

Klobuchar
Luján
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Ossoff
Padilla
Peters

NOT VOTING—3

Bennet
Markey
McConnell

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 45. 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 Matthew A. Schwartz, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business for the purposes of the majority leader to make a motion to proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 415, S.J. Res. 185, only.

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

DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 415, S.J. Res. 185.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 415, S.J. Res. 185, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

VOTE ON MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL).

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

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 192 Leg.]

YEAS—47

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

NAYS—50

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

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet
McConnell

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

APPOINTMENTS

The Presiding Officer. The Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100-702, the appointment of the following individual to the board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation Board: Brenna Bird of Iowa.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 11-123, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual as a Member of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: Ryan T.E. Martin of Virginia.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all Members of the Republican conference be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from June 25 through July 13.

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

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to com-

missions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4876

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The leader is correct.

The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4876) to improve handling of vacancies of the Director of National Intelligence, and for other purposes.

Mr. THUNE. In order to place the bill on the calendar under provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 792, S. Res. 793, and S. Res. 794.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 795, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 795) commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 795) was agreed to.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that 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 preamble was agreed to.

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

NATIONAL WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 741.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 741) designating May 2026 as "National Wildfire Preparedness Month".

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 741) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of May 20, 2026, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar No. 774; and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Coast Guard, with the exception of Jesse M. Millard (PN846) and Ronzelle L. Green and Tabitha A. Schiro (PN849); that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

The following named officer for appointment to serve as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 309(b):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Dorothy J. Hernaez

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 2121(e):

To be lieutenant commander

Tevin A. White

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

IN THE COAST GUARD

* PN791 - 1 COAST GUARD nominations (407) beginning EDWARD J. ABMA, and ending DEVON D. ZYCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 29, 2026.

* PN845 COAST GUARD nomination of Jon M. Kreischer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2026.

* PN1077 COAST GUARD nominations (8) beginning CHRISTOPHER P. RABALAIS, and ending TODD A. RAY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 4784

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motion with respect to Calendar No. 436, S. 4784, ripen following disposition of the Schwartz nomination on July 14.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

IRAN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to reflect on the costs of war. The heaviest burden is always paid by those who serve. In the President's war of choice against Iran, 13 American servicemembers have lost their lives, their families forever affected.

The damage to the global economy and the American economy also has been staggering. Energy prices and commodity prices worldwide have skyrocketed, worsening global poverty and food insecurity rates. At home, gas prices rose to an average of \$4.56 a gallon, the highest we have seen in 4 years. Mortgage rates jumped, and operating expenses surged for American farmers.

Moody's Analytics put the total U.S. cost at \$132 billion when factoring in military spending, rising prices, and interest rates. Every dollar spent on war is 1 less dollar to improve healthcare or repair our roads.

Here is another cost associated with the Iran war: \$29 billion. That is the es-

timate that Pentagon officials shared during a Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee hearing last month. That figure includes only short-term operational expenses and the costs associated with replenishing some munitions. However, it does not include the heavy cost required to repair or rebuild U.S. military bases and facilities in the Middle East that sustained damage from Iranian retaliatory strikes. And every service Secretary has come to Congress to tell us they are running out of money and will need to delay critical training for troops, defer maintenance on military bases, and pause duty station changes.

Yet, while Pentagon officials testified before Congress that the war apparently only cost \$29 billion, they were reportedly putting together a supplemental request for upwards of \$80 billion. That is on top of the \$1.5 trillion that the President has requested for the national defense budget for fiscal year 2027, at least \$350 billion of which the President hopes will come from yet another partisan reconciliation bill.

Can you imagine? \$1.5 trillion, with a t, for the national defense budget—a 50-percent increase over current funding levels. Has the Pentagon provided Congress with a detailed accounting of its expenses and needs associated with the cost of the Iran war? No. Do we know what will be in the Pentagon's supplemental request? No. Do we know when we will see a supplemental request? No. Will a reconciliation bill include strict financial guardrails for the Department of Defense? If it is anything like the \$150 billion that DOD received from the majority last year, probably not. I, for one, am not interested in giving the President a blank check, especially when he threatens further strikes against Iran one day, then touts a supposed peace deal the next.

Here is one more dollar figure I would like to point out: \$300 billion. That is the figure tied to a reconstruction fund that President Trump has apparently promised to Iran under the terms of the preliminary agreement he signed last week. This funding is apparently what is needed to help Iran rebuild its economy after the war—but the details are murky.

Who will provide this funding? Will it be the American taxpayers left holding the bag after the President's failed war? Unclear.

Will there be any constraints on how Iran can use this funding? Can they use it to reconstitute their military? Unclear.

What mechanism will there be for oversight of the fund? Also unclear.

Can you imagine the howls of outrage if President Obama, while negotiating the JCPOA, promised Iran \$300 billion in reconstruction funds? Under the JCPOA, economic relief for Iran was provided through certain sanctions waivers and access to its own previously frozen foreign assets. President Obama faced significant scrutiny from