

Administration and submit to Congress reports with respect to that review, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 27, strike lines 8 through 17 and insert the following:

“(k) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The Commission shall submit requests for appropriations in the same manner as the Comptroller General submits requests for appropriations, but amounts appropriated for the Commission shall be separate from amounts appropriated for the Comptroller General.*”.

SA 4143. Mr. TILLIS 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; as follows:

At the end of title II of division E, insert the following:

SEC. _____. In awarding funds made available in fiscal year 2025 under paragraph (2) of the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants”, the Secretary shall prioritize the issuance of awards for expiring renewal projects in Tier 1 of the Continuum of Care Priority Listings after the close of the competition prior to making remaining awards.

SA 4144. Mr. SCHUMER 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available under any division of this Act may be used by the Department of Justice to approve or facilitate a claim that—

(1) is subject to chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”); and

(2) results in a personal payment to the President, whether in the form of a settlement or any other payment issued under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, (commonly known as the “Judgement Fund”) for the personal benefit of the President.

SA 4145. Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used in a manner that would enable the transfer of a presidential air transport aircraft that has been under foreign registry to a nongovernmental entity.

SA 4146. Mr. GALLEG0 (for himself and Mr. KELLY) 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title IV of division C, insert the following:

DRAGON BRAVO AND WHITE SAGE FIRES RECOVERY

SEC. 4 _____. (a) There are appropriated—

(1) \$160,000,000 to the Forest Service for recovery from the Dragon Bravo and White Sage fires in the Kaibab National Forest; and

(2) \$600,000,000 to the National Park Service for recovery from the Dragon Bravo and White Sage fires in Grand Canyon National Park.

(b) The amounts made available under this section are designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives.

SA 4147. Mr. PADILLA 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the deployment of federalized members of the Armed Forces for use in, or as a support function to, immigration enforcement in the interior of the United States.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RON WYDEN, intend to object to proceeding to H.R. 5345, a bill to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft, dated December 18, 2025.

NOMINATIONS IN STATUS QUO

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the only nominations received by the Senate during the 119th Congress, First Session, to remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be the following: Executive Calendar Nos. 241, 503, and PN Nos. 415, 446, 587, 588, 593, 595, 620, 621, 622, 658, 675, 676, 677, 680, 681, 682, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712–1, 712–2, 713, 714, 715–1, 715–2, 716, 717, 718, 719, and 720.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to execu-

tive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 592; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the following nomination: The following named officer for appointment as Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 302: To be Admiral, Adm. Kevin E. Lunday?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to Commissions, committees, Boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

APPOINTMENT

The presiding officer. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States–China Economic and Security Review Commission: The Honorable Randall Schriver of Virginia.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025, THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted on the following date and times: Friday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, December 23, at 8:30 a.m.; Friday, December 26 at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, December 30 at 11 a.m.; Friday, January 2 at 3 p.m.; Saturday, January 3 at 12 noon; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Saturday,

January 3, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; finally, that at 5:30 p.m., the Senate execute the order of December 18 in relation to Executive Calendar No. 70, Keith Bass.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I say thank you to all the staff here for a very long year and wish everybody a Merry Christmas and happy holidays and ask that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:07 p.m., adjourned until Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL D. ARMSTRONG
COL. JASON S. BAKER
COL. TIMOTHY C. BALDWIN
COL. DENNIS A. BICKETT
COL. JEFFREY M. BILODEAU
COL. WILLIAM L. BLANCO
COL. OLEN C. BRIDGES
COL. MATTHEW D. CALTON
COL. MAXIME C. CASTELEYN
COL. THOMAS P. COMPITELLO
COL. JEFFREY R. CREE
COL. DAVID E. CRENSHAW
COL. ADAM M. CURRY
COL. CHAD W. DANIELS
COL. ANTHONY W. DENNIS
COL. KRISTIN L. DERDA
COL. RUSSELL K. DESJARDINS
COL. CHARLES K. DOUGLAS, JR.
COL. MICHAEL D. EDWARDS
COL. MATTHEW J. ELDER
COL. IAN L. FAWKS
COL. TODD A. FITZPATRICK
COL. BRADLEY M. FRANK
COL. TODD R. FREDRICKS
COL. BRETT J. GAGNON
COL. PETER G. GARVER
COL. RUSSELL W. GIBSON
COL. PAUL C. GRAVELY
COL. MICHAEL J. GRZYBOWSKI
COL. STEPHEN T. GUERTIN
COL. CHRISTOPHER T. GUILMETTE
COL. WILLIAM B. HALL
COL. WILLIAM B. HANNA
COL. RUSSEL J. HARDEN
COL. LOUIS P. HAWKINS, JR.
COL. DONNY W. HEBEL
COL. DAVID M. HELFRICH
COL. WILLIAM L. HENRY
COL. RONALD D. HIGLE
COL. RONALD D. HIGSTEN
COL. VANCE R. HOLLAND
COL. JERAMY D. HOPKINS
COL. WILLIAM L. IRBY
COL. BARRY C. JACKSON, JR.
COL. MICHAEL J. JOCHEN
COL. AARON A. KELSEY
COL. ROBERT J. KINCAID, JR.
COL. KURT K. KOBERNIK
COL. JOHN M. KRUEGER
COL. WILLIAM J. LECATES
COL. BOBBY J. LEE, JR.
COL. MICHAEL M. MAJORS
COL. SHANE M. MARTIN
COL. MICHAEL D. MCCOY
COL. WILLIAM T. MCKNIGHT

