

Reg. 13043, relating to continuing the reduction of the Federal bureaucracy) to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services;

Whereas eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services would harm the ability of libraries to provide critical resources to millions of people in the United States, especially in rural, Tribal, and other underserved communities;

Whereas the health and survival of democracy in the United States requires that everyone be able to exercise rights to information and services, and it is especially important for young people to have the opportunity to learn, encounter, and debate all manner of ideas, including controversial ones;

Whereas students have been shown to spend more time reading and exhibit higher reading scores when given access to diverse titles, and library staff play a crucial role in curating diverse book offerings for young readers;

Whereas a fundamental responsibility of the job of library staff is making decisions about the books and media in their collections and assisting visitors in accessing those materials without fear of censorship or reprisal for fulfilling the role of providing information and resources to the public;

Whereas PEN America found 6,870 instances of book bans in school libraries and classrooms during the 2024 to 2025 school year;

Whereas libraries and library staff are more capable of providing their communities with access to a diverse, inclusive, and comprehensive selection of books and media when they operate free from threats of book bans and censorship;

Whereas library staff have faced termination and criminalization for refusing to remove banned books from their libraries;

Whereas, from 2024 to 2025, there were deplorable incidents throughout the United States that were orchestrated to intimidate library staff and prevent them from fulfilling their central work responsibility to provide the public with free and unfettered access to information;

Whereas library staff across the United States are mobilizing for a collective union voice in their workplaces to elevate their profession, to ensure safe and adequately resourced spaces that meet the needs of the communities they serve, and to protect the essential role of libraries in the democracy of the United States; and

Whereas the week of April 19 through April 25, 2026, would be an appropriate time to celebrate "National Library Week": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the work of library staff in the United States;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Library Week;

(3) recognizes that libraries and library staff provide critical infrastructure for the United States and are essential to the future of the United States;

(4) supports the prioritization of full funding of library services at the Federal, State, and local levels to ensure the continuation and improvement of library services;

(5) reaffirms—

(A) the fundamental right of the people of the United States to access information, which is made real through the efforts of library staff;

(B) the fundamental right of library workers to organize and collectively bargain at work and to have a protected voice in their workplace; and

(C) the civil rights of library workers to exercise their responsibilities to the public without threats or intimidation; and

(6) recognizes the right of library staff—

(A) to speak out on matters of public concern;

(B) to address themselves to elected officials and to the administration of the entities that employ library staff; and

(C) to inform the people of the United States about their right to free and unfettered access to information, and about threats to that access.

SENATE RESOLUTION 689—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN WOMEN'S POLO TEAM ON WINNING THE 2026 UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 689

Whereas, on March 22, 2026, the University of South Carolina Aiken (referred to in this preamble as "USCA") women's polo team secured a 15 to 6 win against Texas A&M University to win the 2026 United States Polo Association Division I Women's National Intercollegiate Championship;

Whereas this win marks the first national title in program history;

Whereas this win marks the first undefeated season in program history;

Whereas every member of the USCA women's polo team contributed to the successful 2026 United States Polo Association Division I intercollegiate championship season and national title victory;

Whereas the coaches and staff of the USCA women's polo team played a vital role in the success of the USCA Pacers during the 2026 season; and

Whereas the USCA Pacers showed immense strength, resilience, and teamwork to win the national championship: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of South Carolina Aiken women's polo team for an incredible season and for winning the United States Polo Association Division I Women's National Intercollegiate Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the success of the team; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Brianna Jane Jordan, team member;

(B) Madison Ann Jordan, team member;

and

(C) Winifred Anne Branscum, team member.

SENATE RESOLUTION 690—AUTHORIZING THE EN BLOC CONSIDERATION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE submitted the following resolution; which was submitted and read:

S. RES. 690

*Resolved*, That it shall be in order to move to proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar:

(1) Calendar Number 615: Andrew Benson, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of 4 years.

(2) Calendar Number 616: William Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of 4 years.

(3) Calendar Number 617: Kevin Holmes, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of 4 years.

