

S. RES. 709

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 709, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2026.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 723—HONORING THE LIFE OF DIRK ARTHUR KEMPTHORNE, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MORENO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was born on October 29, 1951, in San Diego, California and raised in San Bernardino, California, where he graduated from San Geronimo High School in 1970, before moving to his long-time home, Idaho;

Whereas, in 1975, Dirk Kempthorne graduated from the University of Idaho, in Moscow, Idaho, with a degree in political science and served as the student body president of the University;

Whereas, in 1977, Dirk Kempthorne married Patricia Galvin atop Moscow Mountain;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was elected as Mayor of Boise in 1985;

Whereas, with his steady, locally driven leadership, Dirk Kempthorne led Idaho's capital city through a transformation period, in which Boise experienced unprecedented job growth and the revitalization of infrastruc-

ture and commerce, and which led to the construction of many of the Boise landmarks residents and visitors know today, including the Grove Plaza, Boise Centre, and the Wells Fargo Building;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne carried his approach to leadership to the United States Senate, when he was elected in 1992 to serve a single, but consequential, term;

Whereas, during Dirk Kempthorne's tenure in the Senate, he—

(1) was recognized by the Majority Leader at the time, Bob Dole, as "one of the Senate's rising young stars";

(2) advocated for Idaho and the West on several key committees, including the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works;

(3) authored and voted for several important pieces of legislation, including the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), which provided much-needed relief for State and local governments burdened by Federal regulations; and

(4) led in writing the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-741; 110 Stat. 1613), a bipartisan effort the Senate passed unanimously and President Bill Clinton signed into law that gave local communities and water systems the flexibility to meet local needs while protecting public health, which was emblematic of Dirk's unique ability to build consensus and deliver real results;

Whereas, in 1998, Dirk Kempthorne returned to his home State and was elected the 30th governor of Idaho;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne built upon the strong foundation set by his predecessor and mentor, Phil Batt, and guided Idaho into the era of prosperity and resilience that residents enjoy today;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne balanced States' rights and proven, community-based solutions and prioritized the responsible stewardship of Idaho's natural resources, including by establishing the Department of Environmental Quality and Office of Species Conservation, which developed wolf and grizzly bear management plans;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne also championed the historic Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) bond program, which provided unprecedented funding for long-overdue transportation improvements across the State;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne implemented numerous economic development and education efforts, including an initiative focused on ensuring every Idaho child could read at grade level by the third grade;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne led Idahoans through the economic recession of the early 2000s and the aftermath of 9/11 with steadiness and compassion;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was confirmed as the 49th United States Secretary of the Interior under President George W. Bush on May 26, 2006;

Whereas, as Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne brought Idaho's common sense and shared values to the executive branch, as he spearheaded the Department's work to ensure America's public lands were preserved and managed wisely, balancing conservation with the needs of the communities that depended on them;

Whereas, as he had done throughout his life, Dirk Kempthorne prioritized collaboration and local input, particularly when it came to forest health, species management, and wildfire prevention, and his dedication to the outdoors continued to his last day, through his support for the World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise and The Peregrine Fund;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was guided by the belief that cooperation, not confrontation, should be the hallmark of conservation efforts;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne's steadfast advocacy for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States was another core pillar of his leadership;

Whereas, most recently, Dirk Kempthorne had devoted his talents to initiatives supporting the families of servicemembers, including Operation Military Blessings, and the commissioning of the USS *Idaho*;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne's leadership on the USS *Idaho* Commissioning Committee helped to ensure the success of the ship and to raise enough to provide scholarships to every crew member and their family for the life of the ship;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne's incredible legacy will live on in the heart of the USS *Idaho*, as its engine room is named in his honor and bears a plaque that reads, "The Honorable Dirk A. Kempthorne, A Driving Force for the Great State of Idaho, Whose Legacy Endures, Above and Below the Waves"; and

Whereas Idahoans owe a debt of gratitude to Dirk Kempthorne for a lifetime spent shaping what he called the "43rd star in the galaxy of states that make up the greatest nation in the world": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Dirk Kempthorne, former Member of the Senate;

(B) mourns the loss of Dirk Kempthorne and prays for his loved ones, including his children Heather and Jeff, and his wife of nearly 50 years, Patricia;

(C) remembers Dirk Kempthorne as a friend, a dedicated public servant, and an advocate for Idaho, veterans, the great outdoors, and more;

(D) directs the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) to communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Dirk Kempthorne; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Dirk Kempthorne.

