

This is day 30 of the Federal Government shutdown. Agencies are shuttered. Important services are paused and unavailable. Countless Americans have missed paychecks because of our failure to do our job to keep the government open.

It only gets worse as this drags on.

On November 1, an estimated 42 million Americans will miss out on their monthly benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, which are essential for individuals and families across the country, including countless military families in Alaska.

We have seen delays at major airports. People are canceling appointments as they cut back on expenses. Businesses are losing business they count on to keep their doors open.

None of this should be acceptable to us.

At the start of this week, I came to the Floor and asserted that we need to stay here and stay in session until we have reached agreement to re-open the government. I remain convinced of that. Instead of adjourning, we need to lock ourselves in a room and figure this out—because real people are being needlessly hurt as Members fly out for another long weekend.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

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 which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Armed Services and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

S. 3002. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 226. A resolution condemning the Government of the People's Republic of China for engaging in transnational repression.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 409. A resolution recognizing the 74th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Philippines and the strong bilateral security alliance between our two nations in the wake of escalating aggression and political lawfare by the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1000. A bill to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs.

S. 1744. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 1854. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to political and economic elites in Haiti, and for other purposes.

S. 2018. A bill to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus.

S. 2130. A bill to make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, and for other purposes.

S. 2146. A bill to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2224. A bill to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2424. A bill to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 2550. A bill to provide for international cooperation to secure critical mineral supply chains, and for other purposes.

S. 2626. A bill to strengthen the leadership role of the United States at the Inter-American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

S. 2657. A bill to impose sanctions relating to the support of the People's Republic of China for the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 2684. A bill to support countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to coerce or pressure governments into breaking such ties, to deepen coordination with Taiwan on diplomatic, development, and economic engagement in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

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.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2950. A bill to require the Secretary of State and relevant executive branch agen-

cies to address international scam compounds defrauding people in the United States, to hold significant transnational criminal organizations accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 2960. A bill to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

S. 2978. A bill to provide for the designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

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 Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 3075. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize rural cooperative development grants; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mrs. MOODY):

S. 3076. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to permanently schedule the class of 2-benzylbenzimidazole-opioids known as nitazenes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 3077. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide appropriate standards for the inclusion of a term of supervised release after imprisonment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KELLY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3078. A bill to provide economic recovery payments to recipients of social security, supplemental security income, railroad retirement benefits, and veterans disability compensation or pension benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KELLY, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3079. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay and pay for civilian employees of certain elements of the intelligence community in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. 3080. A bill to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act to address nitazene trafficking and to impose sanctions with respect to entities of the People's Republic of China and foreign governments engaged in or contributing to opioid trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 3081. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MOODY (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 3082. A bill to prohibit oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production in certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure that pension plans provide notice to participants and beneficiaries on risks associated with certain investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3084. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish the Reconnection program under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3085. A bill to ensure that certain operations, functions, and services of the Federal Government relating to enforcement of firearms laws and firearm export licensing continue during a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BANKS):

S. 3086. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the criteria by which a fiduciary may evaluate and select investments based on nonpecuniary factors, and to clarify the application of prudence and exclusive purpose duties to the exercise of shareholder rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3087. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit certain acts related to fentanyl, analogues of fentanyl, and counterfeit substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3088. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the advanced manufacturing production credit to include fusion energy components; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 3089. A bill to amend section 111 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit barricading while evading arrest; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 3090. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for an explosive nuclear weapons test; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 3091. A bill to require the Administrator of General Services to dispose of certain Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. Res. 476. A resolution supporting the designation of October 2025 as "Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month" to raise awareness of substance use and misuse in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. Res. 477. A resolution designating the first full week in May as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 478. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of United States v. Kaminski; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORENO, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 479. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2025; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. Res. 480. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of October 2025 as "World Menopause Awareness Month," and expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global awareness and access to care during the menopausal transition and post-menopause; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to accelerate workplace time-to-contract under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to protect civil rights and otherwise prevent meaningful harm to third parties, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 932, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency pre-

paredness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or manmade disasters.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) 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. 1705

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to issue standards with respect to chip security mechanisms for integrated circuit products, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes.

S. 2376

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include rioting in the definition of racketeering activity.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2424, a bill to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solution by committing illegal violent acts.

S. 2904

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2904, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the shadow fleet of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 2918

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2918, a bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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