

uniform; not the cost to the military families who have family members in harm's way, nor the 17 families who will not have family members coming home. Now we are listening to the Congress of the United States in both Chambers. We have seen votes in majorities in both Chambers to end this war, but instead of listening to that will, instead of listening to the American people as to a war that is immensely unpopular, we seem to be repeating over and over again what I believe is an unjust continuation of a war that is not upheld or supported by the law of our land or by the Constitution we swore an oath to.

This brings to me the urgency of this moment, and the death of more American soldiers highlights what we are doing here. History is looking at us in this moment. Right now, as we speak, there are people in harm's way. History is looking at us in this moment. How will our moral courage stand alongside those courageous people who are representing our country?

My heart is heavy; my spirit grieves. And I know I am not alone. When deaths like this happen, we shouldn't just go on like this is normal. When people die in service of our country, in combat, we shouldn't treat it like another day here in America. It is not.

So how do we express our commitment to country? How can it lie in congruency with theirs? How can we honor them in this body beyond condolences, thoughts, and prayers?

I believe what the call of this body is in this moment, in the shadow of their immense brilliance, that we have an obligation to honor them, not with words, but in how we give the best measure of our devotion to the laws of our land.

I find it unconscionable that the stakes are so high in this country where we are spending tens of billions of dollars—that factually could be going to our schools, tens of billions of dollars could be going to our healthcare, tens of billions of dollars that could be paying down our national debt, tens of billions of dollars that don't just come out of nowhere, but they come from hard-working taxpayers who pay their taxes into a system that they put faith and trust in. And what is happening with this money that we are expending for bombs and missiles and planes and personnel?

What is happening is we expend this money. Well, what is apparent to me is what is not happening. You see, our Founders understood the nature of war, and they understood—in light of Kings and Queens and Monarchs who so easily pushed their country into war with no consequence, how easily they put lives on the line, sent men and women into battles—it was such a significant understanding that they had that they said: No individual should be able to unilaterally send our men and women, our children, into war; that we should put appropriate checks and balances on

those decisions. Our Founders knew the consequence of war, the burden of war. They knew the hell of war, the tragic consequence to families, the pain and agony of death, and they knew that those decisions should not be made by an individual who might be overcome with some kind of ill-conceived notions and draw our country into war where we give the best of who we are.

The best of America is not our wealth; it is the young men and women who hold the hope of America.

And so the Constitution is clear: Do not let one person drag our Nation into war. They took that power and placed it not with an Executive. They placed that power with this body, with Congress so that there would be debate and discussion; so that there would be arguments into the night; and so that people would understand with the gravity of such a commitment that we would make sure that the will of the people would be the first decision-makers for a war.

And that any President that was conducting the war would not conduct it above accountability but would have checks and balance. That is the Constitution of the United States. Those imperfect geniuses understood that in moments like this when our Nation is at war, where men and women are coming home not alive but in body bags, that we should honor them by making sure that the will of our Nation was behind that war.

And here we are, since the end of February, month after month. Soldiers injured by the hundreds. Lives lost. And the question is: What are we doing in this body?

Have we granted the authority to the Executive to go to war? No, we haven't.

Have we exercised our constitutional authority? No, we haven't.

Have we debated this war and had to make a decision by voting yes or no to allow the President to conduct this war? We have not.

We have men and women who are fighting to defend our Nation's laws and Constitution, and here we are not living up to it. To me, that is a living shame, that men and women are risking their lives for the Constitution we serve, and we can't even live up to the roles that we are to play within that constitutional Republic.

What does it say that men and women are dying for this country and we are not even living up to its laws? That men and women are paying the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation and we can't even stand up and do the specific duty spelled out by our country?

All hundred of us grieve these losses. No one should say any different. I know my colleagues. There is not a person here that doesn't anguish over the loss, but that is not enough in this moment. That is inadequate when it comes to honoring these men and women.

What this moment calls for is more than thoughts and prayers, more than

the hurt and the grief. It calls for us to do our job. We owe it to them. We owe them truth. We owe them accountability. We owe them checks and balances. We owe them transparency. We owe them a government that lives up to its obligations.

They gave the best measure of their devotion to the Nation they loved, and their love was not mere words or symbols or salutes. Their words alone did not show their sacrifice. They understood to love your Nation is to stand up and work for her, sacrifice for her, risk for her.

It is time for this body, the U.S. Senate, to honor those men and women by giving our best measure of devotion to our Constitution. This body must end this unconstitutional and unjust war. And if they are unwilling to do so, they should hold the vote whether we authorize this war. It has not been done yet.

How many more men and women will die before we do our job, rein in this Executive, hold him accountable, and bring an end to a war that our Nation does not want to be in?

