

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III briefly returned to private practice at the law firm Hale & Dorr but then returned to public service as a senior prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia's homicide division in 1995, where he prosecuted homicide cases in the capital of the United States;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III was then appointed as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California from 1998 to 2001 and served as the Acting Deputy Attorney General in 2001;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III served as the sixth Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (referred to in this preamble as the "FBI") from 2001 to 2013, when in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, he worked to transform the FBI into an agency capable of embracing its growing counterterrorism and intelligence mission;

Whereas, in 2014, Robert S. Mueller, III again returned to private practice at WilmerHale, and later returned in 2019 until his retirement from the firm in 2021;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III was awarded the 2016 Sylvanus Thayer Award, the highest honor bestowed upon non-graduates by the West Point Association of Graduates, for his commitment to service and his accomplishments that honor West Point's core values;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III was appointed Special Counsel for the Department of Justice on May 17, 2017, a position in which he oversaw an investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in a United States election;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III died on March 20, 2026, after a remarkable life dedicated to serving his country and fellow man; and

Whereas Robert S. Mueller, III is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Ann, his beloved daughters and his cherished grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and legacy of Robert Swan Mueller, III a distinguished combat veteran, and life-long public servant who dedicated his life to honoring the values of honor, courage, and commitment that are central to the United States Marine Corps;

(2) commends Robert S. Mueller, III for his commitment to the rule of law and to defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;

(3) extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to his family; and

(4) requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Robert S. Mueller, III.

SENATE RESOLUTION 722—ADDRESSING THE POLITICIZATION OF WAR CRIMES ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ALLIED SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. SHEEHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 722

Whereas the United States is bound by longstanding military alliances and partnerships with nations, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and other coalition allies, which have stood alongside United States forces in conflicts and international missions over decades, demonstrating shared sacrifice and commitment;

Whereas servicemembers from these allied nations have fought and bled beside United States troops in coalition operations, including collective security and counter terrorism missions in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other conflict zones, and have borne significant sacrifices, as evidenced by the 457 United Kingdom personnel and 41 Australian personnel who lost their lives during the Afghanistan war, among many others from allied countries;

Whereas the special operations forces of these partner nations (such as the United Kingdom's Special Air Service and Australia's Special Air Service Regiment and Commandos) have played an integral role in achieving coalition objectives, demonstrating exceptional courage, skill, and dedication in joint operations to advance global security and stability;

Whereas, in recent years, unjust allegations of war crimes have been raised against members of the special operations forces of certain allied countries, including Australia and the United Kingdom, based on actions during the Afghanistan conflict and other deployments, leading to heavily politicized official inquiries, leading to unwarranted investigations influenced by domestic politics;

Whereas retrospective and politically motivated accusations of war crimes, particularly those surfacing years after the events, without substantial evidence, risk undermining morale and trust by creating a perception that honorable service is being second-guessed for political gain, and such politicization of justice could erode the vital interoperability and cohesion among United States and allied forces;

Whereas the strain that politicized allegations can place on alliances and cooperation is exemplified by the United States warning in 2021 that these politically influenced "findings" of war crimes by Australian special forces in Afghanistan might trigger legal restrictions (under section 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378d) and section 362 of title 10, United States Code (commonly known as the "Leahy Laws")) on United States forces partnering with certain Australian units, thereby imperiling the hard-earned trust and integration between our militaries;

Whereas the United States and its allies share an interest in upholding the rule of law and ensuring that any alleged war crimes are investigated impartially and thoroughly, with due process and respect for justice, but also in ensuring that these processes remain free of political interference or attempts to score partisan or ideological points at the expense of servicemembers' reputations;

Whereas the United States, the United Kingdom, and allied nations conducted military operations in reliance on the Law of Armed Conflict as recognized in their official doctrine and treaty obligations;

Whereas retroactively applying novel or evolving interpretations of humanitarian law to past operations undermines the bedrock principle of legal certainty, invites politicized and selective prosecutions, punishes good-faith compliance efforts, erodes interoperability and trust among allies, inhibits timely decision making in combat, weakens deterrence, and emboldens adversaries who would weaponize legal ambiguity by signaling that service members and commanders cannot rely on the rules in force at the time; and

