

music, the first stadium to build permanent concession stands, and the first ballpark to broadcast an entire season of home games live;

Whereas “Wrigleyville” is the vibrant neighborhood that surrounds Wrigley Field, providing a location for fans to support surrounding small businesses, galvanize the city of Chicago, and come together to root the Chicago Cubs to victory;

Whereas Harry Caray, whose trademark call of “Holy Cow” became known to baseball fans around the world, broadcasted thousands of baseball games during a career spanning more than 50 years, including 16 seasons as the beloved television voice of the Chicago Cubs from 1982 through 1997, was inducted into the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame and the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, and received the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Ford C. Frick Award;

Whereas legendary broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, who served as the voice of the Chicago Cubs on the radio from 1940 through 1944, became the television announcer from 1947 through 1981, and was known for his “Hey-Hey!” catchphrase, was inducted into the Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame and awarded the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Ford C. Frick Award;

Whereas Pat Hughes, the Chicago Cubs lead play-by-play radio announcer, whose voice is woven into the fabric of sports culture in Chicago, called the 2016 World Series championship that ended the 108-year drought for the Cubs, and was inducted into the Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame and awarded the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Ford C. Frick Award;

Whereas, between 1948 and 2019, WGN-TV revolutionized baseball broadcasting and brought Chicago Cubs baseball to the masses, airing more than 7,000 Cubs games and helping spread the thrills of Cubs baseball through its unsurpassed sports coverage and its historic partnership with the team;

Whereas the Chicago Cubs have won 8 division titles, 17 National League pennants, and 3 World Series championships, including in 2016 when the Cubs completed a historic comeback from down 3 games to 1 to defeat the Cleveland Indians in 7 games;

Whereas the parade following the 2016 World Series championship, attended by an estimated 5,000,000 people, celebrated the Cubs making the World Series for the first time since 1945 and breaking the so-called “Curse of the Billy Goat”;

Whereas the Chicago Cubs have scored more than 103,400 runs, have more than 200,000 hits, and are only the third franchise in Major League Baseball to have hit over 15,000 home runs;

Whereas more than 50 players, managers, and executives for the Chicago Cubs have been enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York;

Whereas Ferguson “Fergie” Jenkins became one of the most dominant pitchers in the 1960s and 1970s, and in 1971 went 24–13, throwing complete games in 30 of his 39 starts and becoming the first pitcher for the Chicago Cubs and the first Canadian to win the Cy Young Award;

Whereas, between 1953 and 1971, Ernie Banks, who was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama and inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, played as shortstop and first baseman for the Chicago Cubs and was well-known for his catchphrase, “It’s a beautiful day for a ballgame . . . Let’s play two!”;

Whereas, in 1998, Sammy Sosa, 1 of 8 players in history with more than 600 home runs, famously battled with the rival Cardinals’ Mark McGwire to break Roger Maris’ single-

season record of 61 home runs, earning the National League Most Valuable Player Award and leading the Cubs to the playoffs;

Whereas Ron Santo, who played third base for the Cubs for 14 seasons, was selected to 9 All-Star Games, won 5 consecutive Gold Glove Awards, and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame;

Whereas Billy Williams, left fielder and 6-time All Star, was named 1961 National League Rookie of the Year after hitting 25 home runs with 86 runs batted in and is a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame;

Whereas Hall of Fame second baseman Ryne “Ryno” Sandberg made 10 consecutive All-Star Game appearances, won 9 consecutive Gold Gloves from 1983 through 1991, and delivered one of the most memorable performances in Chicago Cubs history during what is known as the “Sandberg Game,” hitting game-tying home runs in the ninth and tenth innings against future Hall of Fame closer Bruce Sutter and helping the Cubs defeat the St. Louis Cardinals 12–11 in 11 innings;

Whereas famous Chicago Cubs such as Frank Chance, Johnny Evers, Joe Tinker, Mordecai Brown, Gabby Hartnett, Hack Wilson, Stan Hack, Phil Cavarretta, Andre Dawson, Lee Smith, Kerry Wood, Anthony Rizzo, and more than 2,000 others have brought joy to fans for generations; and

Whereas, since 2009, Cubs Charities has donated more than \$51,000,000 to promote youth sports and improve the well-being of children and families throughout Chicago and Illinois: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the Chicago Cubs on the celebration of their 150th anniversary on August 29, 2026, in light of their successes on the field, their significant contributions to the sport, and the tremendous sense of pride they have provided for all those who have played for, worked for, and enjoyed the triumphs of the Chicago Cubs.

