

And I will tell you why. There is a group of people they are trying to protect that would vote for their power. They are not voting for young women. They are not voting for older women. They are voting for power so they can push this nonsense on you all over this country. And enough is enough of it. Enough is enough.

So I hope today when we vote on this bill for the fourth time that men cannot play in women's sports, that when they walk up to vote and say: No, I am against that, look at the damn camera up there and let the people see you vote against women in this country to have the same rights as men when it comes to athletics.

Please do that so we can put your picture on television. Don't vote for this guy next November because there is no possible way that you can elect somebody that believes this nonsense.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). The Senator from Kansas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE OFFICER HUNTER SIMONCIC

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAYS, KANSAS POLICE SERGEANT SCOTT HEIMANN

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following resolutions, en bloc: S. Res. 372, for Officer Hunter Simoncic, who was killed in the line of duty on August 26, 2025, and S. Res. 425 for Officer Scott Heimann, who was killed in the line of duty on September 27, 2025.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged of the relevant resolutions, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. MORAN. 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 resolution (S. Res. 372), with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 3, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

(The resolution (S. Res. 425), with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 30, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

WAIVING QUORUM CALLS

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls in relationship to the Senate amendment No. 4421 and the Schumer motion to suspend rule 25.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative 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 amendment No. 4421 to the motion to concur in the House message to accompany S. 1383 with substitute amendment No. 4420, a bill to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes.

John Thune, Roger Marshall, John Barrasso, Bill Hagerty, Pete Ricketts, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Rick Scott of Florida, Lindsey Graham, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Banks, Jon A. Husted, Joni Ernst, Marsha Blackburn, Ted Budd, Steve Daines, Tommy Tuberville.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on amendment No. 4421 to the motion to concur in the House message to accompany S. 1383 with substitute amendment No. 4420, a bill to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) would have voted "yea."

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 60 Leg.]

YEAS—49

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hawley	Murkowski
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sullivan
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Cramer	Lummis	Tillis
Crapo	Marshall	Tuberville
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	
Graham	Moran	

NAYS—41

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Sanders
Baldwin	Kim	Schatz
Bennet	King	Schiff
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Slotkin
Booker	Markey	Smith
Cantwell	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warnock
Gallego	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden
Hickenlooper	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—10

Coons	Fetterman	Shaheen
Curtis	Kaine	Sheehy
Daines	Kelly	
Durbin	Paul	

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. On this vote, the yeas are 49, and the nays are 41.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is not agreed to.

The motion was rejected.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader.

S. 1383

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have a motion today that asks every Senator a very simple question: Do you want TSA workers to get their pay—yes or no? Are you tired, like many Americans are, of seeing long lines at the airport—yes or no?

If Senators want to pay TSA workers and end the airport chaos, they should support my motion. Our TSA workers cannot be taken hostage for political games, but that is what Republicans have done.

It is unacceptable—unacceptable—to say we will only pay TSA workers if it is attached to a bill that funds ICE with no reforms, but that is what Republicans have done.

Democrats want to pay TSA workers ASAP, no strings attached. A "yes" vote on my motion would start doing just that. This is the only vote—the only vote, not the others—that the Senate has taken that will fund TSA—no ands, ifs, or buts.

This is the first time—the first time—the Senate holds a vote related to paying TSA workers that has zero strings attached to it. This is the only vote that says you are for supporting TSA families unconditionally. All the votes Republicans have pushed so far tie TSA paychecks to fully funding ICE without any reforms.

Republicans say: Sure, we will pay TSA, but only if you keep funding ICE agents without any guardrails whatsoever.

That is not acceptable to the American people.

So, today, my motion makes the matter very simple: Let's pay TSA workers ASAP. That is it—nothing else. We can keep negotiating ICE and CBP separately.

We are having some productive conversations on getting reforms to ICE, and Democrats are going to continue pushing for real, serious reforms

through legislation. But that is an ongoing process that should not get in the way of funding our TSA workers.

So let's keep negotiating the outstanding issues with ICE while sending paychecks to TSA workers now. Let us end the long lines at the airports now. This is the logical, expedient, and correct thing to do.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, this motion—and when I hear the phrases used like “no strings attached” or how “simple” this is—there isn't anything that would be more complicated than this.

This is a Schumer motion to suspend the rules to refer the House message—the bill that we are on—to the Rules Committee, which doesn't have jurisdiction over appropriations or spending, and he is trying to call it a vote to fund TSA.

Mr. SCHUMER. You bet.

