

improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2965

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3031

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to use a prop during my remarks.

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

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, legend has it that all the halls of the Capitol are haunted by a demon cat. If you look closely, paw prints left behind by this stray spirit can be spotted outside the entrance of the Old Supreme Court Chamber.

From poltergeists to apparitions of Abraham Lincoln and other dead Presidents, Washington has a long history of ghost stories.

The city itself was transformed into a ghost town when government workers disappeared from their desks as a result of President Biden's lax telework policies. For years, most Agency headquarters were left with just a skeleton crew.

Even after the bureaucrats were called back to work by President Trump, before being furloughed by the government shutdown, the buildings remained largely empty. Thousands of other government buildings are completely vacant. Thousands are uninhabited by a single soul in Washington, DC.

Deserted and left in a state of disrepair for years, many properties have been condemned to a fate worse than death. One was described as a "roach-infested mold dungeon." Bugs were spotted crawling out of faucets and creeping across the floors of another. While some have been described as cold, gray eyesores, others are literally deathtraps. The drinking water in many sat stagnant for so long that it turned into a deadly potion of toxic metals and biohazards.

Renovations and upgrades to make the horrifying offices habitable again would cost the taxpayers—and prepare, unfortunately, for a jump scare—\$370 billion. Yes, folks, that is billion with a "b."

I just don't know what possesses Washington to hold on to decaying properties.

Meanwhile, around the country, other old haunts are returning from beyond the grave. But there is no reason to fear this zombie apocalypse. It is that time of year when boarded-up businesses come back to life as Spirit Halloween stores. It is almost spooky how fast these Halloween stores pop up, transforming the remains of abandoned buildings into a billion-dollar business. Spirit Halloween's successful body-snatching business model scares up a great idea for reviving the government's graveyard of lifeless real estate.

Let's sell off these haunted houses to businesses that can breathe new life into them. That trick would be a real treat for the taxpayers because it would both reduce costs and bring in billions of dollars from monstrous sales. It is an idea only a zombie wouldn't like since it is such a no-brainer.

My DISPOSAL Act would fast-track the sale of unused, unneeded, and underutilized government properties. Congress should embrace the Halloween spirit by passing this bill and let the unfurling of Spirit Halloween banners begin.

Many of the properties that would be put on the market by my bill are in prime locations, so potential buyers should be prepared to act quickly before these once-in-a-lifetime sales vanish like a ghost.

The real monster this bill is designed to slay, however, is one that has been lurking around Washington for way too long: our national debt, which now exceeds \$38 trillion. That amount should scare us all into taking action.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 476—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 2025 AS "SUBSTANCE USE & MISUSE PREVENTION MONTH" TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 476

Whereas initiation of substance use during adolescence is associated with substance use and misuse in adulthood;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 58,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older participated in binge drinking;

Whereas, in 2024, more than 73,000,000 or 1 in 4 people in the United States aged 12 and older used an illicit drug, including cocaine and methamphetamine;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 48,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older had a substance use disorder;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 28,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older had an illicit drug use disorder;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 9,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older received substance use disorder treatment; and

Whereas, in 2024, more than 23,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older were in recovery from a substance use problem: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports—

(1) effective programs to prevent substance use and misuse;

(2) programs to help stem the drug addiction and overdose epidemic in the United States; and

(3) the designation of October 2025 as "Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 477—DESIGNATING THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN MAY AS "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 477

Whereas serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise;

Whereas, while prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (referred to in this preamble as "TD"), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities;

Whereas people at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years of age, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure;

Whereas approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 adults living with TD in the United States remain undiagnosed and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention;

Whereas the American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in its clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their healthcare providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment together;

Whereas treatments approved for TD by the Food and Drug Administration can provide options for symptom management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD; and

Whereas the Senate can encourage TD screening education and awareness for health care providers, patients, and care partners to help ensure patients prescribed antipsychotics receive care and support that aligns with clinical best practice, including regular TD screenings: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the first full week in May as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week"; and

(2) in recognition and support of Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week—

(A) underscores the importance of early detection and intervention to improve outcomes for individuals living with mental health conditions and individuals prescribed antipsychotics; and

(B) supports efforts to raise awareness about the causes and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia and the importance of routine tardive dyskinesia screening.

