

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.)

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator JOHN BOOZMAN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Stella Herrell, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, vice Adrienne Wojciechowski, resigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

H.R. 197. An act to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, and for other purposes.

S. 277. A bill to release a Federal reversionary interest and convey mineral interests in Chester County, Tennessee, and for other purposes.

S. 638. A bill to amend the Act of June 22, 1948.

S. 1262. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest in certain land in the Black River State Forest in Millston, Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

S. 1350. A bill to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, and for other purposes.

S. 1376. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail.

By Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1462. A bill to improve forest management activities on National Forest System land, public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and Tribal land to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested land, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

H.R. 1612. An act to designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

S. 1680. A bill to designate additions to the Rough Mountain Wilderness and the Rich Hole Wilderness of the George Washington National Forest, and for other purposes.

S. 1681. A bill to establish the Shenandoah Mountain National Scenic Area in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes.

S. 1876. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relocate a memorial honoring the 9 Air Force crew members who lost their lives in an airplane crash in the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests during a training mission on August 31, 1982.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2440. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land located in Franklin County, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2548. A bill to designate the Camp Hutchins Wilderness and establish Special Management Areas in the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

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. BUDD (for himself, Mrs. MOODY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3056. A bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to religious freedom in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3057. A bill to reduce the annual rate of pay of Members of Congress if a Government shutdown occurs during a year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3058. A bill to provide appropriations to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide payments to agricultural producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. 3059. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner of Social Security to use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living adjustments under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 467. A resolution designating October 30, 2025, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 468. A resolution designating October 26, 2025, as the "Day of the Deployed"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 469. A resolution designating the week of October 19 through 25, 2025, as "National Chemistry Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons that engage in certain transactions relating to Cuba and to impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuse and corruption in Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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. 502

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore State authority to waive for certain facilities the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny interest and depreciation deductions for taxpayers owning 50 or more single family properties.

S. 1245

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor 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 Louisiana

(Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1919

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a domestic cotton consumption credit.

S. 1978

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1978, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a network of regional hubs to foster innovation, collaboration, and rapid development of defense-related technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of audiology services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2229

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2323

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2323, a bill to amend the Head Start Act to permit some teachers in Early Head Start programs to teach while earning a child development associate credential.

S. 2518

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2518, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise payment for air ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2909

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to revise certain regulations with respect to farm-related service industry restricted commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 2982

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2982, a bill to suspend the enforcement of certain civil liabilities of Federal employees and contractors during a lapse in appropriations, or during a breach of the statutory debt limit, and for other purposes.

S. 2983

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2983, a bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

S. 2993

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2993, a bill to establish appropriate rules for prosecutors and Federal judges to carry a concealed firearm.

S. 3024

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3024, a bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

S. 3030

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3030, a bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

S. 3031

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3031, a bill making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

S. 3032

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr.

WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3032, a bill to extend the authority for the protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.

S. 3035

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3035, a bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide for expanded natural gas exports, and for other purposes.

S. 3048

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3048, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow for the use of telehealth in substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes.

S. 3054

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3054, a bill to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children.

S. RES. 463

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 463, a resolution expressing condemnation of the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of religious minority groups, including Christians, Muslims, and Buddhists and the detention of Pastor "Ezra" Jin Mingri and leaders of the Zion Church, and reaffirming the United States' global commitment to promote religious freedom and tolerance.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 467—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 30, 2025, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE WORKERS OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEGOS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 467

Whereas, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of patriotic men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, plutonium processors, and onsite participants at atmospheric nuclear weapons tests, have served the United States by building nuclear weapons for the defense of the United States;

Whereas dedicated workers paid a high price for advancing a nuclear weapons program at the service and for the benefit of the