

TRIBUTE TO DR. PATRICK WESTHOFF

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the career and contributions of Dr. Patrick Westhoff, a cornerstone of agriculture research. For decades, Dr. Westhoff has made outstanding contributions to the agriculture industry through he and his peers' essential economic studies. Before his remarkable 29 years with the University of Missouri's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, Dr. Westhoff began his lifelong work to improve America's farm industry by helping on his family's dairy farm in Iowa and has played a key role in shaping agriculture policy over the years.

Outside of his work in academics, Dr. Westhoff has shown his fierce commitment to addressing supply chain issues, helping coordinate vital economic and food research in countries across the world, and devoted considerable time to helping developing nations. It is no surprise he has received multiple awards for his work. I am proud to call Dr. Patrick Westhoff a fellow American and know that my colleagues from Iowa are as well. His lifetime of contributions to our world cannot be overstated, and I wish him the best as he begins his well-deserved retirement. •

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2094. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transitional Guidance Regarding Returns Relating to Certain Interest on Specified Passenger Vehicle Loans Received in a Trade or Business" (Notice 2025-57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2095. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anticipated Applicability Date for Future Final Regulations Relating to Required Minimum Distributions" (Announcement 2025-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2096. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Plans Annual Revenue Procedure for Determination Letters, Private Letter Rulings, and User Fees" (Revenue Procedure 2025-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 240. A bill to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-93).

S. 546. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-94).

S. 640. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-95).

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

H.R. 4550. An act to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. COTTON for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*Peter Metzger, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. MARSHALL:

S. 3096. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate regulations modifying labeling requirements for beef and beef food products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 3097. A bill to provide additional protections with respect to health information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 3098. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish information about conditions and cohorts the Department of Veterans Affairs is considering for purposes of establishing or removing presumptions of service connection regarding toxic exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 3099. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for the interstate internet sales of certain State-inspected meat and poultry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 3100. A bill to direct the Director of the Federal Protective Service to establish processes to strengthen oversight, performance, and accountability of contract security personnel engaged in the protection of certain

buildings and grounds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 3101. A bill to prevent citizens of foreign adversarial nations from entering into or enforcing surrogacy contracts in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 3102. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the temporary enhanced premium credits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 3103. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of certain countries; 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 Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BANKS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KELLY, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mrs. MOODY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. KIM):

S. Res. 482. A resolution recognizing the week of November 3 through November 7, 2025, as "National Veterans Small Business Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 100

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 100, a bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) 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. 935

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to prohibit sales and the issuance of licenses for the export of certain defense articles to

the United Arab Emirates, and for other purposes.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to unfreeze funding for contracts of the Department of Agriculture, to prohibit Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service office closures, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) 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. 1572

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Federal carjacking statute.

S. 1591

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1643

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1699

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1699, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a public awareness and edu-

cation campaign to provide information regarding the benefits of, risks relating to, and the prevalence of artificial intelligence in the daily lives of individuals in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1705

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors 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. 1747

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1747, a bill to promote the use of the Classical Learning Test (CLT) at military service academies and Federally-run schools.

S. 1793

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1793, a bill to protect the United States and assets of the United States from incursions.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 2012

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2012, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2252

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) were added as cosponsors of S. 2252, a bill to require United States foreign assistance commodities to be made available for their intended purposes before they expire.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2304, a bill to amend section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the mine methane capture incentive credit.

S. 2357

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2357, a bill to reauthorize the Young Fishermen's Development Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2392

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico

(Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2392, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2803

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2803, a bill to provide for congressional oversight of domestic use of the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 2947

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2947, a bill to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 2951

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2951, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for certain adjustments to Medicare payment for items of durable medical equipment that were formerly included in round 2021 of the DMEPOS competitive bidding program.

S. 3005

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3005, a bill to require Executive agencies to submit reports to Congress and to the Office of Personnel Management regarding employees who are furloughed during any period during which there is a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3007

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3007, a bill to prohibit the enforcement of laws relating to the installation, certification, and maintenance of emissions control devices under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

S. RES. 463

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) 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.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 482—RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2025, AS “NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK”

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BANKS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KELLY, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mrs. MOODY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. KIM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 482

Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States train individuals with the skills, discipline, and leadership necessary to establish and operate a successful business;

Whereas there are over 1,650,000 veteran-owned small businesses in the United States, employing nearly 3,300,000 individuals;

Whereas veteran-owned small businesses make up nearly 5 percent of all businesses in the United States;

Whereas veteran-owned small businesses account for more than \$952,000,000,000 in total sales every year;

Whereas the Small Business Administration hosts events honoring National Veterans Small Business Week from November 3 through November 7, 2025;

Whereas the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate celebrates National Veterans Small Business Week during the week of November 3 through November 7, 2025; and

Whereas the week of November 3 through November 7, 2025, would be an appropriate time to celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the week of November 3 through November 7, 2025, as “National Veterans Small Business Week”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Veterans Small Business Week;

(3) recognizes the importance of creating policies that promote a business-friendly environment for small business owners that is free of unnecessary and burdensome regulations and red tape; and

(4) expresses appreciation for the continued service to the United States by the veterans

of the United States through small business ownership and entrepreneurship.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I have two 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, November 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges until November 5, 2025: Grace Dykes and Sims Tosh.

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

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANUFACTURING FEASIBILITY ACT

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 192, S. 1872.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1872) 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.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act”.

SEC. 2. STUDY ON CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANUFACTURING IN THE UNITED STATES.

(a) *DEFINITION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR.—In this section, the term “critical infrastructure sector” means each of the 16 designated critical infrastructure sectors identified in Presidential Policy Directive 21 of February 12, 2013 entitled “Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience”.*

(b) *STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a study to—*

(1) *identify, within each critical infrastructure sector, any product—*

(A) *necessary for the construction, maintenance, operation, or restoration of the critical infrastructure sector; and*

(B) *that is in high demand and is being imported due to a manufacturing, material, or supply chain constraint in the United States;*

(2) *analyze the costs and benefits of manufacturing in the United States any product identified under paragraph (1), including any effects on—*

(A) *jobs, employment rates, and labor conditions in the United States; and*

(B) *the cost of the product;*

(3) *identify any product identified under paragraph (1) that feasibly may be manufactured in the United States;*

(4) *analyze the feasibility of, and any impediments to, manufacturing any product identified under paragraph (3) in—*

(A) *a rural area;*

(B) *an industrial park; or*

(C) *an industrial park in a rural area; and*

(5) *identify any Federal policies, regulations, or guidance in effect that may inhibit, create barriers to, or increase the cost of manufacturing a product identified under paragraph (1) in the United States.*

(c) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall—*

(1) *submit to Congress an unclassified report, which may include a classified annex, containing the results of the study required by subsection (b), with recommendations relating to manufacturing in the United States products identified under subsection (b)(3); and*

(2) *make the unclassified report available to the public on the website of the Department of Commerce.*

(d) *LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—This section may not be construed to provide the Secretary of Commerce with authority to compel a person to provide information described in this section.*

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1872), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NETWORK EQUIPMENT TRANSPARENCY ACT

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 171, S. 503.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 503) to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be