

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Each amount appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation through the last day of the fiscal year for which such amount is appropriated.

SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the following:

“Appropriations made available under section 2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2026.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any sequestration order issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(d)).

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 680—COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBINE DAY OF SERVICE AND HONORING THE MEMORIES OF THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 680

Whereas, on April 20, 1999, 13 individuals, including 12 students and 1 teacher, were murdered in a shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado;

Whereas another 24 individuals sustained physical injuries;

Whereas the tragic events resulted in profound trauma for countless members of the Columbine community that they continue to navigate today;

Whereas we must continue to remember and honor the 13 victims whose lives were tragically cut short, and those whose lives were irrevocably changed by this senseless act of violence;

Whereas a Columbine Day of Service was established in recognition of the students, staff, alumni, first responders, and community members who reacted to the tragedy by pouring love into the Columbine community with dignity, compassion, and solidarity;

Whereas the Columbine Day of Service is a celebration of community and resilience;

Whereas the Columbine Day of Service encourages participants to remember the lives lost, reflect on the lives forever changed, and recommit to acts of service in their communities;

Whereas the global impact of the shooting is reflected in the outpouring of support for Columbine to this day, turning the Columbine Day of Service into a global movement committed to kindness, selflessness, and community building;

Whereas communities from 6 States and 10 countries engaged in the Columbine Day of Service in 2024, which exceeded 60 projects and over 1,600 participants worldwide;

Whereas the State of Colorado recognizes April 20 annually as a Day of Recommitment, demonstrating widespread enthusiasm for community service and redefining the Columbine legacy as one of hope and rebirth; and

Whereas April 20, 2026, marks the 10th anniversary of the Columbine Day of Service; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the remembrance of the Columbine High School shooting and honors the memories of the victims, survivors, and their families;

(2) expresses heartfelt condolences to all those whose lives were forever altered by the Columbine tragedy;

(3) commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Columbine Day of Service and recognizes community service as a fundamental tool used by the Columbine community and others across the world to rebuild from tragedy and strive for new beginnings;

(4) reaffirms the Columbine legacy as one that celebrates the selfless contributions of thousands of students, staff, alumni, first responders, and community members, redefining Columbine beyond the tragic events of April 20, 1999;

(5) urges the community to continue its efforts to empower individuals across the world to invest in their communities and to participate in acts of community service; and

(6) encourages every United States citizen to remember the victims of the Columbine tragedy, commit to acts of gratitude, and participate annually in the Columbine Day of Service.

SENATE RESOLUTION 681—RELATING TO THE LIFE AND DEATH OF CHUCK NORRIS

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. ARMSTRONG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 681

Whereas Carlos Ray “Chuck” Norris was born in Ryan, Oklahoma, on March 10, 1940, and passed at the age of 86 on March 19, 2026, in Hawaii;

Whereas, at age 12, Norris moved to Torrance, California;

Whereas, in 1958, Norris enlisted in the United States Air Force and was given the occupational specialty of air police, now called Air Force Security Forces;

Whereas Norris spent 1 year at an Air Force base in Arizona and then deployed to Osan Air Base in South Korea;

Whereas, while stationed in South Korea, Norris learned the disciplines of Judo and Tang Soo Do, eventually earning a black belt in Karate;

Whereas, in 1962, Norris was honorably discharged from the military and resumed Judo training;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris won his first Professional Middleweight Karate Champion title;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris made his acting debut in “The Wrecking Crew”;

Whereas, in 1972, Norris starred in his first major film, “The Way of the Dragon,” alongside Bruce Lee;

Whereas, in 1974, Norris decided to retire from martial arts after winning his sixth consecutive Professional Middleweight Karate Championship;

Whereas Norris continued to act in more than 20 movies, including “Missing in Action,” “The Delta Force,” and “Sidekicks”;

Whereas, in 1993, Norris made his television debut in the series “Walker, Texas

Ranger” and starred in the series for 9 seasons;

Whereas, in 2005, Norris reprised his role as Ranger Cordell Walker, starring in “Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial by Fire”;

Whereas Norris started a charitable organization called “Kickstart” to provide martial arts training to middle-school students, teach them respect and discipline, and improve their self-esteem;

