

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.

MORNING BUSINESS

TRIBUTE TO JAYDEN BENDER

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jayden Bender, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Jayden is a graduate of Britton-Hecla High School in Britton, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, where she is majoring in legal studies with a minor in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jayden for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL ERIC H. VER HAGE

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a distinguished American, RDML Eric H. Ver Hage, U.S. Navy, a native of Mechanicsburg, PA, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 42 years of distinguished service to our Nation. On June 13, 1984, he reported from his home in Upper Allen Township to the Harrisburg Military Entrance Processing Station, beginning a career that took him from enlisted electronics technician to Naval Academy midshipman to surface warfare officer, and ultimately the Military Deputy and Deputy Assistant Secretary of War.

Over his career, Rear Admiral Ver Hage commanded USS CARR (FFG 52) and the Naval Surface Warfare Center Divisions at Corona and Port Hueneme, led the multi-billion-dollar Aegis Ashore program to completion in Romania, and served as commander of the NAVSEA Surface and Undersea Warfare Centers and of the Navy Regional Maintenance Centers, where he directed a global workforce of roughly 10,000 and a \$5 billion annual budget. He most recently served as Military Deputy and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for International and Industry Engagement, strengthening our defense industrial base and international armaments cooperation.

Rear Admiral Ver Hage's retirement ceremony will be held tomorrow on July 31, 2026. He will officially be released from Active Duty on September 30, 2026, closing 42 years, 3 months, and 17 days of service to our Navy and our Nation. His four decades of service stand as a model of the dedication, integrity, and leadership our Nation depends upon, and he leaves the Navy stronger for having served. In recognition of his service, and in this milestone year of America's 250th anniversary, a U.S. flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol on July 4, 2026, in Rear Admiral Ver Hage's honor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE FRANKLIN PHILLIPS

• Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, today I would like to wish Mr. Wayne Franklin Phillips of Deshler, OH, a happy 100th birthday. Mr. Phillips was born on August 5, 1926, on a farm outside of Hamler with his three brothers and sisters. Mr. Phillips served our country bravely in WWII, eventually earning the rank of sergeant TEC 4. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Mr. Phillips married Eileen Rutter on January 1, 1950, and lived on Elm Street, where they raised their three children Wayne, Paul, and Martha. Mr. Phillips started the Phillips Oil Company in 1950, where he still drives to work every day along with his two sons, grandson, and nephew. Mr. Phillips is a faithful member of Deshler United Methodist Church and was politically engaged, serving as Henry County commissioner for 16 years and a Deshler City councilman for 4 years.●

RECOGNIZING THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

• Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, as we celebrate the 250th year of our country, it is my honor to recognize Molly Kruckenber and the talented staff at the Montana Historical Society for their dedicated work to showcase Montana history at the state-of-the-art Montana Heritage Center in Helena, MT.

History is more than a subject taught in school; it is a practical guide for leadership and decision making. The successes and failures of the generations that came before us offer valuable lessons to those willing to understand them. I carry that perspective into public service every day, and it is why the Montana Heritage Center was a project our family was proud to support.

More than a decade in the making, the new Montana Heritage Center is an investment in preserving Montana's story and ensuring future generations understand the people, values, and events that shaped Montana. This world-class center reminds us that good policy is strengthened by historical perspective and an appreciation for the enduring principles that guide our Nation and Montana.

The opening of the Montana Heritage Center would not have been possible without Molly and her staff, and they deserve every recognition for their efforts.●

RECOGNIZING THE HINDU CENTER OF CHARLOTTE

• Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Hindu Center of Charlotte, which first opened in 1982. Since its founding, the Hindu Center of Charlotte has been an anchor of the

local Hindu community and exemplifies the enduring values of faith, family, service, education, and civic engagement. Recently, I was glad to attend the grand inauguration of the center's new Vedic Mandir alongside community leaders, other elected officials, and thousands of devotees celebrating this historic milestone.

The grand inauguration of the new Vedic Mandir represents the continued growth of the Hindu community in Charlotte, as well as the deep cultural and social bonds that have been formed. It was an honor to attend the grand inauguration with so many other important community leaders and attendees, and I look forward to seeing the community continue to grow.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Hindu Center of Charlotte for this historic milestone and wishing them continued growth and prosperity.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4264. A communication from the Acting Director for Legislative Affairs, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4265. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescinding Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination and Denial of Services on the Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex, and Handicap in Vocational Education Programs" (RIN1870-AA25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4266. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescinding Portions of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Title VI Regulations to Align with the Statutory Text and Conform to Executive Order 14281" (RIN1870-AA20) received in the