained in Venezuela in hiding while continuing to call for respect for the election results and a return to democracy; and

Whereas Machado's courageous efforts led to her being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on October 10, 2025: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends Maria Corina Machado for her peaceful and determined effort to see a free and democratic Venezuela;

(2) congratulates Maria Corina Machado for winning the Nobel Peace Prize;

(3) demands the Maduro regime ensure her safety and release her colleagues and other political prisoners from detention;

(4) recognizes the legitimate results of the July 2024 Venezuelan election won by Edmundo González and expects the Maduro regime to also recognize those results without any further delay; and

(5) supports the aspirations of the Venezuelan people to reverse the country's tragic decline by freely and democratically choosing their leaders.

# AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have seven 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 COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

## COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

## COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the ses-

sion of the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. Res. 88

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Democratic leader, no later than Friday, October 31, it be in order to discharge the Committee on Finance of S.J. Res. 88 and the Senate proceed to its consideration; further, that there be up to 6 hours for debate only on the joint resolution with the time equally divided between the leaders or their designees; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on the resolution.

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

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3030, S. 3031, S. 3032

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand that there are three bills at the desk and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3030) making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3031) making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3032) to extend the authority for the protections of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 7:03 P.M. TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to adjourn until 7:03 p.m.

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

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:03 p.m. adjourned until Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 7:03 p.m.

## CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate October 22, 2025:

### THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM W. MERCER, OF MONTANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA.

## WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on October 22, 2025 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

PAUL INGRASSIA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SPECIAL COUNSEL, OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE HAMPTON Y. DELLINGER, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 16, 2025.