Whereas, in 1990, Norris created a new martial arts style called “Chun Kuk Do”;

Whereas, in 2001, Norris received the Veteran of the Year Award from the United States Air Force;

Whereas Norris paid his respects to veterans, oftentimes visiting troops overseas;

Whereas, in 2007, Norris was made an honorary marine by Marine Corps Commandant General James T. Conway;

Whereas, in 2010, former Texas Governor Rick Perry named Norris an honorary Texas Ranger, and in 2017, the Texas Senate named Norris an honorary Texan for his role in “Walker, Texas Ranger”;

Whereas Norris was known for both his inspirational and humorous quotes, including—

(1) “When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, it changed my life forever.”;

(2) “There is no substitute for hard work. Always be humble & hungry.”; and

(3) “When the boogeyman goes to sleep he checks the closet for me.”; and

Whereas Norris leaves behind his wife, Gena, children, and grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Chuck Norris; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives.

SENATE RESOLUTION 682—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE BY CONDEMNING THE HANDLING OF THE 2019 UKRAINE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT, CALLING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF THE MATTER, AND DECLARING THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LACKS LEGITIMACY

Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 682

Whereas, on April 13, 2026, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard declassified and released documents and transcripts revealing serious procedural failures and concealments in the handling of the August 2019 whistleblower complaint regarding President Trump’s July 25, 2019, telephone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky;

Whereas, the complaint, which was filed by an analyst of the Central Intelligence Agency who had no firsthand knowledge of the aforementioned telephone call, relied entirely on second- and third-hand accounts, with key witnesses admitting the alleged quid pro quo was “clear only in hindsight” and required “reading between the lines”;

Whereas, although the whistleblower self-disclosed significant potential biases, including registration as a member of the Democratic Party, close professional work with

then-Vice President Joe Biden on Ukraine matters (including travel to Ukraine with Vice President Biden and participation in discussions on Ukrainian Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko's corruption), and personal grievances stemming from his service on the National Security Council during the first Trump presidency, former Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Michael Atkinson redacted or concealed these deeper conflicts from investigators from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives during his testimony on 2019 in which he disclosed only limited information;

Whereas, the whistleblower admitted to misleading investigators about prior contacts with Democratic staff of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and requested that the complaint be hidden from Republican members of the committee;

Whereas, in 2016, then-Vice President Joe Biden publicly boasted of withholding \$1,000,000,000 in United States loan guarantees to pressure Ukraine into firing Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin, an action that occurred while Biden's son Hunter served on the board of Burisma Holdings, raising legitimate questions about potential conflicts of interest that the whistleblower's complaint sought to shield from scrutiny;

Whereas, these concealed biases, procedural irregularities, and reliance on unsubstantiated claims formed the very basis of the 2019 impeachment proceedings, which resulted in the impeachment of President Trump by the House of Representatives on December 18, 2019; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the concealment of material bias information and the use of a flawed complaint to initiate impeachment proceedings against a sitting President;

(2) calls upon the Department of Justice to promptly initiate a thorough, independent investigation into the handling of the 2019 Ukraine whistleblower complaint, including potential violations related to false statements, improper redactions, abuse of the whistleblower process, and coordination with congressional staff;

(3) urges the Attorney General to pursue appropriate criminal prosecutions to the extent warranted by the evidence, consistent with the rule of law and without regard to political affiliation, to restore public confidence in the integrity of the intelligence community and congressional oversight;

(4) declares that the 2019 impeachment of President Donald J. Trump by the House of Representatives, which was predicated on a concealed and deficient complaint, lacks legitimacy and the facts and circumstances upon which Articles of Impeachment were based neither met the burden of proving that President Trump committed "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" nor established that President Trump engaged in "insurrection of rebellion against the United States"; and

(5) commends Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard for her transparency

and accountability in declassifying these materials and sharing the truth with the American people.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee was authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4344

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The leader is correct.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4344) to extend section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 for 3 years.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

RELATING TO THE LIFE AND DEATH OF CHUCK NORRIS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 681, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 681) relating to the life and death of Chuck Norris.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 681) was agreed to.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21; 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, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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 6:33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 20, 2026:

THE JUDICIARY

ANDREW B. DAVIS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.