

following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 564

Whereas, as of 2025, United States power demand growth is higher than at any point in the previous 2 decades;

Whereas, over the next 10 years after the date of enactment of this resolution, nearly every region of the United States faces potential power capacity shortfalls;

Whereas, as of 2025, solar and wind are the most cost-effective forms of new power generation on an unsubsidized basis and electricity storage (battery) costs are sharply declining;

Whereas, in 2024, solar, storage, and wind made up 93 percent of new power capacity installations in the United States;

Whereas, as of 2025, solar, storage, and wind make up 95 percent of power capacity awaiting grid interconnection in the United States;

Whereas, in 2024, solar and wind produced more electricity than coal;

Whereas, in 2025, costs of new natural gas construction reached 10-year highs;

Whereas, as of 2025, wait times for turbines for new natural gas-fired power plants are as long as 7 years; and

Whereas forcing large fossil fuel plants that are scheduled to retire in 2026, 2027, and 2028 to keep running could increase costs to ratepayers by over \$3,000,000,000 per year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes that accelerating solar, storage, and wind deployment is essential to meet rising power demand, and that the United States should increase production of renewable energy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 565—RECOGNIZING THAT FACILITIES THAT PRODUCE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY ARE THE CHEAPEST POWER-GENERATING FACILITIES TO OPERATE AND RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUEL-GENERATING FACILITIES TO MEET GROWING POWER DEMAND DRIVES UP WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY PRICES

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 565

Whereas electricity prices are generally determined by the level of demand for power and the cost of generating such power used to meet the demand;

Whereas the demand for power in the United States is growing faster than at any point in the past 2 decades;

Whereas power generators with the lowest operating costs are typically dispatched first, thereby meeting the demand for power at the lowest cost;

Whereas, as the demand for power increases, power generators with higher operating costs are dispatched, thereby driving up wholesale electricity prices;

Whereas fossil-power generation from coal, fossil gas, and oil has high operating costs due to the cost of fuel and maintenance; and

Whereas the generation of wind, solar, and other renewable resources has near-zero operating costs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes that—

(1) facilities that produce renewable electricity are the cheapest electricity-generating facilities to operate to meet the demand for power; and

(2) reliance on fossil fuel-generating facilities to meet the growing demand for power drives up wholesale electricity prices.

SENATE RESOLUTION 566—RECOGNIZING THAT CARE PROVIDED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IS ESSENTIAL FOR MEETING THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 566

Whereas, as of 2025, the Department of Veterans Affairs serves more than 7,000,000 patients;

Whereas, in 2024, veteran trust in Department outpatient health care was nearly 92 percent;

Whereas Department hospitals have outperformed non-Department hospitals in quality and patient satisfaction in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' annual star ratings since 2023 when Department facilities began being included in the annual star ratings;

Whereas recent studies have concluded that Department health care is consistently as good as, or better than, commercial health care in areas of quality and safety;

Whereas veterans who are engaged in Department health care in Department medical facilities or through the Department's community care providers should receive high-quality continuity of care and positive outcomes regardless of where they receive their care;

Whereas the Department's 2024 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report found that in 2022 there were, on average, 17.6 veteran suicides per day, of which 7.0 per day were among veterans who received care from the Veterans Health Administration in 2021 or 2022, and 10.5 were among other veterans.

Whereas the Department is the largest educator of health care professionals in the United States, with more than 70 percent of practicing physicians having completed at least some of their training at a Department medical facility;

Whereas, for more than a century, Department researchers have made countless medical breakthroughs, which have benefitted not only veterans, but all people of the United States; and

Whereas the Department has a statutory "fourth mission" to support national, State, and local emergency efforts in times of war, terrorism, natural disasters, and public health emergencies, while continuing service to veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the Department of Veterans Affairs is essential in meeting the health care needs of veterans, training the medical workforce, conducting critical research, working to end veteran suicide, and improving public health and the preparedness of the United States for emergencies;

(2) urges the Department to support all its employees, respect their expertise and experience, and empower them with appropriate resources to serve veterans; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the Senate to ensuring that every veteran has time-

ly access to high-quality, affordable, and veteran-centered care, whether provided in Department medical facilities or through Department community care providers when direct care is not available or in the best medical interest of the veteran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 567—EX-PRESSING THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY FOREIGN ENTITIES TO CENSOR OR PENALIZE CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED SPEECH OF UNITED STATES PERSONS SHALL BE OPPOSED

Mr. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 567

Whereas freedom of speech is a fundamental, constitutional right of every United States person;

Whereas freedom of speech is a hallmark of American exceptionalism;

Whereas freedom of speech is necessary to ensure that truth can always be spoken, lies can always be exposed, and important questions can always be asked, and that the strong can always be challenged and the vulnerable can always be heard;

Whereas no person is fit to govern the thoughts or beliefs of another;

Whereas public forums, including social media platforms, give people the opportunity to exercise their right to free speech;

Whereas undue foreign influence threatens the constitutionally protected right to freedom of speech;

Whereas the Digital Services Act of the European Union requires large platforms to remove certain speech based on the incorrect assertion that politicians are entitled to govern the thoughts and beliefs of other persons;

Whereas the European Union is attempting to force United States entities to use products and technology to censor and undermine free speech occurring in the United States;

Whereas the European Union is threatening steep penalties under the Digital Services Act if United States entities do not implement the censorship regime required under the Act;

Whereas, on August 12, 2024, the European Union threatened Elon Musk with penalties under the Digital Services Act for conducting an interview with President Trump on X, insinuating that the conversation between United States citizens on United States soil would produce "harmful content" that would "spillover" from the United States;

Whereas, on December 5, 2025, the European Union announced a \$140,000,000 fine against X under the Digital Services Act;

Whereas the European Union is actively investigating and discouraging the use of Community Notes-style policies employed by social media companies to avoid censorship and institutional bias, instead pushing for aggressive content censorship models;

Whereas the Digital Services Act authorizes fines of up to 6 percent of a company's global revenue for not complying with efforts to target speech by United States persons;

Whereas the actions of the European Union under the Digital Services Act conflict with the sovereign duty of the United States Government to protect the constitutional rights of United States persons; and

Whereas such actions by the European Union, if left unchecked, may cause a chilling effect on free speech in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms its commitment to protecting the commercial interests and free speech rights of United States persons;

(2) recognizes that the Digital Services Act is incompatible with the free speech tradition of the United States and the commitments that technology companies have made to hosting a diversity of opinions;

(3) disapproves of any attempt by a foreign entity to export censorship or limit the exercise of free speech by United States persons;

(4) disapproves of any attempt by a foreign entity to levy fines or other penalties against United States persons participating in constitutionally protected activities;

(5) disapproves of the attempts by the European Union to force United States entities to develop or use products and technology in ways that undermine free speech or foster censorship;

(6) commits to oppose any implementation of disapproved activities; and

(7) urges the Trump administration to ensure swift and firm rejoinders to any implementation of disapproved activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4058. Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4059. Ms. ROSEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4060. Ms. ROSEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4061. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4062. Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. PETERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4063. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4064. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4065. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4066. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4067. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and in-

tended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4068. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4069. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4070. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2503, to require all aircraft to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast In, to improve aviation safety, and for other purposes.

SA 4071. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4072. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4073. Ms. ALSOBROOKS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4074. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4075. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4076. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4077. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4078. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4079. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4080. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4081. Mr. MARKEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4082. Mr. KING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4083. Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. KAINE) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4084. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4085. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4086. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4087. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4088. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4089. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4090. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4091. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4092. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4093. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4094. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4095. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4096. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4097. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4098. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4099. Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4100. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4101. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.