

say this reflects the best of who we are, this reflects the values of our faiths?

Most of us here in this body are Christians. Would Jesus send someone from our Nation into danger, rip them away from their communities? Is that what our faiths dictate? Is that what our ideals dictate?

Even some Republicans have been raising alarms. Members of the House voted to extend protections. The Republican Governor of Ohio called those deportations “a mistake” because this is not simply an immigration debate; it is a moral test.

America has always been strongest when our laws reflected both security and humanity. These are not conflicting ideals. In fact, they are interwoven.

When we violate our humanity, we violate our security. We can secure our borders, and we should. We can enforce our laws, and we must. But we can also distinguish between those who threaten America and those who have spent years here in our country strengthening it.

This is not weakness. The Haitians in our community—keeping them here amidst the crisis in Haiti—it is not weakness; it is wisdom. It is justice. It is morally right.

It is long past time that we, in Congress, modernize an immigration system that virtually everyone agrees is broken. I can’t tell you the conversations I have had with Republican colleagues of mine.

The late Lindsey Graham is a great example about how our immigration laws are so broken, it makes it hard for anyone who wants to follow the rules to be able to, in any timely way, become a citizen of our country.

The Cato Institute calls it more likely to win the lottery than it is to come into our country. This is one of the reasons why our population is declining.

We need laws that reflect our values, laws that are orderly, laws that keep us safe and secure, laws that protect the border, laws that affirm our values.

We can have all of that. Do not listen to the false choice of a President, who wants to send people back to a human version of hell, rip people from our communities all in the name of safety and security. That is a lie.

We must create laws that offer a realistic pathway for people who have lived, worked, contributed, paid taxes, invested their lives in this country for decades, especially those with American families and American children.

The question before us is so much larger than immigration; it is about whom we are becoming as a society when we turn our back on our neighbors being thrown in private detention facilities that are profiting off of their pain, who we are as a nation when we want to rip people away from their families and their children and send them to modern-day’s hell, who we are as a nation when we take those people that are good enough to work in our

hospitals to take care of our elderly, but then we want to turn our back on them and let them be dragged out of our country even though they have been here for years, followed our laws, and are working toward a pathway to citizenship.

Who are we if we continue down this road that creates false fears, that spreads lies about immigrants, that turns its very back on the fundamental precept to love your neighbor?

Well, I still believe in America. I still believe we are strong enough to create safety and security and to embrace those who love our Nation and serve her faithfully even though they are not citizens. I still believe in an America that is big enough and bold enough to protect its borders and love the stranger.

I still believe in a nation whose immigration laws can affirm our dignity and decency and not be an assault on it. I still believe in a nation that honors its faith traditions and knows that we have to love our neighbor and welcome the stranger, especially when they are fleeing persecution and hate and violence.

I believe in the highest ideals of our Nation. That is why we have laws like temporary protected status in the first place. It reflected the best of us. But I fear this administration is showing the worst of who we are. I honor Republican think tanks, the Republican Governors who all have the courage to stand up and say: This is wrong.

We need that kind of chorus of conviction here in the U.S. Senate. I ask my colleagues to not let this President so violate our collective values. This is not a right or left issue; it is a right or wrong issue.

I pray for our Nation. I pray that we live our ideals and don’t just talk about them. I pray that we teach our children whom we are not by what we say but by what we do.

I pray that in this crisis, we do not allow a President to undermine decency and grace and send innocent people back to environments where they will face nightmares and violence.

We can be the America we say we are, but this Chamber must stand up.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 320, H.R. 6500, a bill to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees, and for other purpose.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, John Cornyn, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, James Lankford, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Tom Cotton, Roger Marshall, Thom Tillis, John R. Curtis, Jon Husted, Pete Ricketts, Cynthia M. Lummis.

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. 821, S. Res. 822, S. Res. 823, S. Res. 824, and S. Res. 825.