Mr. THUNE. I mean, we have had countless votes to fund TSA. We had one yesterday. We have had countless motions by our side to pass a continuing resolution that funds all of DHS—including TSA—and consistently blocked by this side.

So this is a convoluted—I mean, I don't know how you come up with this. This is very—I will give you credit for coming up with something that is this convoluted. But it doesn't do anything that the leader says it does. It has nothing at all to do with funding TSA.

The opportunity to fund TSA has come and gone multiple times here, when we have had votes here on the floor, including as recently as yesterday; and countless motions, continuing resolutions, to fund all of DHS, including TSA, numerous times, over and over and over again. And our colleagues on the other side have blocked it.

Mr. SCHUMER. Would my colleague yield for a question?

Mr. THUNE. Sure. Sure.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this is the only vote available to us because you have filled the tree and not allowed an amendment like this here.

Would the Senator be willing to put this amendment to pay TSA immediately on the tree?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, this is not an appropriations bill. The legislation we are on right now, which has to do with whether or not citizens—and only citizens—ought to be able to vote in American elections has nothing to do with funding the government.

We have had countless votes and countless appropriations bills brought in front of this institution, the U.S. Senate, that actually would fund TSA. And we ought to fund TSA. Let's get to work doing it.

And if that group that is meeting can't come up with a solution here

pretty quickly, things are going to get worse and worse and worse—and they already are. People at airports—anybody who has gone through an airport lately, they don't see what is happening here as “serene.” They see this as a convoluted mess, and that is what is happening across the country if we don't fund the government—DHS—including TSA.

We are all for it. We have tried repeatedly to do it. This has nothing to do with funding TSA. This is a ploy—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else.

Let's vote.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Is the tree full, Mr. Leader?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. The tree, I would say to my colleague from New York, has on it right now a vote that we just completed, and there will be other opportunities to vote on other amendments related to the legislation that we are on here today.

Mr. SCHUMER. Like this past amendment was?

Mr. THUNE. But if we want to have—

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader has the floor.

Mr. THUNE. If you want to have a debate on appropriations, we can have that.

We have made ourselves available. The White House is available. There are meetings going on right now which I hope ultimately lead to a result where we get these Agencies opened up again, including TSA. In order for that to happen, you have to have a willing partner and somebody who is willing to sit down at the table and negotiate with you, which we haven't had until 2 days ago.

Now, hopefully, these discussions will lead to what ultimately will be a result to fund all of these Agencies, including TSA, but that is not what this is about, and you know that.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, we are having productive discussions. I just met with our team 20 minutes ago. We are making some progress. There is more to be made. Each side has its own views.

But why hold pay for TSA workers up when we can do it immediately? Why wait? We don't know how long these negotiations will take. There are some pretty tough positions. We could do it now.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I will just say, when you talk about doing something quickly, referring it to the Rules Committee, which has no jurisdiction over spending, over appropriations, on a bill that has nothing to do with funding these Agencies—but we are happy—we are happy—we will pivot

immediately to fund all these Agencies when you are ready to do it.

I ask for the yeas and nays on this.

CLOTURE MOTION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative 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 motion to suspend the operation of rule XXV, paragraph (n)(1), to permit the Committee on Rules and Administration to consider the pending motion with respect to the message to accompany S. 1383 to fund TSA and as noticed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 16, 2026.

Charles E. Schumer, Alex Padilla, Brian Schatz, Chris Van Hollen, Raphael Warnock, Tammy Baldwin, Peter Welch, Jack Reed, Richard J. Durbin, Amy Klobuchar, Adam B. Schiff, Jacky Rosen, Christopher A. Coons, Tina Smith, Cory A. Booker, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mark R. Warner.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to suspend the operation of rule XXV, paragraph (n)(1) to permit the Committee on Rules and Administration to consider the pending motion with respect to the message to accompany S. 1383 to fund the TSA and as noticed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 16, 2026, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KATIE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 41, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 61 Leg.]

YEAS—41

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Sanders
Baldwin	Kim	Schatz
Bennet	King	Schiff
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Slotkin
Booker	Markey	Smith
Cantwell	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warnock
Gallego	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden
Hickenlooper	Rosen	

NAYS—49

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hawley	Murkowski
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sullivan
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Cramer	Lummis	Tillis
Crapo	Marshall	Tuberville
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	
Graham	Moran	

NOT VOTING—10

Coons	Fetterman	Shaheen
Curtis	Kaine	Sheehy
Daines	Kelly	
Durbin	Paul	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. LUMMIS). On this vote, the yeas are 41, and the nays are 49.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is not agreed to.

