

to amendment SA 4732 proposed by Mr. HUSTED to the 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:

On page 7, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(d) ACCEPTANCE OF AFFIDAVIT FOR TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION.—Section 303A(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a), is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(B)(i)—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subclause (II), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) an affidavit developed and made available to the individual by the State in which the individual attests that the individual is a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, but does not possess a Tribal identification document with a photograph or an expiration date because the federally recognized Indian Tribe does not issue such identification.”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A)(i), by inserting the following before the semicolon: “or an affidavit described in subclause (II) or (III) of paragraph (1)(B)(i)”.

**SA 4781.** Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4732 proposed by Mr. HUSTED to the 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:

On page 7, strike lines 21 through 25 and insert the following:

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to elections for Federal office held on or after such date.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 303A(f) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a), is amended by striking “1 day” and inserting “1 year”.

(B) Section 311(b)(4) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, as added by subsection (b), is amended by inserting “1 year after” after “303A,”.

**SA 4782.** Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4732 proposed by Mr. HUSTED to the 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:

On page 7, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(d) TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, shall establish a program to provide grants to federally recognized Indian Tribes to develop, enhance, and issue Tribal identification documents that include the name of

the individual, a photograph of the individual, and an expiration date, as determined by the issuing Indian Tribe.

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—Grants under this subsection shall be administered in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

(3) APPROPRIATION.—There are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2026, to provide grants under this subsection. Amounts appropriated under the preceding sentence shall remain available until expended.

**SA 4783.** Mr. WARNOCK 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. —. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Of the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under section 100052 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14” (Public Law 119-21; 139 Stat. 387) (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”), \$2,900,000,000 shall be transferred to the Secretary of Defense and be available to supplement the basic allowance for housing payable to members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Space Force under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

**SA 4784.** Mr. JUSTICE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 858, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Hershel ‘Woody’ Williams National Medal of Honor Monument Location Act”.

**SEC. 2. NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT LOCATION.**

(a) SITE.—Notwithstanding section 8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the commemorative work authorized by section 1(a) of Public Law 117-80 (40 U.S.C. 8903 note) shall be located within the Reserve (as defined in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code).

(b) APPLICABILITY OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—Except as provided in subsection (a), chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall apply to the commemorative work.

**SA 4785.** Mr. THUNE (for Ms. KLOBUCHAR) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 648, honoring the memory, service, and sacrifice of Master Sergeant Nicole M. Amor, United States Army Reserve; as follows:

In the preamble, strike the second whereas clause and insert the following:

Whereas, on March 1, 2026, an unmanned aircraft system attack on Port Shuaiba

killed Master Sergeant Nicole M. Amor, age 39, of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Captain Cody A. Khorik, 35, of Winter Haven, Florida, Sergeant First Class Noah L. Tietjens, 42, of Bellevue, Nebraska, Sergeant Declan J. Coady, 20, of Des Moines, Iowa, Major Jeffrey R. O’Brien, 45, of Waukegan, Iowa, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert M. Marzan, 54, of Spotsylvania, Virginia;

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have six requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in closed session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1 p.m.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a briefing.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 12 noon on Thursday, March 26; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate resume the House message with respect to S. 1383; finally, that the cloture motions filed during Tuesday’s session ripen at 1:30 p.m.

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

## ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senators CASSIDY, WELCH, WHITEHOUSE, PADILLA, and LEE.

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

The Senator from Louisiana.

## REMEMBERING WILLIAM EARL HILTON

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a good friend Sheriff William Hilton, who was tragically killed Monday. Sheriff Hilton was a sheriff in every positive meaningful sense of the word.

He was steady. He was committed. He was there to answer the call when the community needed him. That kind of service is more than just a job, it was his life's calling, and he lived that calling every day.

He was a devoted husband to his wife Billie, a loving father to Shane and Kristy, and a proud grandfather to Slade.

But behind a man with such heavy responsibility is always a strong family, and, indeed, his family loved him, supported him, and stood by him through long, difficult, often 7-day workweeks. A true servant, a man others leaned on.

As Sheriff Wood his deputy and mentee said, "I talked to him almost every day. If I had any questions, who else [could I ask but him]?"

It tells you what you need to know about Sheriff Hilton. He just had lots of wisdom. He retired in 2008. He could have lived a comfortable life fishing. His community asked him to come back as sheriff, and he served two more terms.

By the time he retired for good in 2020, he had served in law enforcement for 50 years. Again, he could have lived comfortably in retirement, but he came back because of his sense of duty.