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.”)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 878 through 880, Calendar Nos. 882 through 892, Calendar Nos. 894 through 898, Calendar No. 881, with the exception of Stephen P. Snelson; and all nominations on the Secretary’s desk in the Air Force, with the exception of PN970-2 and PN1151, Omar Vargas; Army, with the exception of PN1015-2, Mark R. Berube and Mandi A. Samples; PN1017-2, Joel A. Arends and Michael D. Thompson; PN1061-2, Theresa M. Long; PN1065-2, Samuel A. Smith; PN1072-2, Philip T. Buckler; PN1104, Austin D. Roberts and John A. Goodwin; PN1105, Justin M. Smith; Navy, with the exception of PN835-2, PN925, PN990-2, Robert J. Moreno and Joshua Q. McCright; PN1029-2, Kelly Cruz; and Space Force; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; 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; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the

grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Michael C. Alfaro
Col. Geoffrey I. Church
Col. Christopher G. Clark
Col. Cory M. Damon
Col. Denny R. Davies
Col. Amy M. Glisson
Col. Jonathan W. Graham
Col. Timothy M. Helfrich
Col. Mark McGill
Col. Dennis L. Phillips
Col. David M. Skalicky
Col. Timothy J. Spaulding
Col. Kenneth A. Stremmel
Col. Brandon J. Tellez
Col. Paul P. Townsend
Col. George N. Vogel
Col. David J. Wilson

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Air Force Reserve and appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 9038:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Paul R. Fast

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Peter M. Bonetti

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under the title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Jon A. Eberlan
Brig. Gen. David C. Epperson
Brig. Gen. Lance R. French
Brig. Gen. Jesse J. Friedel
Brig. Gen. Richard A. Goodman
Brig. Gen. Steven M. Gorski
Brig. Gen. Glenn T. Harris
Brig. Gen. Brian S. Laidlaw
Brig. Gen. Jason E. Lindsey
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Nelson
Brig. Gen. Nathan L. Owendoff
Brig. Gen. Max E. Pearson
Brig. Gen. William S. Rogers
Brig. Gen. Travolis A. Simmons

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Mary K. Haddad
Brig. Gen. Frank R. Kincaid
Brig. Gen. William A. Matney
Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Ostrat
Brig. Gen. Mark D. Richey

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Bradford R. Everman

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. James B. Bartholomees

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Charles T. Lombardo

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. James P. Isenhower, III

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Clair A. Gill

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Feltey

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John W. Lubas

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Brian S. Eifler

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 7435:

To be brigadier general

Col. Nicholas H. Gist

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Michael S. Wosje

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Joshua C. Himes

Rear Adm. (lh) Kurtis A. Mole

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas J. Dickinson

Rear Adm. (lh) Todd S. Weeks

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Kevin J. Brown

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas A. Donovan

Rear Adm. (lh) Paul J. Lanzilotta

Rear Adm. (lh) Donald W. Marks

Rear Adm. (lh) Andrew T. Miller

Rear Adm. (lh) Christopher A. Nash

Rear Adm. (lh) Lincoln M. Reifsteck

Rear Adm. (lh) Bradley N. Rosen

Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas E. Shultz

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael T. Spencer

Rear Adm. (lh) David P. Walt

IN THE SPACE FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Matthew S. Cantore

Brig. Gen. Brian A. Denaro

Brig. Gen. Kristin L. Panzenhagen

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1099 AIR FORCE nominations (42) beginning JEFFREY D. BALDRIDGE, and ending JOSHUA J. WENDELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1100 AIR FORCE nominations (15) beginning MICAH B. BAKER, and ending JOSEPH G. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1101 AIR FORCE nominations (87) beginning MICHEAL P. ALLEN, and ending DENEAN V. ZOZO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1102 AIR FORCE nominations (40) beginning JON R. ALEXANDER, and ending PETER H. YUSCKAT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1149 AIR FORCE nominations (326) beginning JAREATHA N. ABDUL RAHEEM, and ending NING Y. ZHENG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1150 AIR FORCE nominations (62) beginning BRYON G. ALGER, and ending JENNY H. YOO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1151 AIR FORCE nominations (152) beginning AMANDA M. ADAMS, and ending DOMINIQUE I. ZULUAGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026, with the exception of Omar Vargas.

PN1152 AIR FORCE nominations (46) beginning ISAAC L. BACON, and ending WILLIAM B. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1154 AIR FORCE nomination of Jennifer H. Hall, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1155 AIR FORCE nomination of Christina J. Lee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1156 AIR FORCE nomination of Jenicia S. McFadden, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1157 AIR FORCE nomination of Anthony C. Clark, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

IN THE ARMY

PN1103 ARMY nominations (461) beginning BRYAN E. ABELL, and ending 1393647040, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1104 ARMY nominations (477) beginning JOSEPH K. ABEL, Jr., and ending 1402783164, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026, with the exception of Austin D. Roberts and John A. Goodwin.

PN1105 ARMY nominations (363) beginning JAMIE E. ABEL, and ending 1292411770,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026, with the exception of Justin M. Smith.

