

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 729) recognizing and honoring Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and the Corps of Discovery, for their expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase.

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

Mr. SCHMITT. 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. 729) was agreed to.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

E15

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, folks, we all know energy security is national security. Right now, what is left of the brutal Iranian regime is holding the world hostage and targeting the flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz. That is unacceptable.

Instead of Americans paying more at the expense of Iranian terrorists, we should be using every tool at our disposal to ensure price stability—especially at the gas pump. That is why I have been a longtime champion of unleashing domestic energy, including higher blends of homegrown ethanol, and giving retailers the choice of offering a lower cost, American-made fuel solution.

Last night, the House, through the leadership of the entire Iowa delegation, passed commonsense legislation to unleash year-round E15, which will lower prices at the gas station and at the same time provide new markets for Iowa farmers.

Folks, I have heard it over and over again: This is a mandate.

This is not a mandate. E15 simply gives consumers yet another, more affordable choice at the pump. It is about choice. Again, it is not a mandate; it is just another choice at the pump.

We have seen it work. Thanks to President Trump's approval of summertime sales of E15, this Memorial Day weekend, Americans are estimated to save \$110 million just by using E15. That is real savings. And with the House's inclusion of my provision to cut redtape, we can completely avoid costly fuel infrastructure upgrades and unlock E15 at every gas station or truckstop across the country.

Congress should be using all the tools at our disposal to give every family the chance to take part in those savings,

deliver certainty and stability for consumers, and drive down prices for Americans from coast to coast.

It is no surprise President Trump has long supported this "America First" policy that improves affordability and keeps our energy supply secure. Even dating back to 2016, President Trump championed the option for consumers to have access to E15, and earlier this year, in Iowa, he called for Congress to pass E15 legislation and deliver it to his desk so he could sign it without delay.

Mr. President, we are on it. The House got it done last night, and now it is the Senate's turn.

Let me emphasize for all who are listening that our large oil companies, those truly small oil refineries, our fuel retailers, our ag associations, and the biofuel groups have all created and support this E15 agreement. That is from large oil companies all the way to the farmers—they support the deal that was passed in the House. And I want to thank everyone that has come forward to support the House legislation.

There are a few folks out there that don't agree with this deal. These are the so-called midsize refineries. Those midsize refiners are the ones that are gaming the system and are falsely describing what the E15 deal will do.

Again, large oil companies and those small oil companies—they agree with our biofuel producers and support the E15 legislation.

The midsize refiners that are trying to kill this year-round E15—and I will tell you, there are only six midsize refiners. Six. Those six midsize fuel refiners that are trying to kill this bill made more—just six of these refiners made more in 2026 so far, and will continue this trend, than the 3.32 million family farms have made in 2026. Six. Six refiners are making more than the 3.32 million American family farms. Those are the six refiners—just six—that are trying to kill this bill in the U.S. Senate.

So, again, I want to say thank you so much to those large oil companies, the truly small oil refiners, our fuel retailers, our ag associations, and our biofuel groups, and mostly to our American farmers. I want to say thank you so much for coming together to create sensible legislation on E15 year-round that will help every American consumer that is fueling at the pump have another choice—not a mandate but a choice.

And I will tell you what—because I use ethanol back home in Iowa, when I am fueling my vehicle—that when I pull up to the pump, the choice I make is the cheaper alternative that supports our American farmers, and that is E15. And I am proud to support it.

I am encouraging all of our Members here in the U.S. Senate to support this really commonsense legislation that has come forward from the House. Support our hard-working Americans. There should be absolutely no more delay.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previously scheduled rollcall vote begin immediately.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The senior assistant executive 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 and the provisions of S. Res. 690 (119th Congress), do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Executive Calendar Nos.: 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 648, 649, 650, 652, 653, 654, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 694, 695, 698, 699, 700, 701, 711, 712, 714, 715, 716 en bloc.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, Mike Crapo, Ted Budd, James Lankford, Joni Ernst, David McCormick, Steve Daines, John Kennedy, Pete Ricketts, John Cornyn, Ashley Moody, Jon Husted, Roger Marshall, John Hoeven, Bill Hagerty.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask consent that the reading of the numbers be waived.