SENATE RESOLUTION 478—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF UNITED STATES V. KAMINSKI

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 478

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Kaminski* No. 3:25-cr-199, pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony and documents from Ian Madigan, and employee of the office of former Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Ian Madigan, a former employee of the office of former Senator Casey, and any other former employee of the Senator's office from whom relevant evidence may be necessary, are authorized to provide testimony and documents in the case of *United States v. Kaminski*, except concerning matter for which a privilege or objection should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Madigan and any other former employee of Senator Casey's office in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 479—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORENO, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 479

Whereas the National Family Partnership started the Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988—

(1) to educate the people of the United States and encourage participation in drug prevention activities;

(2) to preserve the memory of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena (referred to in this preamble as “Special Agent Camarena”), a special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who—

(A) served the Drug Enforcement Administration for 11 years; and

(B) was murdered in the line of duty in 1985, while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

(3) to commemorate the service of Special Agent Camarena to the Drug Enforcement Administration and the people of the United States; and

(4) to further the cause for which Special Agent Camarena gave his life;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign is the longest-standing drug use prevention program in the United States, bringing drug awareness to millions of people in the United States each year;

Whereas Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year during the period of October 23 through October 31 by—

- (1) State Governors and attorneys general;
- (2) the National Family Partnership;
- (3) parent-teacher associations;
- (4) Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
- (5) the Young Marines;
- (6) the Drug Enforcement Administration;

and

(7) hundreds of other organizations throughout the United States;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug use prevention efforts, education programs, parental involvement, and community-wide support through specific actions such as lighting up buildings and landmarks, and activities that engage the public;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug overdoses are the leading cause of death in people in the United States between the ages of 18 to 45, outnumbering deaths by firearms, motor vehicle crashes, suicide, or homicide;

Whereas over 80,000 people died from drug overdoses in the United States in 2024;

Whereas reducing the demand for illicit controlled substances would—

- (1) curtail lethal addictions and overdoses; and
- (2) reduce the violence associated with drug trafficking;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics continue to demand attention;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration hosts an initiative called “Every Day is Take Back Day” where locations of year-round drop boxes are identified for the public to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs that can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, or misuse;

Whereas the National Family Partnership hosts “Lock Your Meds”, a multi-media campaign and program to encourage individuals, businesses, and communities to dispose of drugs appropriately and to reduce the demand for drugs;

Whereas “Lock Your Meds” is statewide in Idaho, North Carolina, and throughout the southeastern United States;

Whereas synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl devastated communities and families at an unprecedented rate, claiming more than 48,000 lives in 2024;

Whereas the presence of fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl pose hazards to police officers and law enforcement agents;

Whereas 5 out of 10 fake pills tested at Drug Enforcement Administration laboratories contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration has created a special exhibit entitled

“The Faces of Fentanyl” to commemorate the lives lost from fentanyl poisoning, and has received over 6,400 photos as of the date of enactment of this resolution;

Whereas, as of the date of enactment of this resolution, the Drug Enforcement Administration has seized more than 34,000,000 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and more than 7,000 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2025;

Whereas, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2,400,000 people in the United States aged 12 or older reported having used methamphetamine in 2024;

Whereas, in 2024, more than 20,000 individuals in the United States died from an overdose involving cocaine; and

Whereas parents, young people, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions and faith-based organizations, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, athletes, and individuals throughout the United States may demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during the week-long celebration of Red Ribbon Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2025;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to wear and display red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week to symbolize their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to light up buildings and landmarks to send a drug-free message;

(4) encourages children, teens, and other individuals to choose to live drug-free lives; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to promote the creation of drug-free communities; and

(B) to participate in drug use prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

SENATE RESOLUTION 480—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

Mr. BOOKER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 480

Whereas October 18 marks World Menopause Day, a day when organizations and individuals around the world advocate to improve awareness of menopause and support options available for improving health and well-being;

Whereas, by 2030, the world population of menopausal and post-menopausal women is projected to increase to 1,200,000,000, with 27,000,000 new entrants each year;

Whereas, each year, women in the United States enter the menopausal transition with little guidance on what to expect before, during, and after their reproductive years;

Whereas, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, as many as 3 out of 4 women experience hot flashes, the most common menopause symptom, and