

United States, including by developing disabling or fatal illnesses;

Whereas the Senate recognized the contributions, services, and sacrifices that those patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States in—

(1) Senate Resolution 151, 111th Congress, agreed to May 20, 2009;

(2) Senate Resolution 653, 111th Congress, agreed to September 28, 2010;

(3) Senate Resolution 275, 112th Congress, agreed to September 26, 2011;

(4) Senate Resolution 519, 112th Congress, agreed to August 1, 2012;

(5) Senate Resolution 164, 113th Congress, agreed to September 18, 2013;

(6) Senate Resolution 417, 113th Congress, agreed to July 9, 2014;

(7) Senate Resolution 213, 114th Congress, agreed to September 25, 2015;

(8) Senate Resolution 560, 114th Congress, agreed to November 16, 2016;

(9) Senate Resolution 314, 115th Congress, agreed to October 30, 2017;

(10) Senate Resolution 682, 115th Congress, agreed to October 11, 2018;

(11) Senate Resolution 377, 116th Congress, agreed to October 30, 2019;

(12) Senate Resolution 741, 116th Congress, agreed to September 30, 2020;

(13) Senate Resolution 438, 117th Congress, agreed to February 25, 2022;

(14) Senate Resolution 785, 117th Congress, agreed to December 22, 2022;

(15) Senate Resolution 452, 118th Congress, agreed to November 6, 2023; and

(16) Senate Resolution 889, 118th Congress, agreed to November 14, 2024; and

Whereas those patriotic men and women deserve to be recognized for the contributions, services, and sacrifices they made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 30, 2025, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, including the uranium miners, millers, and haulers, plutonium processors, and onsite participants at atmospheric nuclear weapons tests; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2025, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 468—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 26, 2025, AS THE “DAY OF THE DEPLOYED”

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas more than 2,000,000 individuals serve as members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the reserve components of the Armed Forces;

Whereas several hundred thousand members of the Armed Forces are currently serving overseas in every region of the world;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 members of the Armed Forces have deployed to the area of operations of the United States Central Command since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

Whereas, in the decades following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, members of the Armed Forces deployed in 2 major conflicts and countless operations throughout the world, and their service and bravery helped protect the United States from further terrorist attacks;

Whereas the United States is kept strong and free by the loyal military personnel from the total force of the Armed Forces, which includes the active duty components and the reserve components, who protect the precious heritage of the United States through their declarations and actions;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces have deployed to the Middle East to defend United States security interests, deter aggression, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and promote stability in the region;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces serving at home and abroad have courageously answered the call of duty to defend the ideals of the United States and to preserve peace and freedom around the world;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are called upon to respond to an increasingly complex and wide-ranging set of global threats to the United States;

Whereas the courage, professionalism, and sacrifice of these deployed forces represent the highest traditions of the United States military;

Whereas the United States remains committed to easing the transition from deployment abroad to service at home for members of the Armed Forces and their families;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces personify the virtues of patriotism, dedication, courage, and steadfast service;

Whereas the families of members of the Armed Forces make important and significant sacrifices for the United States; and

Whereas the Senate has designated October 26 as the “Day of the Deployed” since 2011: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 26, 2025, as the “Day of the Deployed”;

(2) honors the deployed members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their families;

(3) calls on the people of the United States to reflect on the service of those members of the Armed Forces, wherever the members serve, past, present, and future; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe the “Day of the Deployed” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 469—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 THROUGH 25, 2025, AS “NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 469

Whereas chemistry is the science of the basic units of matter and, consequently, plays a role in every aspect of human life;

Whereas chemistry has broad applications, including food science, soil science, water quality, energy, sustainability, medicine, and electronics;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to improving the quality of human life and plays an important role in addressing critical global challenges;

Whereas innovations in chemistry continue to spur economic growth and job creation and have applications for a wide range of industries;

Whereas the practitioners of chemistry are catalysts of positive change in their communities and the world;

Whereas National Chemistry Week is part of a broader vision to improve human life through chemistry and to advance the chemistry enterprise;

Whereas the purpose of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public with educational messages about chemistry in order to foster greater understanding of and appreciation for the applications and benefits of chemistry;

Whereas National Chemistry Week strives to stimulate the interest of young people, including women and underrepresented groups, in enthusiastically studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and in pursuing science-related careers that lead to innovations and major scientific breakthroughs;

Whereas National Chemistry Week signifies the collaborative nature of science and promotes partnership between scientific societies, academia, industry, and the public;

Whereas National Chemistry Week highlights many of the everyday uses of chemistry, including in food, dyes and pigments, plastics, soaps and detergents, health products, and energy technologies;

Whereas the theme of the 36th annual National Chemistry Week is “The Hidden Life of Spices”; and

Whereas students who participate in National Chemistry Week deserve recognition and support for their efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning on October 19, 2025, as “National Chemistry Week”;

(2) supports the goals and welcomes the participants of the 36th annual National Chemistry Week;

(3) recognizes the need to promote the fields of science, including chemistry, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to encourage youth, including from underrepresented groups, to pursue careers in these fields; and

(4) commends—

(A) the American Chemicals Society (ACS) and the partners of that society for seeking opportunities to engage with the public and for organizing and convening events and activities surrounding National Chemistry Week each year;

(B) the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) for leading collaborative engagement in National Chemistry Week;

(C) the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) for leading collaborative engagement in National Chemistry Week; and

(D) the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) for leading collaborative engagement in National Chemistry Week.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. RICKETTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 467, S. Res. 468, and S. Res. 469.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. RICKETTS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 467, S. Res. 468, and S. Res. 469) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

Mr. RICKETTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 28; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, and notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on October 23 ripen at 11:35 a.m. I further ask that the Senate recess following the cloture vote on the Pratt nomination, until 2:15 p.m., to allow for the weekly conference meetings; and that

at 2:20 p.m., if cloture is invoked, the Senate vote on confirmation of the Pratt nomination; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session of the Senate, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. RICKETTS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:04 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

MICHAEL SELIG, OF FLORIDA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION, VICE ROSTIN BEHNAM.

MICHAEL SELIG, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2029, VICE CHRISTY GOLDSMITH ROMERO, TERM EXPIRED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 27, 2025:

THE JUDICIARY

BILL LEWIS, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA.
REBECCA L. TAIBLESON, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on October 27, 2025 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

JOEL RAYBURN, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS), VICE BARBARA A. LEAF, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025.