

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, 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 be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

RETURN OF PAPERS REQUEST—
H.R. 1834

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the papers with respect to H.R. 1834 be returned to the House of Representatives at their request.

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

HONORING THE LIFE, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND LEGACY OF BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. BARRASSO. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 585, 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. 585) honoring the life, achievements, and legacy of Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. 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. 585) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND RICHARD SMALLWOOD, A WORLD-CLASS COMPOSER, PIANIST, AND ARRANGER

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 584, 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. 584) honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Richard Smallwood, a world-class composer, pianist, and arranger.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. 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. 584) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AH-64 APACHE ATTACK HELICOPTER TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 519 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 519) recognizing the achievements and contributions of the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter to the national defense of the United States and its allies and honoring the dedication, service, and sacrifice of the United States Army aviators, maintainers, and support personnel who operate and sustain the Apache.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the Kelly amendment to the preamble be considered and agreed to; that the preamble, as amended, 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. 519) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4233) to the preamble was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the preamble)

In paragraph (4) of the sixth whereas clause, strike "2011" and insert "2010".

In paragraph (4) of the sixth whereas clause, strike "and" at the end.

Between paragraph (5) of the sixth whereas clause and the seventh whereas clause, insert the following:

- (6) Operation Just Cause;
- (7) Operation Freedom's Sentinel (2015-2021); and
- (8) Operation Atlantic Resolve;

In the eighth whereas clause, strike "18" and insert "16".

The resolution with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 519

Whereas, on September 30, 1975, the Apache attack helicopter prototype YAH-64 took its first flight, marking a defining milestone in the history of aviation and defense innovation;

Whereas the AH-64 Apache was designed as a twin-engine, tandem-seat, heavy attack

helicopter capable of providing close air support, deep strike, and reconnaissance missions under adverse conditions;

Whereas, since its first flight, the AH-64 Apache has become the most advanced, combat-proven attack helicopter in the world, amassing more than 5,200,000 total flight hours, including over 1,300,000 combat hours, in defense of the United States and its allies;

Whereas the AH-64 Apache has undergone continuous modernization, from the AH-64A through the AH-64E, incorporating digital avionics, advanced sensors, and networked weapons systems to enhance survivability, lethality, and interoperability;

Whereas production and sustainment of the AH-64 Apache have been carried out at facilities across the United States, with final assembly in Arizona and a supplier base across 46 States, reflecting decades of leadership of the United States in aerospace design, engineering, and advanced manufacturing;

Whereas the AH-64 Apache has played a decisive role in major combat operations, including—

- (1) Operation Desert Storm (1991), where it conducted the opening strikes of the Gulf War;
- (2) Operation Allied Force (1999), during the conflict in Kosovo;
- (3) Operation Enduring Freedom (2001-2014), providing close air support and reconnaissance in Afghanistan;
- (4) Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2010), supporting ground operations and counter-insurgency missions;
- (5) Operation Inherent Resolve (beginning in 2014 and ongoing as of the date of the introduction of this resolution), conducting precision strike operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria;
- (6) Operation Just Cause;
- (7) Operation Freedom's Sentinel (2015-2021); and
- (8) Operation Atlantic Resolve;

Whereas the AH-64 Apache attack helicopters operate from key United States Army installations around the world, including the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and 4 Army National Guard battalions;

Whereas the AH-64 Apache also serves with 16 allied and partner nations, strengthening global security and coalition interoperability and continuing to prove the indispensable role of the AH-64 Apache on the modern battlefield, including in counter-unmanned system efforts;

Whereas the AH-64 Apache continues to demonstrate versatility, resilience, and decisive battlefield capability in combat operations around the world; and

Whereas, on the 50th anniversary of the first flight of the AH-64 Apache, it is fitting to recognize the extraordinary innovation, dedication, and service that have defined the aircraft and the individuals who have designed, built, and maintained it: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements and contributions of the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter to the national defense of the United States and its allies;

(2) honors the dedication, service, and sacrifice of the United States Army aviators, maintainers, and support personnel who operate and sustain the AH-64 Apache;

(3) acknowledges the enduring role of the AH-64 Apache in ensuring that the United States maintains unmatched close air support and precision strike capability; and

(4) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026, THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess to then reconvene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times: Friday, January 16, at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday, January 20, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, January 22, at 11 a.m.; further, that when the Senate recesses on Thursday, January 22, it stand in recess until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 26; that following the prayer and pledge, 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; finally, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motion filed today ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand in recess under the previous order under the provisions of S. Res. 585 following the remarks of my colleagues.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

SENATE PAGES

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, there is something extraordinary that happens when we are here in the Senate. Every cycle, we see numerous young people who come here to—one might call them indentured servants. They are the pages.

I have come to have a lot of respect for KATIE BRITT, but my work with her every year in getting to know the pages—we have a little lunch—it is something I really treasure.

