

Let me also say that we are going to have a hearing this week, a spotlight hearing by Democrats, to have these DACA recipients come before us and explain what has happened to their lives. It is heartbreaking. They deserve a chance to be part of America's future. They are doctors, teachers, nurses, entrepreneurs, policemen, military. They are part of America and its future. To blame them as being the worst of the worst and they should be deported is grossly unfair.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHMITT). The Senator from Ohio.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to Executive Calendar No. 728, Kevin Warsh.

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

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, I come today to the floor for a moment of reflection and remembrance of four courageous law enforcement officers in Ohio that we lost in 2025.

As those in this Chamber and across our Nation may know, it is National Police Week, a dedicated time to honor the service and sacrifice of these heroes who protect us every day.

The four officers I am highlighting today lost their lives in the line of duty in 2025. Each of them will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall to honor their lives and dedication to protecting and serving.

HONORING DEPUTY LARRY HENDERSON

I want to start with Deputy Larry Henderson. I remember this incident vividly. Deputy Henderson of Hamilton County was 57 years old. He and his wife have five grown children, and he was also a foster father of two infants.

After 4 years in the Marine Corps, he spent 33 years with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, holding many of the most dangerous jobs in both endeavors.

Deputy Henderson died on May 2, 2025, after being run down by a motorist while working a special detail for the University of Cincinnati's graduation.

Deputy Henderson served his country and his community until his final day, and we remain forever grateful.

HONORING OFFICER PHILLIP WAGNER

Officer Phillip Wagner. Officer Wagner had served with the Lorain Police Department for 4 years and previously with the Sheffield Village Police Department, also for 4 years. He was a 35-year old combat veteran of the Marine Corps and served two tours of duty—including one in Afghanistan.

Officer Wagner was described as a fierce protector—of his family first and foremost but also of his country and his community.

Officer Wagner loved God. He was a faith-filled man and was increasingly finding "peace and rest through his relationship with Jesus," according to his pastor.

He died on July 24, 2025, the day after he and another patrolman were ambushed—they were ambushed—by a gunman as they ate their lunch in their cruisers. It is a truly tragic event for that community and for his family. His wife, three children, and entire family remain in our prayers.

We are forever grateful for the service of Officer Wagner.

HONORING DEPUTY D. "WESTON" SHERRER

Deputy D. "Weston" Sherrer was 31 years old and had marked his fourth year with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

As early as the first grade, Deputy Sherrer declared in a class assignment that his dream was to become a policeman. He said "I want to catch villains, and I'm willing to risk my life for the people of the United States" as a first grader, and that is exactly what he did.

Deputy Sherrer had not only the desire to work in law enforcement but also the courage and temperament. His ability to connect with people fueled his successful career in law enforcement.

Deputy Sherrer was fatally shot on Memorial Day last year during a domestic violence call in Morrow County.

He will be remembered. He will be remembered, and we thank him for his service and his sacrifice to his country now and forever.

HONORING TROOPER NICHOLAS CAYTON

Trooper Nicholas Cayton was 40 years old, married to his high school sweetheart, and father of two children. Trooper Cayton was described as a devoted family man and true public servant.

He was a 13-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol team—a team that I know well—and he served for 7 years in the Ohio Army National Guard.

Trooper Cayton was killed on October 16, 2025, when his cruiser was struck by a truck while he was helping a driver of a disabled tractor-trailer.

His childhood friend stated that "he had such a knack for making people feel welcome." This quality, as well as his charisma, intelligence, and quick wit, served him well throughout his life and his career.

We will continue to mourn his loss and pray for all of those who loved him.

What you see in the lives of all of these officers whom we lost was their love for their family, for their community, and for their country. These heroes gave their lives for their communities and neighbors.

I thank my colleagues for hearing these stories of these Ohioans, these Ohio stories of those who served us, and I thank you all for honoring their service and celebrating their lives.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of S. Res. 690, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

An executive resolution (S. Res. 690) authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

VOTE ON S. RES. 690

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SCHMITT. 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. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 114 Ex.]

YEAS—46

Armstrong	Ernst	Moran
Banks	Fischer	Moreno
Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blackburn	Grassley	Rounds
Boozman	Hawley	Schmitt
Britt	Hoeben	Scott (FL)
Budd	Husted	Scott (SC)
Capito	Johnson	Sheehy
Cassidy	Justice	Sullivan
Collins	Kennedy	Thune
Cornyn	Lankford	Tillis
Cotton	Lee	Tuberville
Cramer	Lummis	Wicker
Crapo	Marshall	Young
Cruz	McConnell	
Daines	McCormick	

NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Cantwell	Fetterman
Baldwin	Coons	Gallego
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Gillibrand
Blunt	Rochester	Hassan
Booker	Durbin	Heinrich

Hickenlooper	Murphy	Shaheen
Hirono	Ossoff	Slotkin
Kaine	Padilla	Smith
Kelly	Peters	Van Hollen
Kim	Reed	Warner
King	Rosen	Warnock
Klobuchar	Sanders	Warren
Luján	Schatz	Welch
Markey	Schiff	Whitehouse
Merkley	Schumer	Wyden

NOT VOTING—9

Bennet	Hyde-Smith	Murray
Curtis	Moody	Ricketts
Hagerty	Murkowski	Risch

The executive resolution (S. Res. 690) was agreed to.

