

Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to establish an additional reporting requirement, and for other purposes.

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to prohibit the use of M-44 devices, commonly known as "cyanide bombs", on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 2203

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2203, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to build safer, thriving communities, and save lives, by investing in effective community-based violence reduction initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 2738

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2738, a bill to establish eligibility requirements for covered educational employees under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, and for other purposes.

S. 3145

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3145, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a comprehensive alternative response for emergencies model under the Medicare program.

S. 3345

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3345, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure accurate payments to pharmacies under Medicaid and prevent the use of abusive spread pricing in Medicaid, and to assure pharmacy access and choice for Medicare beneficiaries and modernize and ensure PBM accountability under Medicare.

S.J. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 98, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United

States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 100

At the request of Mr. GALLEG0, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 100, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against vessels operating in the Caribbean Sea or the Eastern Pacific Ocean that have not been authorized by Congress.

AMENDMENT NO. 4056

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4056 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4016, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4148. Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 320, to authorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes.

SA 4149. Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes.

SA 4150. Mr. GALLEG0 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.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4148. Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 320, to authorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 10. FUNDING CONTROLS.

Section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706), as amended by section 9, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this Act may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

"(f) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this Act that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction."

SA 4149. Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 3(b), add at the end the following:

(13) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43

U.S.C. 3102) is amended by striking subsection (j) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A)) and inserting the following:

"(j) FUNDING; DEFICIT REDUCTION.—

"(1) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this section may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

"(2) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this section that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction."

SA 4150. Mr. GALLEG0 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 may be obligated or expended for the use of military force, the conduct of hostilities, or the preparation for war against or with respect to Greenland.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

VOTE ON BASS NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bass nomination?

Mr. MARSHALL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT

ROCHESTER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Banks	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Reed
Britt	Husted	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Capito	Johnson	Rosen
Cassidy	Justice	Rounds
Cornyn	Kaine	Schmitt
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Crapo	King	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lankford	Shaheen
Curtis	Lummis	Sullivan
Ernst	Marshall	Sullivan
Fetterman	McConnell	Thune
Fischer	McCormick	Tillis
Gallego	Moody	Tuberville
Grassley	Moreno	Wicker
Hagerty	Mullin	Young

NAYS—35

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Sanders
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Bennet	Hirono	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kim	Schumer
Booker	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Cantwell	Lujan	Smith
Collins	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Durbin	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Peters	

NOT VOTING—15

Barrasso	Blunt Rochester	Cramer
Blackburn	Coons	Daines

Graham	Markey	Sheehy
Kelly	Moran	Warnock
Lee	Murkowski	Welch

The nomination was confirmed. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:13 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ANDREW BENSON, OF MAINE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DARCIE N. MCELWEE.

THE JUDICIARY

MEGAN BLAIR BENTON, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, VICE M. DOUGLAS HARPOOL, RETIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WILLIAM BOYLE, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL F. EASLEY, JR.

DANIEL E. BURROWS, OF COLORADO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE AARON REITZ, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

DAVID CLAY FOWLKES, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT

OF ARKANSAS, VICE PAUL KINLOCH HOLMES III, RETIRED.

NICHOLAS JON GANJEI, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE LYNN N. HUGHES, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KEVIN HOLMES, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DUANE A. KEES, TERM EXPIRED.

ZACHARY KELLER, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE BRANDON B. BROWN.

THE JUDICIARY

BRIAN CHARLES LEA, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, VICE JOHN THOMAS FOWLKES, JR., RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BRIAN DAVID MILLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE GERARD M. KARAM.

THE JUDICIARY

JUSTIN R. OLSON, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE JANE E. MAGNUS-STINSON, RETIRED.

AARON CHRISTIAN PETERSON, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE TIMOTHY MARK BURGESS, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RICHARD PRICE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE TIMOTHY A. GARRISON, TERM EXPIRED.

DARIN SMITH, OF WYOMING, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MARK A. KLAASSEN, TERM EXPIRED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate January 5, 2026:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

KEITH BASS, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.