We rode together once. There was a police ambush in 2016 in Baton Rouge, and a gunman killed four officers. Sheriff Hilton and I rode down to the ceremony for one of them, a lawman paying tribute to a fellow lawman. I always appreciated that.

And there is something to be said about a lawman's realism. Sheriff Hilton certainly had it. He once told me: When you are fighting crime, it is like mowing the grass. You never stop. You just keep on going.

There wasn't any anger. There wasn't any bitterness, just a realism. And it was the task before him, and it was a task he was going to do.

There is a quote about losing a friend that says: The melody he played upon the lives of those around him will never be played quite the same way again.

So while the melody may not be played quite the same way, it will be

echoed by his family, by his community, and by all of us.

I ask that we take just a moment of silence to honor the life of Sheriff William Earl Hilton.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Without objection, it is so ordered.

(Moment of silence.)

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, someone asked me today: Since Senate Democrats keep moving the goalpost on DHS funding, what kind of frustration is there among Republicans?

I replied: Ask the American people how frustrated they are.

Americans are being hurt for some political gain that some Senate Democrats seem to enjoy.

This is the New Orleans Airport. These are the lines. At one point, it was out of the building and into the parking garage. That is on the second floor. They had to come through the parking garage, through the second floor, and down to the mezzanine level in order to get into this line.

It was a 5-hour wait for people to be able to go through the TSA checkpoint. At that point, people had missed their flights. You came to the airport 3 hours early, and you missed your flight after standing in that line.

Now, I am just asking the folks at the airport who came to visit New Orleans—maybe a destination wedding, something for their family, and then they return to whatever State they are from, having a great time—call up the Senate Democrats who are opposing ending the shutdown.

By the way, the rate of callouts from TSA staff exceeded 40 percent over the weekend. You know, they have bills to pay. I am not quite sure what they are doing. It could be that they are driving for Uber or they are driving for Lyft. They are trying to pay their bills. That is the issue here.

By the way, it is not just TSA agents. It is the FEMA agents, the people who help process the claims to rebuild communities after natural disasters. It is the Coast Guard, the people that rescue you when your boat breaks down, the people who are in the boats protecting our naval ships—protecting our naval ships right now on deployment outside of Iran. It is the people protecting us from cyber attacks—the cyber attacks that are coming right now from Iran.

Now every time an offer is made, Democrats say: Nope. It is not quite there yet.

As someone said, they are now rejecting deals which are better than their first offer.

Now, put this in context. Republicans and Democrats negotiated a funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security months ago. At some point, that deal was broken. They said: No, this is not good enough.

Then, 6 weeks ago, they refused to fund the Department of Homeland Security, at which point folks like TSA agents stopped getting paid and FEMA and Cybersecurity and Coast Guard, et cetera.

So Republicans have leaned forward and offered, for example, body cameras. They said they wanted body cameras. I think they wanted \$20 million. I am told the White House has offered over \$100 million for body cameras.

No, now we want something different.

I will just say that at some point, you have to be willing to make an agreement. At some point, you have to decide that a line this long, inconveniencing that many Americans, and not paying TSA agents, FEMA, Coast Guard, and others, is wrong, and you have to accept a deal.

Now, maybe you don't. Clearly you don't. But at some point, you should consider the pain that you are exacting upon fellow Americans, upon people who are not getting paid for 6 weeks even though they have bills to pay.

I want to compliment right now the people who are able to work, whether it is TSA, FEMA, Coast Guard, or Cybersecurity. Let us just thank them. Let us just thank them for doing what they are able to do to protect us even though they have not been paid for 6 weeks.

I will point out that the Department of Homeland Security covers FEMA. I would like the FEMA agents to be paid. Hurricane season starts in 10 weeks. In my State, in the gulf coast, the Atlantic coast, we know what that means. Planning should be taking place now in case a hurricane hits in 10 weeks. That planning is not taking place because people cannot go to work if their Department is shut down.

So if you start to wonder how frustrated Republicans are, ask these people how frustrated they are, and ask the people who are at the end, right where they would be getting checked in, how frustrated they are.

I ask my Democratic colleagues in the Senate to accept "yes" for an answer. If we have actually come to where you were, and you move back, and we have come forward still yet, and you move back once more, maybe at some point, you must examine your priorities. Is it to serve the American people? Is it to make sure that hard-working public servants are paid? Or is it to gain a political objective? I ask you, please, to put the American people first.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

## SAVE AMERICA ACT

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I am going to speak about two topics—the SAVE Act and the war in Iraq. I would like to start with the SAVE Act.

We are debating the SAVE Act, the SAVE America Act. In my view, that