(4) Calendar Number 618: Brian David Miller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years.

(5) Calendar Number 619: Richard Price, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of 4 years.

(6) Calendar Number 620: Darin Smith, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of 4 years.

(7) Calendar Number 621: Gregory LoGerfo, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

(8) Calendar Number 622: Eric Meyer, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

(9) Calendar Number 623: Jennifer Wicks McNamara, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

(10) Calendar Number 624: Frank Weiland, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

(11) Calendar Number 648: Daniel Edwards, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

(12) Calendar Number 649: Steven Haines, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

(13) Calendar Number 650: Robert Harvey, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

(14) Calendar Number 652: Thomas Govan, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of 4 years.

(15) Calendar Number 653: Zachary Keller, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years.

(16) Calendar Number 654: Ryan Raybould, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of 4 years.

(17) Calendar Number 664: Gregory Gilmore, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of 4 years.

(18) Calendar Number 665: Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2031. (Reappointment)

(19) Calendar Number 666: Stevan Pearce, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(20) Calendar Number 667: David LaCerte, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2031. (Reappointment)

(21) Calendar Number 668: Kyle Haustveit, of North Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

(22) Calendar Number 675: Robert Rotter, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of 4 years.

(23) Calendar Number 676: Daniel Satterlee, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of 4 years.

(24) Calendar Number 677: David St. Pierre, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of 4 years.

(25) Calendar Number 678: Brian Birdwell, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

(26) Calendar Number 679: Mark Ditlevson, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

(27) Calendar Number 680: Lee Lipton, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Philippines.

(28) Calendar Number 681: William Long, of Missouri, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland.

(29) Calendar Number 682: Jared Novelly, of Missouri, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Independent State of Samoa, the Cook Islands, and Niue.

(30) Calendar Number 683: Robert Sweeney, of Texas, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

(31) Calendar Number 685: Asel Roberts, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

(32) Calendar Number 686: Wesley Brooks, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

(33) Calendar Number 687: Frank Garcia, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

(34) Calendar Number 688: Matthew Anderson, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(35) Calendar Number 689: Michael Graham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030. (Reappointment)

(36) Calendar Number 690: Richard Kloster, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

(37) Calendar Number 691: Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation. (New Position)

(38) Calendar Number 692: Arvind Raman, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

(39) Calendar Number 694: Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of 4 years.

(40) Calendar Number 695: Phillip Williams, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of 4 years.

(41) Calendar Number 698: James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of 4 years.

(42) Calendar Number 699: Brian Barber, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years.

(43) Calendar Number 700: Steven Lewis, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of 4 years.

(44) Calendar Number 701: Priscilla Lopez, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of 4 years.

(45) Calendar Number 711: Brian Gootkin, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of 4 years.

(46) Calendar Number 712: James Stuart, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for

the District of Minnesota for the term of 4 years.

(47) Calendar Number 714: Yeouk Kim, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

(48) Calendar Number 715: Ademola Adewale-Sadik, of New York, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of 5 years.

(49) Calendar Number 716: Catherine Dillon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

**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 27, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4378**

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4372) to combat fraud in Federal programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. HAGERTY. 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 under rule XIV.

**CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN WOMEN'S POLO TEAM ON WINNING THE 2026 UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 689, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 689) congratulating the University of South Carolina Aiken

women's polo team on winning the 2026 United States Polo Association Division I Women's National Intercollegiate Championship.

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

Mr. HAGERTY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, 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 resolution (S. Res. 689) was agreed to.

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

**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026**

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28; 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 4 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings and joint address.

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

Mr. HAGERTY. For the information of my colleagues, Senators are asked to gather in the Chamber at 2:20 p.m. tomorrow to proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the joint address.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW**

Mr. HAGERTY. 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 7:21 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

DAVID BRAT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

HAL DUNCAN, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE JAMES BISHOP.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

SEAN KAUFMAN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE DAWN MYERS O'CONNELL, RESIGNED.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

JEFFREY LEDBETTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE RAE OLIVER.