(The executive resolution is printed in the RECORD of April 27, 2026, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 728, Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2026.

John Thune, Ted Budd, Mike Crapo, Mike Rounds, Kevin Cramer, Bill Cassidy, Katie Boyd Britt, Ashley B. Moody, John Boozman, Jon Husted, Roger F. Wicker, Tom Cotton, John Barrasso, James E. Risch, James Lankford, Steve Daines, Shelley Moore Capito.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2026, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 115 Ex.]

YEAS—49

Armstrong	Ernst	Moran
Banks	Fetterman	Moreno
Barrasso	Fischer	Paul
Blackburn	Graham	Risch
Boozman	Grassley	Rounds
Britt	Hawley	Schmitt
Budd	Hoeben	Scott (FL)
Capito	Husted	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Johnson	Sheehy
Collins	Justice	Sullivan
Coons	Kennedy	Thune
Cornyn	Lankford	Tillis
Cotton	Lee	Tuberville
Cramer	Lummis	Wicker
Crapo	Marshall	Young
Cruz	McConnell	
Daines	McCormick	

NAYS—44

Alsobrooks	Kaine	Sanders
Baldwin	Kelly	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kim	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	King	Schumer
Booker	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cantwell	Luján	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Markey	Smith
Duckworth	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warner
Gallego	Murray	Warnock
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warren
Hassan	Padilla	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Reed	Wyden
Hirono	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—7

Bennet	Hyde-Smith	Ricketts
Curtis	Moody	
Hagerty	Murkowski	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 49, the nays are 44. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2026.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, World Press Freedom Day, observed annually on May 3, is not only a celebration of the world's intrepid journalists, but a reminder that journalists and the free press at large are under attack. In 2025, a record number of journalists and media workers were killed, a somber milestone.

International humanitarian law provides clear protection for journalists and civilians, including protection from direct attack and the indiscriminate use of force. International law requires that those engaged in conflict take precautions to verify that targets are lawful, avoid attacks in areas where civilians are present, and facilitate the rapid provision of medical care to the wounded.

Two-thirds of the journalists who died last year were killed by Israeli security forces. As of April 23, 2026, at least 258 journalists had been killed by Israeli security forces since Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. Since then, journalists have been killed by Israel's retaliatory actions in Gaza, Yemen, Lebanon, and Iran.

Israel's pattern of targeted killings is not new or unique to Palestinian and Lebanese journalists. Shireen Abu Akleh was a Palestinian American correspondent for Al-Jazeera. She was fatally shot in the head on May 11, 2022, while covering an Israeli Army operation in the West Bank. Multiple investigations concluded that she was killed by a member of the Israeli Defense Forces. Shortly after, the State Department called for an immediate and thorough investigation in addition to full accountability. To date, there has been no such evidence of an investigation and no accountability.

Throughout the war in Gaza, Palestinian journalists have been killed with impunity—207 Palestinian journalists killed, to date. The world witnessed the shocking strikes at Nasser Hospital on August 28, 2025, which claimed the lives of 22 people, including five journalists, and drew global condemnation. The attack was three successive strikes—a tank shell hit the hospital, killing a Reuters cameraman and others. Nine minutes later, as health workers and journalists came to the aid of the injured, Israeli forces fired two more times.

Israeli forces have been accused of war crimes for utilizing double-tap strikes, which target first responders and journalists. On October 13, 2023, Dylan Collins, an AFP video journalist from Vermont, was fired on by Israeli soldiers in a deadly double-tap attack, despite wearing clear press insignia. The attack killed Reuters journalists Issam Abdallah and wounded several others in the group. Despite repeated efforts by myself and my Senate and House colleagues, there has been no credible investigation or accountability for Dylan or his colleagues.

Just last week, Lebanese journalist Amal Khalil was killed by an Israeli strike. She, too, was clearly identifiable as a member of the press. She died after 7 hours of being trapped under rubble. Ambulances attempting to deliver medical care were also fired upon. Her case reflects a pattern and practice of the use of force that disregards the rights and lives of journalists protected under international law.

These are only a select few of the tragic stories of journalists killed for