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## Senate

The Senate met at 7:01 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, April 2, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the morning hour be deemed expired.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Journal of proceedings be approved to date.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote on Calendar No. 311, H.R. 7147, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026, as amended, I would have voted nay.

In addition, had there been a recorded vote on tabling the House message to accompany H.R. 7147, I would have voted nay.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. McLaughlin, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7084. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the types of vessels that may enter or operate in navigable waters of the United States or transfer cargo in any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8029. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment to

the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7147), making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4277. A bill to make appropriations for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 4134

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 4134, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require certain restrictions on stocks for Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 655

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were withdrawn as cosponsors of S. Res. 655, a resolution expressing support for the annual designation of the first Saturday after the Spring Equinox as "National Day of Play".

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate the message to accompany H.R. 7147.

The Acting President pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7147) entitled "An Act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.", with an amendment.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to table the House message.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4277

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4277 ) to make appropriations for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026, THROUGH APRIL 13, 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 dates and times: Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m.;

Thursday, April 9, at 12 noon; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 9, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 13; 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, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 672, John Shepherd; finally, that the cloture motions filed on Friday, March 27, ripen at 5:30 p.m.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026, AT 1 P.M.

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.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:04 a.m., adjourned until Monday, April 6, 2026, at 1 p.m.