

based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

S. 2368

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) 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. 2378

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2378, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish funds for investments in aviation security checkpoint technology, and for other purposes.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the payment rules regarding skin substitute products.

S. 2709

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend certain telehealth flexibilities under the Medicare program.

S. 2742

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2742, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the reallocation of applicable volumes for small refineries under the Renewable Fuel Standard, and for other purposes.

S. 2870

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2870, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require regulated persons to identify tableting machines and encapsulating machines by serial number.

S. 2918

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) were added as cosponsors of S. 2918, a bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2963

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2963, a bill to provide back pay to Federal contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 2983

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2983, a bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

S. 3013

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3013, a bill to require all testing relating to the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license to be conducted only in English, and for other purposes.

S. 3031

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) 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.J. RES. 77

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 77, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Canada.

S.J. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 81, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil.

S. RES. 61

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 61, a resolution expressing support for the continued value of arms control agreements and negotiated constraints on Russian and Chinese strategic nuclear forces.

S. RES. 463

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor 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.

S. RES. 466

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator

from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) and the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 466, a resolution condemning President Trump's pardoning of Binance founder Changpeng Zhao, who had violated United States anti-money laundering laws, and calling for Congress to use its authority to stop this form of corruption.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 470—CONDEMNING ANY FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP TIED TO PREVIOUS FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO HIS UNLAWFUL ACTIONS

Ms. ROSEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 470

Whereas the President of the United States holds a constitutional duty to faithfully execute the laws of the United States and an obligation to respect the independence of the Department of Justice's prosecutorial role;

Whereas the Department of Justice is the preeminent law enforcement agency of the United States and must remain free from personal influence, political coercion, or self-dealing by any elected official, including the President;

Whereas any demand by a President for personal financial compensation from the Department of Justice, an agency under the executive branch of the Federal Government that he or she oversees, represents an extraordinary abuse of the public trust and a breach of fundamental ethical norms;

Whereas President Trump, as a private citizen, filed administrative complaints seeking payments from the Federal Government for alleged damages related to a Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Counsel investigation into his conduct during the 2016 election and his handling of classified documents;

Whereas these complaints may ultimately be reviewed by employees of the Department of Justice who have worked closely with President Trump in his capacity as a private citizen and political candidate;

Whereas, in January 2025, the Department of Justice removed Associate Deputy Attorney General Bradley Weinsheimer, the senior career ethics official in the Department, from his position;

Whereas, in March 2025, the Department of Justice fired Jeffrey Ragsdale, the Director and Chief Counsel of the Office of Professional Responsibility, who was responsible for overseeing the office within the Department of Justice that investigates attorney misconduct;

Whereas, in July 2025, the Department of Justice fired Joseph Tirrell, the Director of

the Departmental Ethics Office, who was responsible for advising the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General on ethics and overseeing the ethics program of the Department of Justice;

Whereas, on October 21, 2025, President Trump alleged that he had “a lawsuit that was doing very well” and stated that the Department of Justice would “owe [him] a lot of money”;

Whereas the public or private attempts by the President to extract \$230,000,000 in personal payments from the Department of Justice raise serious questions about violations of article II, section 1, clause 7 of the Constitution of the United States (commonly known as the “Domestic Emoluments Clause”), misuse of Government funds, and potential violations of Federal ethics and anti-corruption laws;

Whereas such actions erode public confidence in the impartial administration of justice;

Whereas taxpayer dollars will be used to pay for any financial award to the President;

Whereas the people of the United States are struggling with an unprecedented housing affordability crisis, rising health care costs due to cuts by the Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress and their failure to address expiring tax credits that directly lower the cost of private health insurance, and other rising costs due to inflation and the tariffs imposed by President Trump; and

Whereas the Federal Government has been shut down since October 1, 2025, and most of the approximately 2,400,000 Federal workers across the United States have not received their paychecks: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the calls by President Donald Trump for the Department of Justice to pay him \$230,000,000;

(2) opposes the provision of financial compensation through lawsuits, paid from taxpayer money, to President Trump;

(3) urges any officials of the Department of Justice with personal or professional ties to President Trump to recuse themselves from any review or settlement of these administrative complaints;

(4) affirms the foundational principle that no public office may be used for personal enrichment;

(5) reaffirms its commitment to the independence of the Department of Justice’s prosecutorial role and the rule of law; and

(6) calls upon all public officials, including the President of the United States, to uphold the highest ethical standards and to place the public interest above personal gain.

SENATE RESOLUTION 471—CALLING ON CONGRESS, SCHOOLS, AND STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF DYSLLEXIA THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED, AND DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2025 AS “NATIONAL DYSLLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH”

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 471

Whereas dyslexia is—

(1) defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader; and

(2) most commonly caused by a difficulty in phonological processing (the appreciation of the individual sounds of spoken language), which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and, often, the ability to learn a second language;

Whereas the First Step Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–391; 132 Stat. 5194 et seq.) included a definition of dyslexia as part of the requirement of the Act to screen inmates for dyslexia upon intake in Federal prisons;

Whereas the definition of dyslexia in section 3635 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 101(a) of the First Step Act of 2018, is the first and only definition of dyslexia in a Federal statute;

Whereas dyslexia is the most common learning disability and affects 80 to 90 percent of all individuals with a learning disability;

Whereas dyslexia is persistent and highly prevalent, affecting as many as 1 out of every 5 individuals;

Whereas dyslexia is a paradox, in that an individual with dyslexia may have both—

(1) weaknesses in decoding that result in difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition; and

(2) strengths in higher-level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, and problem solving;

Whereas great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiological, cognitive, and neurobiological bases of dyslexia;

Whereas the achievement gap between typical readers and dyslexic readers occurs as early as first grade; and

Whereas early screening for, and early diagnosis of, dyslexia are critical for ensuring that individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to fluent reading, the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment, and the provision of necessary accommodations that ensure success in school and in life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize that dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed; and

(2) designates October 2025 as “National Dyslexia Awareness Month”.

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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

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 28, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session

of the Senate on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to the following member of my staff, Henry Wu, for today, October 28, 2025.

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

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following members of my team be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress: Christopher Stille, Madeleine Veal, Meredith Shea, Eric Gitson, Matthew Trone, Ethan Lukas, Christopher Adair, Cara Levy, Steven Kasperek, and Rami Major.

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2025, TO OCTOBER 31, 2025, AS “BAT WEEK”

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 454.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 454) expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2025, to October 31, 2025, as “Bat Week”.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 454) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of October 16, 2025, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

NATIONAL DYSLLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 471, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.