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 697.

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 legislative clerk read the nomination of Colin McDonald, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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 legislative 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. 697, Colin McDonald, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Thune, Chuck Grassley, Roger Marshall, John Barrasso, Bill Hagerty, Pete Ricketts, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Lindsey Graham, Thom Tillis, Rick Scott of Florida, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Banks, Jon Husted, Joni Ernst, Marsha Blackburn, Ted Budd.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

SAVE AMERICA ACT

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I am here to talk about the SAVE America Act.

I have had two people already tell me my sign is upside down. The Presiding Officer is probably thinking it. I can tell the pages are too. It is a lot easier to show your photo ID when you go to vote than it is to read the poster. How do I know that? Because I go to vote and I show them my photo ID in Louisiana, which has a long history of, shall we say, people voting who are already buried. We no longer have that history since we have begun to put photo IDs out.

Think about that. It is no imposition upon our people, and now we don't have a problem with voter integrity despite our having had a long history of it, so I am told.

We keep on hearing that it is too difficult, so we have a commonsense, widely supported bill which is being objected to. The same people objecting to this bill don't object to having to show an ID to buy a gun, which is a constitutional right, but when it comes to this constitutional right and protecting its integrity, it doesn't work. The SAVE America Act is supported by 71 percent of Democrat voters and 95 percent of Republicans. If only it were supported by 71 percent of Democrat Senators. That is why I am a proud cosponsor.

You might scratch your head when you hear that some refuse to support it. I think that there is a small left-wing base who opposes this who is very vocal; therefore, that is the genesis of the opposition, but this does not keep an eligible American from casting a ballot. It doesn't take away someone's constitutional right.

I will say MIKE LEE, who is sitting next to me, has been working with those who object to its passage in order to meet their concerns.

For example, one of the concerns is that, if someone marries and changes her name and her driver's license is different than her birth certificate, she won't be able to vote. I just confirmed with MIKE—and he can tell me the page number and the line number, of course—that now all you have to do is sign an affidavit. My wife was born a Layden. When we married, she became a Cassidy. If she went and they said, "Well, your birth certificate says Layden and now you are a Cassidy," she would sign an affidavit. "I am married, and my name is now Cassidy," and—boom—she is there. So, as to the concern that it is discriminatory against women who marry and take their husbands' last names, just sign an affidavit.

Similarly—and, again, I don't always find Mr. LEE the most reasonable person. On this, he has been very reasonable, which is that, when you go originally to vote and you have to prove you are a citizen, MIKE—I am sorry. I should not be addressing him—you can

sign an affidavit establishing that I don't have my birth certificate but that I was born on this date, in this community, and you get to register to vote. The State shall come up with a mechanism by which that is allowed. It is really an attempt to meet the objections of those who oppose this bill. The lack of documentation is not an issue.

By the way, I will also point out, I have lost my birth certificate in the past. I called the place where I was born, and within a week, I had it in the mail, but now I am sure you can do it online. So even should you need a birth certificate—people lose birth certificates all the time. Then they get them back.

We have to show a photo ID or our citizenship sometimes, like, at least on a weekly basis. You fly. You open a bank account. You cash a check. All of those are routine activities of our lives, and you show your driver's license, which is a Real ID.

Those who are opposing this say that they are concerned regarding the woman who marries and takes her husband's name. That has been addressed; that you have to prove citizenship, but you don't have the documents when you go over to vote. That has been addressed; that the very fact of showing an ID is discriminatory. Yet over and over again in life, we show IDs to do things that are part of daily life.

I will note that, when New York City Mayor Mamdani offered New Yorkers a chance to make a little extra money snow shoveling during the blizzard last month, he required not one but two forms of valid ID.

So it is a weak argument when leading Democratic figures are having their citizens show ID. It is a weak argument that you have to endure some incredible hardship to show an ID to vote.

By the way, I have been asked about the talking filibuster. I have supported returning to the talking filibuster since I joined the Senate in 2015. I still remember Jimmy Stewart's "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." It was rough on the Senators, but being rough on the Senators, frankly, kind of pushed people together to get something done. I am from Louisiana. For the longest time, Huey Long had the record for the longest filibuster, but that filibuster eventually either broke him or it broke the Senate in the sense that they were willing to compromise to get something done.

So, to my Democratic colleagues, I ask you to listen to the people. Pass the SAVE America Act.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the SAVE America Act, legislation that I have cosponsored to make certain that only U.S. citizens are voting in our elections.

This legislation would require proof of citizenship in our elections, and it would require that this citizenship be