Whereas the integrity and strength of United States alliances are critical to United States national security, and preserving mutual respect and confidence is essential so that future coalition operations are not hampered by fear that members of the United States Armed Forces could be subject to unfair or politicized legal actions long

after their missions end: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States profoundly appreciates and acknowledges the longstanding alliances with countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia, and other partner nations, and honors the service and sacrifices of their armed forces who have fought alongside United States troops in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other missions, and these sacrifices are exemplified by the lives lost and injuries suffered by allied servicemembers in these conflicts;

(2) allied forces participated in these collective security and counterterrorism operations at the behest of and in support of mutual defense agreements and United States-led missions, and their contributions were integral to the success of those missions, reflecting a shared commitment to global security;

(3) Congress expresses concern that retrospective, politically motivated accusations of war crimes against the special operations forces of United States allies, particularly when raised or revisited long after the fact, risk undermining the mutual trust, interoperability, and morale that underpin the United States-allied military relationships, and such accusations, if driven by political pressures rather than purely by facts and evidence, are viewed as detrimental to alliance unity and the confidence of our servicemembers;

(4) the executive branch, including the Department of Defense and the Department of State, is urged to work proactively with the governments of allied nations, such as Australia, the United Kingdom, and others, to ensure that any investigations or legal processes regarding alleged war crimes by their servicemembers are conducted without politicization, thereby bolstering confidence in the outcomes and reinforcing our mutual trust; and

(5) honoring the sacrifices of allied servicemembers and preserving the strength and cohesion of our alliances is in the national interest of the United States, and while the rule of law must always be respected, the politicization of war crimes allegations for short-term political purposes is strongly discouraged as it runs counter to our shared values and threatens to weaken the crucial alliances that safeguard international peace and security.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5442. Mr. MORENO (for Mr. PADILLA) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 708, amending rule XXXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit Senators from trading on prediction markets.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5442. Mr. MORENO (for Mr. PADILLA) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 708, amending rule XXXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit Senators from trading on prediction markets; as follows:

On page 2, line 1, strike "No Member" and insert "No Member, officer, or employee".

On page 2, line 2, insert "swap," after "contract,".

On page 2, line 3, insert "of an excluded commodity, as defined in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a)," after "delivery".

On page 2, line 5, insert “or contingency. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to apply to insurance for which the insured holds a lawful insurable interest” after “event”.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

It is the sense of the Senate that the House of Representatives, executive branch, and judicial branch should establish restrictions similar to those under section 1 relating to participation in prediction markets.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have three 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 open and closed session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting and a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted for Maddy Libbey, a fellow in my office, for the consideration of S.J. Res. 184.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026, THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned, to then convene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates: Monday, May 4, at 6:45 a.m.; Thursday, May 7, at 10 a.m.; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, May 7, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 11; 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, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session and exe-

cute the order of April 29 in relation to S. Res. 690 and that the cloture motions filed today ripen following disposition of S. Res. 690.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026, AT 6:45 A.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 3:59 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. PAUL D. MOGA

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF SPACE OPERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601 AND 9082:

To be general

LT. GEN. DOUGLAS A. SCHIESS

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

GLADYS E. SCALES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

JOHN M. HEATON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

ANDY BUISSERETH
CHRISTOPHER M. ROWE
ERIC S. SLATER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

KEVIN A. CHESNUT
TREVOR R. ROBLES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

JEREMY D. REED

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

JOSHUA T. KRESOWATY
BLAKE A. MCPHERSON
MARY C. PENNIMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be lieutenant colonel

MATTHEW S. MCGUIRE

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

STEVEN M. WARNER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

GARRETT W. VETTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL J. SIMPSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

STEVEN A. BOLT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

SAMIR J. GLENN-ROUNDTREE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant commander

FRANCES S. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant commander

DANIEL J. CLARK
OSCAR A. FLORENDO, JR.
MOHAMMAD R. KHORSAND
JULIA M. PRICE
MATTHEW S. RASKE
DAVID B. REMIAS
STEPHEN M. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

JAMI LEA G. BUCKLEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

JEFFREY T. CHEWNING

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DANIEL H. TULLEY
MAJ. GEN. DAVID G. SHOEMAKER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. GUILLAUME N. BEAURPERE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JOSEPH F. CAHILL III

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL W. BRANCAMP

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE NAVY AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY WHILE SERVING IN THAT POSITION UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8082:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) CAREY H. CASH