COL. SHAWN M. MILLER
COL. JUAN M. MORA
COL. JACK M. MUSHALLO
COL. COREY J. NORRIS
COL. JAN M. OLEEN
COL. ERIC D. ORCUTT
COL. JOSEPH PALADINO
COL. CHANTRY T. PARKER
COL. JEREMY G. PFEIFER
COL. CHARLES R. RANKIN
COL. CHRISTOPHER S. RATCLIFF
COL. ANDREW M. RATCLIFFE III
COL. JAMES D. REESE
COL. MAROCCO V. ROBERTS, JR.
COL. MARCI J. SAM
COL. APRIL L. SAPP
COL. RODNEY D. SEABA
COL. MICHAEL L. SEEK
COL. DEREK M. SMITH
COL. TIFFANY M. SNEED
COL. KENNETH N. SNOW
COL. KURT K. SOUTHWORTH
COL. MARK C. STEVENS
COL. BRIAN J. STRAMAGLIA
COL. CODY J. STRONG
COL. RICHARD M. SUDDER II
COL. RODNEY K. TATUM, JR.
COL. DAVIS K. ULRICSON
COL. AUGUSTO VILLALAZHIGUERO
COL. WILLIAM H. WAGNER
COL. KENNETH R. WALKER, JR.
COL. ROBERT W. WALKER, JR.
COL. KENNETH J. WALSH, JR.
COL. JOE W. WARREN, JR.
COL. JOHN M. WENZEL
COL. CHRISTOPHER J. WESKAMP
COL. MICHAEL A. WILSON
COL. PHILIP A. WINN, JR.
COL. JASON L. WISEHART
COL. ROGER B. ZEIGLER

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. FRANCIS L. DONOVAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARCUS B. ANNIBALE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. SETH E. ANDERSON
COL. ROBERT B. FINNERAN
COL. EDMUND B. HIPPI
COL. ANDRE M. INGRAM
COL. LANCE J. LANGFELDT
COL. REGINALD J. MCCLAM
COL. THOMAS M. SIVERTS
COL. DANIEL J. SKUCE
COL. JOSHUA M. SMITH

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. RICHARD E. SEIF, JR.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 18, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

HENRY MACK III, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JAMES PERCIVAL, OF FLORIDA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.
PEDRO ALLENDE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL POWERS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
BENJAMIN KOHLMANN, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.
AMY HENNINGER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
DAVID DENTON, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

BENJAMIN HOBBS, OF OHIO, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
RONALD KURTZ, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JONATHAN BURKE, OF GEORGIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TERRORIST FINANCING, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.
CHRIS PILKERTON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR INVESTMENT SECURITY.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DAVID COURCELLE, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JEREMIAH WORKMAN, OF OHIO, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEREK THEURER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.
JONATHAN GREENSTEIN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

CRYSTAL CAREY, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

ROSARIO PALMIERI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

JAMES MURPHY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2027.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

KIRSTEN DAVIES, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
DERRICK ANDERSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
JAMES MAZOL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BRADEN BOUCEK, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DOMINICK GERACE II, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JEROME FRANCIS GORGON, JR., OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

BRYAN STIRLING, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THOMAS WHEELER II, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THOMAS ALBUS, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ADAM MILDRED, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HARRY KUMAR, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

JOYCE MEYER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANDREW VEPREK, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION).

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JOHN BARTRUM, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

WILLIAM KIRK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JEFFREY HALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

MITCH GRAVES, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2029.

JEFF HAGOOD, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF EXPIRING MAY 18, 2029.

RANDALL JONES, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2028.