

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4051, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins that are emblematic of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the service and sacrifice of firefighters throughout the history of the United States.

S. 4073

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4073, a bill making continuing appropriations for essential Transportation Security Administration pay and operations during the lapse in appropriations beginning on February 14, 2026, and for other purposes.

S. 4127

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4127, a bill making continuing appropriations for essential Transportation Security Administration pay and operations during the lapse in appropriations beginning on February 14, 2026, and for other purposes.

S. 4139

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 4139, a bill to require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit a report on emerging threats posed to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and for other purposes.

S. 4157

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4157, a bill to prohibit bailouts of digital asset market participants, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 116

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 116, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. RES. 525

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 525, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 526

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 526, a resolution withholding the

pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 654—EX-  
PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE  
SENATE THAT THE UNITED  
STATES SHOULD REDUCE AND  
MAINTAIN THE FEDERAL UNI-  
FIED BUDGET DEFICIT AT OR  
BELOW 3 PERCENT OF GROSS  
DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MCCORMICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

S. RES. 654

Whereas reducing annual deficits to 3 percent of gross domestic product has attracted bipartisan support as a target to stabilize the national debt;

Whereas the budget deficit was \$1,800,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025, or roughly 6 percent of gross domestic product (referred to in this preamble as "GDP"), even in the absence of major new emergency spending;

Whereas the national debt held by the public now stands at nearly \$31,000,000,000,000;

Whereas interest payments on the national debt are now projected to total more than \$1,000,000,000,000, the highest level in American history and more than total defense spending;

Whereas the rising deficits and debt represent a threat to national security, economic growth, and future generations;

Whereas rising deficits also threaten to increase interest rates and the cost of living, reduce the government's flexibility to respond to fiscal emergencies, and create risks of a fiscal crisis;

Whereas the Federal budget ran a sub-3 percent deficit-to-GDP in 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2014, and 2015;

Whereas the Federal Government ran a surplus in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001;

Whereas deficit reduction is best achieved when aiming toward a manageable, meaningful target; and

Whereas Congress has a bipartisan responsibility to enact fiscal policies that promote long-term economic growth and to safeguard future generations, and to be ready for future emergencies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Congress should adopt a fiscal target to reduce the Federal budget deficit to 3 percent of gross domestic product (in this resolution referred to as "the target") or less as soon as possible and no later than the end of fiscal year 2030;

(2) following the achievement of the target, Congress should continue to pursue further deficit reduction with the goal of achieving a balanced Federal budget;

(3) the President should submit budgets designed to create a path to meet and sustain the target;

(4) the congressional budget resolution should set allocations consistent with meeting the target on schedule;

(5) the Committee on the Budget of the Senate should, within 180 days, recommend enforcement options for consideration, which may include points of order and a backstop mechanism for when the target is not projected to be met;

(6) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate should, within 180 days,

recommend changes to the rules of the Senate to ensure that the target can be met, including ensuring that rules of the Senate for budget enforcement are difficult to waive, and that enforcement of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139) is difficult to waive;

(7) the Congressional Budget Office should include statements within its cost estimates for major legislation that demonstrate how the legislation affects consistency toward the target under a current law baseline;

(8) the Joint Committee on Taxation is encouraged to provide supplemental analysis of whether major legislation advances or impedes progress toward the target; and

(9) efforts to meet the target should examine changes to address current levels and the growth of discretionary appropriations, direct spending, and revenues and the gap between current revenues and expenditures of the Federal Government that avoid timing shifts, reclassifications, or other budgetary gimmicks.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4709. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4710. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4711. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4712. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4713. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4714. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4715. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4716. Mr. KIM (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4717. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4718. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4719. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4720. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4721. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4722. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr.

THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4723. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4724. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4725. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4726. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4727. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4728. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4729. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4730. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4731. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4732. Mr. HUSTED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4733. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4734. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4735. Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4736. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4737. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4738. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4739. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4740. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4741. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4742. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4709. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 4. AUDITS OF DETENTION FACILITIES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Private Detention Accountability Act”.

(b) AUDIT REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the Office of Detention Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security completes an audit of a detention facility at which aliens are being detained, the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall submit a report containing the results of such audit and describing the actions that have been taken to remediate any deficiencies discovered through such audit to—

(1) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

(2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;

(3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives; and

(4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(c) RESTRICTION ON DETENTION FACILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Aliens may not be newly housed at any detention facility operated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement unless—

(A) the Office of Detention Oversight has completed an audit of such facility;

(B) any deficiencies discovered through such audit have been properly remediated; and

(C) the report required under subsection (b) has been properly submitted.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The restriction set forth in paragraph (1) shall apply to any detention facility—

(A) commencing operations on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) operating before such date of enactment and about which the Office of Detention Oversight has completed an audit.

SA 4710. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 4. SPENDING LIMITATION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “ICE Funding Accountability Act”.

(b) SPENDING LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts appropriated or otherwise made available under Public Law 119-21 may not be expended—

(1) to pay the salaries of agents or officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection who were hired on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) to recruit, advertise for hiring, or pay retention or sign on bonuses to such agents or officers.

SA 4711. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I insert the following:

Subtitle D—Protection Military, Military Family, and Overseas Voters

SEC. \_\_\_\_ PROTECTING MILITARY, MILITARY FAMILY, AND OVERSEAS VOTERS.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title or the amendments made by this Act, the provisions of and the amendments made by this title shall not apply before the date that is 2 years after the following have been submitted to Congress:

(A) A certification meeting the requirement of subsection (b).

(B) The findings of each member of the Election Assistance Commission with respect to the matters required to be certified under subsection (b)(1).

(C) A report prepared by the Presidential designee documenting the basis for the certification under subsection (b)(1) and including a State-by State impact analysis of effects of such provisions and amendments on absent uniformed services voters (as defined in section 107(1) of the Uniformed and Absentee Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(1))) and overseas voters (as defined in section 107(5) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(5))).

(2) EXTENSION.—

(A) SUBMISSION OF REQUEST.—The chief State election official of a State may submit to the Commission a request up to a 1-year extension of the applicable date under paragraph (1) with respect to the application of any provision of this title to the State.

(B) CONSIDERATION.—The Commission may grant such extension upon a finding of good cause that the State is not yet operationally ready to implement this title without materially impairing or burdening the ability of absent uniformed services voters (as defined in section 107(1) of the Uniformed and Absentee Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(1))) and overseas voters (as defined in section 107(5) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(5))) to register, request, receive, cast, and have counted absentee ballots in elections for Federal office.

(b) CERTIFICATION.—A certification under subsection (a)(1)(A) meets the requirements of this subsection if such certification includes—

(1) a statement, signed by the Presidential designee under section 101 of the Uniformed and Absentee Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301), the Attorney General, and each member of the Election Assistance Commission, that the implementation of the provisions of and amendments made by this Act will not materially impair, delay, burden, or reduce the ability of absent uniformed services voters (as defined in section 107(1) of the Uniformed and Absentee Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(1))) and overseas voters (as defined in section 107(5) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(5))) to register, request, receive, cast, and have counted absentee ballots in elections for Federal office;

(2) a statement, signed by the Presidential designee under section 101 of such Act that the chief State election official of each State has been consulted and has no unresolved objections to the certification under paragraph (1);

(3) a statement, signed by the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and the Election Assistance Commission, that plans for the implementation of this Act and the amendments made by this Act—

(A) will not conflict with the provisions of the Uniformed and Absentee Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301) or the Military Overseas Voting Empowerment