

improved production, safety, and quality of the world food supply, and must continue to maintain that role;

Whereas emerging and innovative participation by private voluntary organizations and businesses, working with national governments and the international community, is essential in identifying new and more sustainable ways to increase food production in developing countries and improve food distribution to hungry and malnourished people;

Whereas World Food Day was established 80 years ago on October 16, 1945;

Whereas October 16 of each year has been designated as “World Food Day”;

Whereas more than 130 countries have taken part in organized activities and efforts on “World Food Day” to promote awareness of and action for people suffering from hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas past observances of “World Food Day” have been supported by proclamations by Congress, the President, the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States;

Whereas private voluntary organizations and community leaders are participating in planning “World Food Day” observances in 2025 and 2026, and a growing number of these organizations and leaders are using “World Food Day” as a focal point for year-round programs; and

Whereas the people of the United States can express their concern for the plight of hungry and malnourished people throughout the world by study, advocacy, and action: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 16, 2025, and October 16, 2026, as “World Food Day”;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the days with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to combating global food insecurity and malnutrition through humanitarian support and investment in resilient agriculture to improve long-term food security.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have 17 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is author-

ized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate

on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

RETURN OF PAPERS REQUEST— H.R. 3426

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3426 and the papers with respect to H.R. 3426 be returned to the House of Representatives at their request.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, and further amended by Public Law 106-292, appoints the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 119th Congress: the Honorable RICK SCOTT of Florida.

LEGACY MINE CLEANUP ACT OF 2025

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 228, S. 2741.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2741) to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment, as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be stricken is in boldfaced brackets, and the part of the bill intended to be inserted is in italic.)

S. 2741

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Legacy Mine Cleanup Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. OFFICE OF MOUNTAINS, DESERTS, AND PLAINS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(D) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

(E) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate;

(F) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(G) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;

(H) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

(I) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(J) the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives.

(3) CLEANUP ACTION.—The term “cleanup action” means 1 or more actions taken to address contaminated media at a covered mine site pursuant to 1 or more existing authorities of the Administrator, including—

(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

(B) the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024 (30 U.S.C. 1245 note; Public Law 118-155);

(C) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.);

(D) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and

(E) any other existing authority of the Administrator.

(4) COVERED MINE SITE.—The term “covered mine site” means Federal, State, Tribal, local, and private land that has been affected by past hardrock mining activities and water resources that traverse or are contiguous to such land.

(5) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term “Indian country” has the meaning given the term in section 1151 of title 18, United States Code.

(6) NAVAJO NATION ABANDONED URANIUM MINE SITE.—The term “Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mine site” means an abandoned uranium covered mine site on land of the Navajo Nation.

(7) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains established by subsection (b)(1).

(8) REGIONAL OFFICE.—The term “Regional Office” means a Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the office of the Environmental Protection Agency that administers solid waste programs the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains.

(2) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Director, to be selected by the Administrator (or a designee).

(c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Office shall be—

(1) to coordinate between the headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Offices, and stakeholders on cleanup actions of the Environmental Protection Agency at a covered mine site, including a covered mine site in Indian country, in accordance with Federal law;

(2) to establish and disseminate best practices for covered mine site cleanup actions, including identifying—

(A) innovative technologies and reuse approaches that support and make progress toward those cleanup actions; and

(B) waste storage and disposal solutions;

(3) to coordinate among the headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Offices, Federal land management agencies, States, Indian Tribes, and voluntary nongovernmental organizations, watershed groups, nonliable entities and mining companies, and other entities on voluntary cleanup actions at covered mine sites, where applicable, including timely issuance of administrative guidance for nonliable parties;

(4) to coordinate within the Environmental Protection Agency and with other Federal agencies to encourage contracting opportunities for small businesses to participate in cleanup actions at covered mine sites, consistent with applicable Federal procurement authorities;

(5) to coordinate with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other Federal agencies, as the Administrator determines to be appropriate, to ensure interagency coordination of covered mine site cleanup actions, with priority given to coordinating cleanup actions at covered mine sites for which there is no potentially responsible party; and

(6) to coordinate other actions as the Administrator determines to be appropriate, pursuant to existing authorities of the Administrator—

(A) to support efforts to investigate, characterize, or clean up a discharge, release, or threat of release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment at or from a covered mine site; or

(B) to establish best practices to protect and improve human health and the environment and implement appropriate reuse options, including through the use of innovative technologies to recover valuable resources from covered mine site features or areas, as applicable.

(d) DUTIES.—The Administrator shall carry out through the Office, at a minimum, the following duties:

(1) PRIORITY MINE LIST.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Annually, the Administrator shall identify covered mine sites that are prioritized for cleanup actions, which may include covered mine sites that are or are not included on the National Priorities List developed by the President in accordance with section 105(a)(8)(B) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9605(a)(8)(B)).