Today, my thoughts and prayers are with their families. But I stand here as 1 out of 100 Senators offering more than thoughts and prayers. I yet again demand this body to fulfill its constitutional obligations and do its job.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:13 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

D. ADAM CANDEUB, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE ABIGAIL SLATER.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NICHOLAS CHECKER, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WILLIAM GERALD HARDY, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHESTER MARTIN KEELY, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOSHUA HARRIS, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MALAYSIA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOY LYNNE PITTMAN THORP, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE BRIAN J. KUESTER, RESIGNED.

GRETCHEN C.F. SHAPPERT OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM AND CONCURRENTLY UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ALICIA ANNE GARRIDO LIMTIACO, TERM EXPIRED.

JURGEN RYAN SOEKHOE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE PATRICK A. BURKE, TERM EXPIRED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

LINDSAY K. VEZINA

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be colonel

THOMAS C. AGNEW
LISA K. BUCKLES
ADAM R. CAMPBELL
WILLIAM J. CHAPPELL
JESUS CHAVEZ
SOCHARA CHUMNOEUR
JAMIE L. COLON
ELISABETH DILLON
KEDRICK A. DRAKES
ERICA K. GRANT
MONIQUE E. GRINNELL
TRANESSIA M. HANSON
BEATRIZ N. MARTINEZ
ALEXIS MARTINEZSUAREZ
JUSTIN L. MILLER
TANYA B. MOORE
ANDRE J. PACHO
THORBJORN K. PERSSON
LYNAE D. PLACE
HEIDI R. RADMER
AUDREY N. RICHERT
ALICIA D. ROBINSON
ANTHONY M. SABATINI
KELLY M. SHAMLIAN
SEAN W. SHAMLIAN
ESTHER H. SOUTHERLAND
JESSICA E. STONE
KIMBERLY L. SUGG
MARY A. UGADDAN
KEVIN T. WORTH
JONATHAN G. YOST
FRANCES R. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be colonel

NADINE M. ALONZO
NICHOLAS J. BARANELLO
ANTIONE D. BARNETT
JONATHAN S. BARTLETT
VALERIE S. BARTONICO

JAMES F. BEHELER
BRIAN E. COAKER
DANA M. COOK
ROBERT B. DAVIS
REUBEN G. DOORNINK
BRIAN M. DOWNS
JOSEPH E. FISHER
JEFFREY W. FROUDE II
JORDAN T. GARRETT
PATRICK R. GLASS
DANIEL D. HEFFNER
QUANESHA K. HENRY
RONNIE HILL
CHRISTOPHER M. HINNERICHS
ADAM T. HUGHES
PATRICK R. KELLEY
SEAN M. KILEY
KEVIN A. KIRCHGRABER
PETER F. KIRKENDALL
BETHANY G. LANDECK
MARVIN A. LEONARD
WILLIAM B. LEWIS
LUKE A. LINDAMAN
KATHRYN C. LOFRANCO
MARCOS MARTINEZ
DEEPAK J. MATHEW
ERIN E. MILNER
MATTHEW S. MOORE
NOE R. MUNIZ
STEVEN M. OLIVER
DANIEL J. ONEILL
RILIWAN O. OTTUN
BRANDON S. PYBUS
CAMERON L. RICHARDSON
FAUSTINO RODRIGUEZ, JR.
JULIE A. SHIN
MAXWELL H. SMITH
JOHN T. STRINGER
DANIEL H. TENHAGEN
JOSE M. VELAZQUEZ
KAYLA L. VICKERS
ABIGAIL S. VINCENT
MARK T. WILLIAMS
ANDREW W. WILSON
DAVID M. ZUPANCIC
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be colonel

PAUL J. AUCHINCLOSS
JASON L. JUDKINS
LEIGH A. LECHANSKI
SHAUN J. OLAUGHLIN
KAYLA O. RAMOTAR
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U. S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be colonel

SCOTT J. ANDERSON
DIANE E. COLLETTE
JUSTIN C. DEVANNA
CYNTHIA A. FALLNESS
DEANNA K. HOWELL
JESSICA J. HUWA
MARC G. KNOBBE
CARA P. REITER
CARL SOFFLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be colonel

PETER BAEK
APRILL M. BRIGHT
ROBERT A. CARGEL III
DANIEL A. CHASE
HWA S. CHUNG
JOHN L. CRAVEN
TIMOTHY S. CRAWLEY
DAVID S. DENNIS
JOHNNIE W. ELDER
JONATHAN P. ENTREKIN
RONNY D. FISHER, JR.
MATTHEW M. HAMRICK
DANIEL D. KANG
MATTHEW D. MADISON
GREGORY S. MCVEY
MARK S. MILLER
DAVID MVONDO
WILLIAM M. OLIVER
MARK J. OLSON
WILLIAM B. ROBINSON, JR.
WILLIAM J. SHEETS
OMARI S. THOMPSON
MICHAEL D. TURPIN, JR.
CODY J. VEST
SHAY L. WORTHY

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by
the Senate July 21, 2026:

THE JUDICIARY

KARA MARIE WESTERCAMP, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.