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

By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the en bloc nominations, provided for under the provisions of S. Res. 690, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 124 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Armstrong	Fischer	Moody
Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Collins	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	McCormick	Young

NAYS—46

Alsobrooks	Blumenthal	Cantwell
Baldwin	Blunt Rochester	Coons
Bennet	Booker	Cortez Masto

Duckworth	Klobuchar	Schiff
Durbin	Luján	Schumer
Fetterman	Markey	Shaheen
Gallo	Merkley	Smith
Gillibrand	Murphy	Van Hollen
Hassan	Murray	Warner
Heinrich	Ossoff	Warnock
Hickenlooper	Padilla	Warren
Hirono	Peters	Welch
Kaine	Reed	Whitehouse
Kelly	Rosen	Wyden
Kim	Sanders	
King	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—3

Cassidy	Moran	Slotkin
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46.

The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 690, the nominations listed therein are pending en bloc.

The Senator from North Dakota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAMER. 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 ENFORCEMENT FILING

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, S. Con. Res. 33, the fiscal year 2026 congressional budget resolution, included a provision authorizing the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget to file enforceable levels in the Senate in the event the budget was agreed to without the need to appoint a committee of conference on the measure. The Senate adopted S. Con. Res. 33 on April 23, 2026, and the House agreed to the resolution without changes on April 29. As such, I am submitting the required filing.

Specifically, section 4101(b) of the fiscal year 2026 congressional budget resolution requires the chairman to file an allocation for fiscal year 2026 for the Committee on Appropriations and an allocation for fiscal years 2026, 2026–

2030, and 2026–2035 for committees other than the Committee on Appropriations.

Section 2002 of the fiscal year 2026 budget resolution included reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary. Each committee was instructed to increase deficits over the 2026 to 2035 period by not more than \$70 billion. Pursuant to section 3001(b) of the resolution, I am holding the corresponding amounts in reserve until the consideration of reconciliation legislation.

For purposes of enforcing the Senate's pay-as-you-go rule found in section 4106 of the fiscal year 2018 congressional budget resolution, H. Con. Res. 71, I am resetting the Senate's scorecard to zero for all fiscal years.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

[\$ in billions]

	Budget Authority	Outlays
Appropriations:		
General Purpose Discretionary	1,671.860	1,893.636
Memo:		
on-budget	1,665.209	1,887.059
off-budget	6.651	6.577
Mandatory	1,803.869	1,780.213

Note: The allocation includes adjustments for certain program integrity and wildfire suppression funding pursuant to section 314(g) of the Congressional Budget Act and section 4004 of S. Con. Res. 14, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022. It does not include amounts that have been designated as being for an emergency requirement or that have been exempted from budget enforcement by statute.

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEES OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS

[\$ in billions]

	2026	2026–2030	2026–2035
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry			
Budget Authority	197.531	1,015.091	2,086.259
Outlays	178.379	918.246	1,861.845
Armed Services			
Budget Authority	309.167	1,061.345	2,152.495
Outlays	339.097	1,185.515	2,280.031
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs			
Budget Authority	26.176	82.079	274.869
Outlays	–19.359	–147.322	–194.126
Commerce, Science, and Transportation			
Budget Authority	28.301	110.564	204.019
Outlays	27.073	134.043	220.987
Energy and Natural Resources			
Budget Authority	9.300	47.528	102.757
Outlays	13.832	73.107	133.282
Environment and Public Works			
Budget Authority	68.466	336.280	663.378
Outlays	9.776	39.921	62.162
Finance			
Budget Authority	4,484.121	24,837.788	57,544.012
Outlays	4,470.945	24,775.446	57,414.014
Foreign Relations			
Budget Authority	59.209	297.397	593.120
Outlays	53.850	282.656	578.328
Homeland Security and Government Affairs			
Budget Authority	192.793	1,008.416	2,126.793
Outlays	194.041	1,013.008	2,108.178
Judiciary			
Budget Authority	24.267	143.758	278.128
Outlays	35.702	249.858	416.919
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions			
Budget Authority	53.768	220.879	389.482
Outlays	48.271	196.496	363.671
Rules and Administration			
Budget Authority	0.055	0.287	0.606
Outlays	0.121	0.479	0.806
Intelligence			
Budget Authority	0.514	2.570	3.084
Outlays	0.514	2.570	3.084
Veterans' Affairs			
Budget Authority	303.305	1,719.352	3,880.041
Outlays	300.593	1,709.999	3,863.615
Indian Affairs			
Budget Authority	2.418	11.577	23.451
Outlays	2.610	12.559	24.194
Small Business			
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000