(B) CREATION OF LIST; REPORTS.—The Administrator shall annually—

(i) create a list of covered mine sites identified under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report describing—

(I) the methodology used to identify those covered mine sites under that subparagraph; and

(II) the status of cleanup actions carried out at covered mine sites on the list.

(C) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall—

(i) regularly coordinate with Regional Offices, Federal agencies, States, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and stakeholders to update the list of covered mine sites identified under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) regularly coordinate with Regional Offices on cleanup actions and share best practices with respect to each covered mine site identified under subparagraph (A).

(2) PROCESS IMPROVEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, pursuant to existing authorities of the Administrator—

(i) identify best practices for developing, reviewing, and approving site assessments, remedial investigations, and feasibility studies for covered mine sites;

(ii) coordinate research relating to technologies and cleanup approaches that are the most successful in limiting the acute and chronic risks posed to human health and the environment by covered mine sites; and

(iii) support—

(I) government-to-government consultations with Indian Tribes initiated by the Administrator or another Federal agency with respect to a covered mine site located within Indian country; and

(II) efforts to provide regular updates to the Tribal governments involved in cleanup actions for a covered mine site located on Tribal land under the jurisdiction of the Indian Tribe.

(B) TRIBAL CONSULTATION.—In supporting consultations with Indian Tribes under subparagraph (A)(iii)(I), the Administrator, in addition to existing applicable law, shall—

(i) as appropriate, invite potentially responsible parties, including Federal agencies, to participate in government-to-government consultations with Indian Tribes;

(ii) as appropriate, consult with Alaska Native Corporations in accordance with section 161 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (25 U.S.C. 5301 note; Public Law 108-199); and

(iii) as appropriate, ensure consultations with Tribal allottees occur pursuant to section 2 of the Act of February 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 18, chapter 45; 25 U.S.C. 324).

(3) INTERAGENCY PLANS FOR URANIUM CONTAMINATION ON THE NAVAJO NATION; REPORTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2028, and not less frequently than once every 10 years thereafter, the Administrator, in cooperation with other relevant Federal agencies, including, at a minimum, the Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of the Interior, the Indian Health Service, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and in consultation with affected Tribal governments, shall develop a 10-year interagency plan for the coordination of the Federal Government with States and Tribal governments to carry out cleanup actions at Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mine sites, including—

(i) goals for the assessment of, and cleanup actions at, Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mine sites;

(ii) target dates by which goals described in clause (i) are anticipated to be achieved, subject to appropriations and funding from potentially responsible parties;

(iii) the projected appropriations necessary to achieve goals described in clause (i) by the target dates described in clause (ii); and

(iv) the activities to be carried out by each Federal agency under the plan.

(B) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which a plan is developed under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report describing the applicable plan.

(4) ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator shall, pursuant to existing authorities of the Administrator, provide to States, units of local government, Indian Tribes, and other entities technical assistance with respect to cleanup actions on covered mine sites.

(e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—Nothing in this section—

(1) provides the Administrator with new regulatory authority not already established in law; or

(2) shall be interpreted as establishing a default standard or authority to be used for cleanup actions at covered mine sites, including the definition of “cleanup action” in subsection (a).

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be 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 was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2741), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2741

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Legacy Mine Cleanup Act of 2025”.

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(5) to coordinate with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other Federal agencies, as the Administrator determines to be appropriate, to ensure interagency coordination of covered mine site cleanup actions, with priority given to coordinating cleanup actions at covered mine sites for which there is no potentially responsible party; and

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(I) government-to-government consultations with Indian Tribes initiated by the Administrator or another Federal agency with respect to a covered mine site located within Indian country; and

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Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mine sites, including—

(i) goals for the assessment of, and cleanup actions at, Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mine sites;

(ii) target dates by which goals described in clause (i) are anticipated to be achieved, subject to appropriations and funding from potentially responsible parties;

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(e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—Nothing in this section—

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(2) shall be interpreted as establishing a default standard or authority to be used for cleanup actions at covered mine sites, including the definition of “cleanup action” in subsection (a).

GREAT LAKES FISHERY RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 229, S. 2878.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2878) to reauthorize funding to monitor, assess, and research the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 2878) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 2878

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING TO MONITOR, ASSESS, AND RESEARCH GREAT LAKES BASIN.

Section 201(d) of title II of division P of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (16 U.S.C. 941h(d)), is amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2030”.

SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 MARINE DEBRIS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 230, S. 3022.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3022) to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to reauthorize certain Environmental Protection Agency programs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 3022) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 3022

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Seas 2.0 Marine Debris Infrastructure Programs Reauthorization Act”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF EPA PROGRAMS TO COMBAT PLASTIC WASTE.

Section 302(g) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (33 U.S.C. 4282(g)) is amended, in each of paragraphs (1) and (2)—

(1) by inserting “in” after “described”; and

(2) by striking “2025” and inserting “2030”.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 507, S. Res. 508, S. Res. 509.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 20; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 130, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:43 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate November 19, 2025:

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

HO NIEH, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2029.