PN1106 ARMY nominations (50) beginning CHRISTOPHER A. ARNETT, and ending 1363803810, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1158 ARMY nomination of Nicholas H. Orr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1159 ARMY nomination of Amanda B. Love, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1160 ARMY nomination of Khalid R. Rodriguez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1161 ARMY nomination of William S. Mulkeen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1162 ARMY nomination of Craig B. Morehead, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

IN THE NAVY

PN1107 NAVY nominations (13) beginning JAYSON S. BELMES, and ending SHELDON C. WALLEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1108 NAVY nominations (11) beginning LUSHIDA BARBOSA, and ending JORGE VARGAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1109 NAVY nominations (7) beginning RYAN J. ELLWOOD, and ending PRESTON T. TILUS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1110 NAVY nominations (7) beginning MATTHEW D. AKERS, and ending ALEXANDER D. WASHOFISKY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1111 NAVY nominations (11) beginning JORGE L. BAUZO, and ending TODD W. WISH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1112 NAVY nominations (8) beginning MICHAEL J. ATTERBERRY, and ending TIMOTHY A. SHAW, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1113 NAVY nominations (32) beginning GREGORY N. ANDERSON, and ending SCOTT H. ZINN, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1114 NAVY nominations (23) beginning TROY M. BEIDERBECKE, and ending SEQUOIA M. YOUNGBLOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1115 NAVY nominations (34) beginning ELIZABETH A. ARROW, and ending ROBERT E. WOODS, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1116 NAVY nomination of Benjamin J. Robinson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1117 NAVY nominations (11) beginning GRANT R. GAGNON, and ending CLINTON J. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1118 NAVY nominations (10) beginning BENJAMIN T. ANDERSON, and ending

KARL F. SCHONBERG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1119 NAVY nominations (18) beginning NICHOLAS P. CELONE, and ending ISMAEL TOUNKARA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1120 NAVY nominations (11) beginning JEREMY M. BULLARD, and ending NIKLAS H. RUETER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1121 NAVY nominations (516) beginning DYLAN L. AAKER, and ending JONATHAN J. YAEDE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1122 NAVY nominations (17) beginning KEVIN S. CARLSEN, and ending KEITH D. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1123 NAVY nominations (40) beginning AARON M. ACKERMAN, and ending ALEXANDER J. WUNDERLICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1124 NAVY nominations (15) beginning CURTIS D.T. BOLEN, and ending CHRISTOPHER J. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1125 NAVY nomination of Aldo Gutierrez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1126 NAVY nomination of Dahlia M. Hassan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 2026.

PN1163 NAVY nominations (25) beginning RAYMOND J. AHAUS, and ending THOMAS A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1164 NAVY nominations (33) beginning STEVEN W. ARNOLD, and ending KRISTIA M. WILTSHIRE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1165 NAVY nominations (76) beginning DAKOTA J. ALLEN, and ending ROBERT T. YODER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1166 NAVY nominations (10) beginning MANOJ K. MALOO, and ending MATTHIAS C. SOMMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1167 NAVY nomination of Laura H. Artabazon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1168 NAVY nomination of Samir Shaikh, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1169 NAVY nominations (4) beginning CAROLINE R. TRIEPEL, and ending MATTHIAS C. SOMMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1170 NAVY nominations (10) beginning ESTER E. COBB, and ending AIMEE K. WU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1171 NAVY nomination of Joshua M. Markley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

PN1172 NAVY nominations (6) beginning ADEKUNLE O. AJAYI, and ending RYAN S. NOLAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN 1173 SPACE FORCE nomination of Jason H. Furman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2026.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nominations en bloc: All nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; 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:

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

*PN415 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (2) beginning Mary Smith, and ending Michael Francom, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 15, 2025.

*PN896 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Tuyvan Huu Nguyen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 25, 2026.

*PN897-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (13) beginning Tifani Chanel Dyson, and ending Ryan Alan Werner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 25, 2026.

*PN898 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (5) beginning Russell Duncan, and ending Jeromy McKim, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 25, 2026.

*PN899 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (7) beginning Amy Caldwell, and ending Robert Tuebner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 25, 2026.

*PN1182 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (243) beginning Aziz Ahmed Ahang, and ending Charlie J. Franta, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2026.

*PN1183 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (96) beginning Andres Jaime Albarran, and ending Carson H. Wu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2026.

*PN1184 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (129) beginning Megan Marie Alvarez, and ending Elizabeth Q. Younger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2026.

*PN1185 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (54) beginning Ani M. Ahn, and ending Rebecca Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2026.

*PN1186 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (13) beginning John Armstrong, and ending Noah D. Ross, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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