

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1071, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes.

John Thune, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Roger F. Wicker, Joni Ernst, Markwayne Mullin, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, Lindsey Graham, John Barrasso, Dan Sullivan, Steve Daines, Tom Cotton, Ted Cruz, Deb Fischer, Thom Tillis.

MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3961

Mr. THUNE. I move to concur in the House amendment with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] moves to concur in the House amendment to S. 1071 with an amendment numbered 3961.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

At the end add the following.

“This Act shall take effect 1 day after the date of enactment.”

Mr. THUNE. I ask for the yeas and nays on the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3962 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3961

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk to the motion to concur with amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3962 to Amendment No. 3961.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike “1 day” and insert “2 days”

MOTION TO REFER WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3963

Mr. THUNE. I move to refer the House message on S. 1071 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 3963.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] moves to refer the House message to accompany S. 1071 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 3963.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

At the end add the following.

“This Act shall take effect 3 days after the date of enactment.”

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on my motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3964

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have an amendment to the instructions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3964 to the instructions of the motion to refer the House message to accompany S. 1071.

Mr. THUNE. I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike “3 days” and insert “4 days”

Mr. THUNE. I ask for the yeas and nays on my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3965 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3964

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3965 to Amendment No. 3964.

Mr. THUNE. I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike “4 days” and insert “5 days”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 593.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 593, Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

John Thune, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Roger F. Wicker, Joni Ernst, Markwayne Mullin, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, Lindsey Graham, John Barrasso, Dan Sullivan, Steve Daines, Tom Cotton, Ted Cruz, John Kennedy, Deb Fischer.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 594.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2026.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 594, Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2026.

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Mike Rounds, Lindsey Graham, Tim Sheehy, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Pete Ricketts, Roger F. Wicker, Tommy Tuberville, Josh Hawley, Rick Scott of Florida, Ted Budd, Jim Banks, Bill Cassidy, Shelley Moore Capito.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider the en bloc nominations listed in S. Res. 532.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 532, the nominations listed therein are pending en bloc.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the provisions of S. Res. 532 (119th Congress), do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Executive Calendar Nos.: 166, 267, 354, 429, 430, 431, 432, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 461, 462, 463, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 486, 488, 489, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, en bloc.

John Thune, Mike Crapo, Jon A. Husted, Lindsey Graham, James E. Risch, Lisa Murkowski, Bill Hagerty, Todd Young, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, David McCormick, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Bill Cassidy, John Cornyn, Josh Hawley.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, the deadly collision that occurred here in our Nation's Capital between American Airlines Flight 5342 from Wichita, KS, and a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter on January 29, 2025, forever changed how we look at and think about air travel.

There were numerous circumstances that led to this horrific incident, and the NTSB's—the National Transportation Safety Board—critical investigation into this collision is continuing even today.

While the NTSB's final recommendations have not yet been released, the Chair of the NTSB, Jennifer Homendy, took an unusual step in publicly stating that the current version of NDAA—the National Defense Authorization Act—does not adequately address the safety concerns surrounding the mixed airspace around DCA.

She even went on to say that the legislation—NDAA—“reverses safety changes made after the mid-air collision; after the NTSB issued urgent safety recommendations; and after Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy rightfully implemented NTSB's urgent safety recommendations.”

Based on the data and recommendations we have received so far from NTSB, we know that, one, there should have been limitations to rotary travel in high-traffic areas of commercial air travel; two, all aircraft in this space should be using position broadcast technology, with nearly no exceptions; and three, the users of this congested airspace should be communicating problems to each other, like the 15,000 near misses that occurred around DCA in a 3-year period between commercial planes and rotary aircraft—15,000 near misses in a 3-year period of time.

The current NDAA text includes a provision which misses the mark on two of these must-have provisions; therefore, I will insist and be working with my colleagues to amend the fiscal year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act or to otherwise pass legislation, perhaps in the appropriations process—I am a member of that committee—to make sure that NDAA language is at least, as a minimum, abiding by the safety standards that were set in place after the crash of January 29.

Our aviation system is fragile. I chair the Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation and Space. We have seen this in testimony time and time again. There is fragility in the safety of our air system.

Over the last year, Congress has passed significant legislation to invest in the future safety of our airspace and introduced legislation to make our airspace safer, including the ROTOR Act. Now is not the time to step back from these efforts.

I am grateful for the hard work of NTSB Chair Homendy and her team, and I look forward to receiving their final recommendations when that time arises.

I also want to say thank you to the families of the victims of Flight 5342, who have continued to be vocal advocates for the safety of our airspace in honor of the loved ones they lost.

It is important that we not take a step back but take a step forward, and I will work in every way that I can with my colleagues to see that we accomplish that before the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

CHINA

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, on Monday, President Donald Trump announced he will green light NVIDIA selling H200 chips to China.

Now, these are advanced chips that the Chinese military has been after for years. Trump's own Department of Justice has called them “the building blocks of AI superiority.”

Just hours before Trump's announcement, the Department of Justice announced a crackdown on a sophisticated trafficking network that allegedly smuggled \$50 million worth of these chips to China.

Why? Because they know that China is gaining access to these chips, and that poses a serious threat to our technological leadership and national security.

So why did the President make this bad deal that sells out the American economy and sells out American national security? It is simple. In the Trump administration, money talks. And NVIDIA's CEO, Jensen Huang, knows it. Mr. Huang understands that, in this administration, being able to cozy up to Donald Trump might be the most important corporate CEO skill of all. Mr. Huang paid a million-dollar-a-plate dinner to be with the President. Mr. Huang's company has donated to the President's ballroom.

And Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's former company, now run by his son, stands to make loads of money if NVIDIA's stock surges.

Those are just the most obvious possible reasons to cut this deal, and who knows what else Mr. Huang might have done behind closed doors to persuade President Trump and Secretary Lutnick into making this dangerous concession.

The American public deserves answers. Mr. Huang should be brought in front of Congress to testify under oath, and he should be joined by Secretary Lutnick and every other Trump administration official involved in this decision.

Congress does not need to stand by helplessly. Both Republicans and Democrats understand the risks here, and we should pass bipartisan legislation that reins in this administration as soon as possible.

The Guaranteeing Access and Innovation for National AI act—called the GAIN Act—that Senator BANKS and I introduced would prohibit NVIDIA from shipping advanced chips to China while American universities, American startups, and American small businesses are waiting in line to buy the company's chips.

Senator RICKETTS and Senator COONS have introduced another bill that Senator BANKS and I support. It is called the SAFE Chips Act, and it would prohibit the President from green-lighting advanced AI chip sales to China.

Republicans and Democrats have legislation ready to go, and we should get this done before it is too late. Senator THUNE should schedule either or both bills for a vote immediately.

Here is another thing that Democrats and Republicans in Congress need to keep an eye on:

Will Donald Trump muzzle his own Justice Department because he does not want Americans to know that he is selling out our national security?

Will Donald Trump order the Assistant Attorney General for National Security and the U.S. attorney for the