Senator BRITT could not be here now. The schedule—we were supposed to do this earlier in the afternoon. But I want the pages to know that I think she is pretty broken-hearted that she can't be on the floor right now.

She and I together worked to judge the poetry competition. She was very disappointed that she could not be here to read the successful poems. But even more so, I think what she really wanted to do was to express her gratitude to this extraordinary group of young people who are assembled on the Senate floor before us.

So what I want to do is in two parts, with the latitude of the Chair, I am going to talk about the poetry competition and then share some parting words with the pages.

First, they are already annoying me—as they often do—because I cannot

see you guys, all. So the pages who are sitting down and cannot eyeball me, please join the other pages who are standing so we can have a better look. I want to look into your eyes just in case my harsh words make any of you cry.

That is much better. That is much better.

Mr. President, we had a poetry competition. I want you to know this poetry competition was different than all the other poetry competitions we have had with pages. First of all, they were recalcitrant. Very few of them even participated, to begin.

So we did something we never, ever did before. We extended the deadline, and then I bullied and badgered—I admit this on the Senate floor. I bullied and badgered some high school students into complying with the poetry competition, and we got a large number of poems, a large number of participation from the pages.

I am proud, proud of your page participation that has lasted until today.

Now, what I did not expect is for their poems to be so good. I was actually literally shocked. I look at you all, and I just don't expect greatness. But your poems were exceptional. I literally texted Senator BRITT in agony.

I was like, how do we decide on which poems to choose, because in past page classes—I hope they are listening out there in the world. They are just so top class. So it was very difficult.

Katie and I went back and forth. We did a lot of consternation, and we came up with the winners.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all the page poems be—I have never done this before—but all the page poems that were written this time—all of you that wrote poems should be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD with their names because I did not see names. They were all anonymous to me. I don't know which pages they were. I don't know if they were Republican or Democrat. I don't know if they were the pages that told me bad jokes or the pages that told me really bad jokes because there were really just two categories in this class.

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

BY LILLIANA GRINBERG

On the rostrum's step I take my place,
Except my pins and shoes, in navy monochrome.

From the chamber I move with an awestruck face

Through marble halls, the nation's home.

I carry notes through the aisles,

Or on the rostrum I stay put.

I learn that power walks in measured miles
And history hums softly underfoot

Long hours teach me how to stand so still,

To remain unphased as voices rise and clash.

In the chaos I feel a chill;

This will be over in but a flash.

Here is where I have served, and where I see
The making of the world that is, and the
world that ought to be.

BY LILLIANA GRINBERG

“Polarization at an all-time high,”

The newspapers report, day after day.
My time here has shown me it's not a lie;
I have seen it in every no and yeah.

This is no longer the way things will go,
For our generation will pave the way.
We are through waiting until tomorrow,
This is our duty; we'll do it today.

The Pages of fall twenty-twenty-five
Discuss, argue, debate and disagree,
Our voices echoing with every strive
To from one another's perspective see.

My fellow Pages across the aisle:
Let our divide be only by miles.

BY LILLIANA GRINBERG

It's a new day, here in the Capitol:
Prayer and pledge and now hear the gavel.
Under these gilded ceilings, then and now
interweave;

It's where we see what is, and what ought to be.

Joking through the tired and laughing
through the stress;

Praying that each scramble will turn into
success;

Voting and speeches and printing amend-
ments,

Debates and objections and unanimous con-
sensus.

We leave this world made of marble and to
Webster Hall we return;

Where our bodies may rest, but our minds
will still churn.

We all have no clue what tomorrow will
bring;

Best and brightest, to this place we will
cling.

We will cling to the chamber, and the flag on
its staff.

We will cling to this group, every lesson and
laugh.

THE SHOES OF THE SENATE

BY STEPHEN JIANG

Gliding across the tiled floors are a hundred
pairs

Of shoes like loafers and running kicks, we
discern

From our vantage, but hidden when C-SPAN
airs

Behold the resolute heels of Senator Black-
burn!

They've traveled here from Alabama's water-
falls

Tracking dust from Jersey streets onto the
blue rugs

Long ago, Webster's boots echoed across
these halls

Stepping over many tobacco spittoon jugs.

Do I belong here? Could I fill these sacred
shoes?

Those grand wooden doors swung open for
you and me

Step in, fear not the faces you've seen on the
news

When in doubt, we stay grounded on our own
two feet

We'll push ahead, one foot in front of an-
other

Across the aisle. . .there's a lot to discover.

O SENATE

BY JACE MILES

Shall I compare thee to a session day?

Divided it is and together they come,

A place vibrant and unique in every way.

Jacks of all trades but mastered by one.

They call it antediluvian,

Some say it is great.

I will admit it is not arcadian,

Because everyone goes to bed pretty late.

To the parliamentarians, clerks, and Sen-
ator's prowess,

To the Pages and doorkeepers whose faces
beam.

In the Senate no one engages in Churlish-
ness,