

Let me explain why this is important. The United States is the largest importer of coffee in the world. Why? Because even though we all love our morning coffee, the United States does not have the natural climate or growing conditions needed to produce the amounts of coffee Americans consume every day. Ninety-nine percent of the coffee in this country comes from another country.

Until President Trump took office, Americans had never paid broad tariffs on coffee imports, but now this President has decided to recklessly impose these blanket tariffs on our top sources for coffee—Brazil at 50 percent, and other main coffee producers, like Vietnam, Indonesia, Colombia, and Ethiopia, are being tariffed at outrageous rates.

I don't need to tell you what that has meant for Americans because we have all felt it every single day. I am hearing it from my coffee roasters and wholesalers in Nevada who have been forced to raise their prices to keep up with these tariffs. That is filtering down to local coffee shops—our small businesses—that are in turn having to raise their prices on consumers.

The price of a cup of coffee has skyrocketed nearly 40 percent since last year—40 percent. This is happening all over the country. And it is not just businesses where coffee is their main product; restaurants that serve breakfast are being impacted as well. This is what these irresponsible tariffs have done to America, because, as I have said, tariffs are taxes.

Now, I know that responsible, targeted tariffs on our adversaries can be good for American workers and our national security. There is a smart way to do this, however. Taxing our coffee and raising prices for Americans isn't it.

The bipartisan, bicameral bill Senator PAUL and I introduced would bring coffee tariffs back to the level they were at before President Trump took office—zero percent.

The Senate has already passed legislation supported by both Democrats and Republicans to repeal President Trump's tariffs on Canada and Brazil as well as his global tariffs on the rest of our trading partners. The No Coffee Tax Act is equally important to the American public. Prices are already too high in this country. Getting rid of this unnecessary coffee tax will make Americans' lives and their mornings just a little bit easier.

For that reason, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of my bill, the No Coffee Tax Act, which is at the desk; that the bill be considered read three times and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I rise in opposition to S. 3072, the No Coffee Tax Act.

The bill seeks to exempt from the President's IEEPA tariffs only a single commodity—coffee.

I agree with my colleagues that tariffs generally should be targeted as much as possible to avoid harm to Americans.

We also should consider more exemptions to address the harms arising from potential unintended consequences, including exemptions for unavailable natural resources. The administration agrees.

The very recent trade deals with Cambodia and Malaysia explicitly exempt coffee and some other mostly unavailable natural resources from the reciprocal tariffs. By all accounts, the administration is working to identify similar exemptions in other active trade negotiations. I strongly encourage the President to pursue productive courses of engagement with U.S. stakeholders in doing so.

Voting for one-off exemptions on the Senate floor in isolation of a larger negotiation strategy and broader stakeholder concerns, like S. 3072 asks us to do so now, does not facilitate a predictable process for our negotiators or for any broader segment of the stakeholder engagement.

Therefore, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. CRAPO. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I have a lot of respect for my colleague from Idaho, and I appreciate his comments. I respectfully disagree.

I do think that we have to consider, as the negotiations are taking place, as my colleague talked about the administration is engaging in—how long will that take? I know the USMCA took at least 2 to 3 years. That was just two countries—Mexico and Canada—that we were trying to negotiate with.

While this administration goes through this indiscriminate negotiation without any involvement from Congress, what am I to tell my businesses back home? Those businesses, those coffee shops that closed, those individual breakfast restaurants that are there that are passing off the costs to the consumer—how long do they have to wait until they get an answer from this administration?

That is why this commodity, this particular product—there had never been a tariff on it before because 99 percent of the coffee that we consume comes from out of the country. So it really is having a devastating impact on our small businesses. And they really shouldn't use this leverage in a negotiation tactic for this reason.

I appreciate the comments, however, from my colleague from Idaho.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be

in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

COMMEMORATING THE VISIT OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, today I would like to commemorate the visit to the United States of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual head of the second-largest Christian Church in the world which boasts 300 million faithful. The Ecumenical Patriarch is also the spiritual leader of more than 4,000 Delawareans who are Greek Orthodox Christians. Delaware's Greek community has a long and vibrant history, and it is an honor to mark the Ecumenical Patriarch's visit.

During his visit to the United States, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received the Templeton Prize: a recognition of someone who has dedicated themselves to affirming the spiritual dimension of life. The Ecumenical Patriarch received this award for his remarkable leadership working to foster an "ecumenical imperative" to care for creation, in which he has brought together religious, scientific, and world leaders to advocate for greater care for our planet. The Ecumenical Patriarch joins a long list of powerful advocates for change who have received this award, including my good friend Jane Goodall. The Ecumenical Patriarch's receipt of the Templeton Award builds on his previous accolades, including his receipt of the Congressional Gold Medal: the highest award that Congress has to offer.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's commitment to fostering dialogue for the betterment of the world is admirable and an example that we should all seek to follow. His All-Holiness is a tremendous leader in the world and for many in our country, and I look forward to continuing to support his efforts to strive for peace on earth over the years to come.

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

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 appropriate committees.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. PAUL for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Charles Arrington, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2030.

*Edward Forst, of Florida, to be Administrator of General Services.

*Stephen F. Rickard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Elana S. Suttnerberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*John Cuong Truong, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*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. KENNEDY:

S. 3104. A bill to make ideologically motivated crimes eligible for the death penalty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3105. A bill to regulate human cadaveric islets for transplantation as organs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 3106. A bill to require the approval of Congress before explosive nuclear testing may be resumed; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 3107. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit reports to Congress on theft of mail and United States Postal Service property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3108. A bill to require reports regarding artificial intelligence-related job impacts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3109. A bill to amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to require that individuals who commit human trafficking violations be permanently disqualified from obtaining certain licenses issued by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3110. A bill to update the Department of Transportation's multimodal counter-trafficking training and awareness campaign and to award grants to all modes of transportation to address human trafficking awareness, education, and prevention efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MULLIN:

S. 3111. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to adjust the dollar thresholds for National Labor Relations Board jurisdiction over certain labor disputes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3112. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to establish an interagency seasonal and perishable fruits and vegetables working group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 3113. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify that aliens who have been convicted of defrauding the United States Government or unlawfully receiving public benefits are inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 483. A resolution honoring the extraordinary life, leadership, and legacy of Dr. Jane Goodall; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 484. A resolution designating October 2025 as "School Bus Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. Res. 485. A resolution designating the month of October 2025 as "National Military Toxic Exposures Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 421

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 421, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) 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. 976

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to reduce fraudulent enrollments in qualified health plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) 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. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors 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. 1552

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) 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. 1725

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act with respect to the importation of live dogs, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1793, a bill to protect the United States and assets of the United States from incursions.

S. 2290

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2290, a bill to clarify certain