SENATE RESOLUTION 724—RECOGNIZING THE ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN BUILDING AND ENHANCING THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WELCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of the United States;

Whereas teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their

students and communities for the selfless dedication of the teachers and staff to community service and the futures of the children of the United States;

Whereas the purposes of National Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated from May 4, 2026, through May 8, 2026, are—

(1) to raise public awareness of the unquantifiable contributions of teachers; and

(2) to promote greater respect and understanding for the teaching profession; and

Whereas students, schools, communities, and a number of organizations representing educators are recognizing the importance of teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) thanks the teachers of the United States; and

(2) promotes the profession of teaching and the contributions of educators by encouraging students, parents, school administrators, and public officials to recognize National Teacher Appreciation Week.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to grant floor privileges for my interns on their shadow days, on the following dates: Violet Sheehan on May 13, 2026; Jack Schallich on May 20; Nensi Hayotsyan on June 2; Joseph Novak on June 3; and Aurelia Leowinata on June 10.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 4486

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4486) to amend title 3, United States Code, to prescribe a process to authorize certain activities at the Executive Residence at the White House, and for other purposes.

Mr. TILLIS. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

MEDAL OF SACRIFICE ACT OF 2025

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3497 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3497) to establish a medal of service for law enforcement officers and first responders.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. TILLIS. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 3497) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

BABY CHANGING ON BOARD ACT

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 378, S. 71.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 71) to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Baby Changing on Board Act”.

SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OF BABY CHANGING TABLES ON AMTRAK TRAINS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 24313 the following:

“§24314. *Baby changing tables*

“(a) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

“(1) *ADA-COMPLIANT PUBLIC RESTROOM.*—The term ‘ADA-compliant public restroom’ means a restroom that is not in a private accommodation and complies with the requirements set forth in section 242(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12162(a)).

“(2) *BABY CHANGING TABLE.*—The term ‘baby changing table’ means an elevated structure generally designed to support and retain a child with a body weight of up to 30 pounds in a horizontal position for the purpose of allowing an individual to change the child’s diaper, including pull-out or drop-down changing surfaces.

“(3) *COVERED PASSENGER RAIL CAR.*—The term ‘covered passenger rail car’—

“(A) means a passenger rail car that—

“(i) is owned and operated by—

“(I) the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (commonly known as ‘Amtrak’); or

“(II) another intercity passenger rail service provider that—

“(aa) is the recipient or subrecipient of Federal financial assistance; or

“(bb) is a primary beneficiary of Federal financial assistance from a project for which another entity has received Federal financial assistance;

“(ii) is newly built and was solicited for purchase after the date of the enactment of the Baby Changing on Board Act; and

“(iii) has at least one restroom that is not in a private accommodation; and

“(B) does not include—

“(i) a private rail car; or

“(ii) a historical or antiquated rail passenger car (as defined in section 304(c)(2) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12184(c)(2))).

“(4) *PRIVATE RAIL CAR.*—The term ‘private rail car’ means rail rolling equipment that is used only for excursion, recreational, or private transportation purposes.

“(b) *BABY CHANGING TABLES.*—

“(1) *IN GENERAL.*—All covered passenger rail cars shall have a baby changing table in at least one restroom, and when an ADA-compliant public restroom is present in the covered passenger car, such restroom shall have a baby changing table.

“(2) *SIGNAGE.*—Each restroom described in paragraph (1) shall clearly indicate with signage the presence of a baby changing table and such baby changing tables shall be clearly identified with signage.”.

(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The chapter analysis for chapter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 24313 the following:

“24314. *Baby changing tables.*”.

Mr. TILLIS. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 71), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

988 LIFELINE LOCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2025

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar 379, S. 3199.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3199) to establish a multi-stakeholder advisory committee tasked with providing detailed recommendations to address challenges to transmitting geolocation information with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “988 Lifeline Location Improvement Act of 2026”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) *911 SYSTEM SERVICE PROVIDER.*—The term “911 system service provider” has the meaning given the term “covered 911 service provider” in section 9.19(a)(4) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(2) *APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.*—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

(C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(3) *DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.*—The term “dispatchable location” has the meaning given that term in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(4) *EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.*—The term “emergency communications center” means—