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

Mr. MORENO. 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 820.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res 820) designating August 7, 2026, as “National Lighthouse Day”.

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

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that 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. 820) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of July 30, 2026, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MORENO. 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. 843, S. Res. 844, S. Res. 845, and S. Res. 846.

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

Mr. MORENO. 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.”)

AGOA EXTENSION ACT—Continued

(Mr. MORENO assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE). The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 4668

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate vote on the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to S. 4668 at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, no earlier than September 15 and no later than September 23.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that all pending amendments and motions be withdrawn and the only amendments remaining in order be the following to be offered by the sponsor or their designee and with 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote: Collins No. 6732; Collins No. 6750; and Budd No. 6747; further, upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote in relation to the Budd amendment, if offered; and upon disposition of the amendment, the Collins amendment No. 6732, as amended, if amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage; finally, if passed, the Collins amendment to the title, No. 6750, be agreed to and the title, as amended, be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; further, that following disposition of H.R. 6500, the cloture motion with respect to the Blanche nomination ripen and, if cloture is invoked, all time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination and, if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate resume legislative session; provided, that it then be in order for the

Senator from Ohio Mr. HUSTED or his designee to move to proceed to S. 5271 and present a motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed and the motion ripen immediately and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture without intervening action or debate; provided, that if the cloture motion is agreed to, the motion to proceed be agreed to and that there be up to 2 hours of debate on the bill, with no amendments or motions in order, and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on the bill with a 60-affirmative vote threshold required for passage; further, if cloture on the motion to proceed is not agreed to, it then be in order for the majority leader to make a motion for the Senate to adjourn pursuant to this order and if the Senate has agreed to a motion to adjourn pursuant to this order, when the Senate completes its business on Saturday, August 8, following the recognition of the majority leader to dispense with wrapup items, the Senate convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted, on the following dates and times: August 10 at 10 a.m., August 13 at 8 a.m., August 17 at 1:30 p.m., August 20 at 11:30 a.m., August 24 at 12:30 p.m., August 27 at 8 a.m., August 31 at 11:30 a.m., September 1 at 12:30 p.m., September 4 at 10 a.m., September 8 at 1:15 p.m., and September 10 at 3 p.m.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Under the previous order, all pending amendments and motions are withdrawn, with the exception of amendment No. 6732.

AMENDMENT NO. 6747 TO AMENDMENT NO. 6732

Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 6747 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) proposes an amendment numbered 6747 to amendment No. 6732.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To strike section 2019)

Strike section 2019.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is now 2 minutes of debate, equally divided.

The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, 9 months ago, both Republicans and Democrats overwhelmingly voted to close the

hemp loophole. It happened right here. They wanted to stop intoxicating hemp products being sold and marketed to kids. It is no accident that these products are made to look exactly like something that a kid would want.

Emergency departments have seen a 461-percent increase in cases of pediatric cannabis poisoning, and most of those were children 4 years old or younger.

This body agreed right here 9 months ago that we wouldn't compromise the health and safety of the American people—especially our kids—so today, I am simply asking my colleagues just to reaffirm a decision we made 9 months ago right here.

My opponents have asked: What is the harm in a monthlong delay? I am going to tell you. The goal is not an extra month to work on policy, as many have said. The well-oiled hemp lobbying machine has already had 9 months to do that. The real goal is to jam us in December on a must-pass package and to permanently entrench their intoxicating products into the machinery of government.

Opponents say that this would stop research into hemp-derived products for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities who rely on Medicare, but what does allowing unregulated, intoxicating edibles on gas station shelves have to do with CMS' ability to study hemp-derived products for pain relief? Not a thing. Not a thing at all.

So once again, I ask my colleagues to join me in doing what we have already done 9 months ago. Support my amendment. Just vote no to table this and close this dangerous loophole, just as 76 of us, Republicans and Democrats, did just 9 months ago.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise this evening on behalf of myself and Senator SHEEHY and several others, Democrats and Republicans. I represent farmers, small businesses, brewers, and consumers in my State, and I urge my colleagues to table Senator BUDD's amendment and give this body 4 more weeks to work toward legislation that supports a thriving hemp industry, ensures proper regulation, and protects kids from dangerous products.

As is, the bipartisan continuing resolution that is before us delays a ban on naturally produced hemp products for 4 weeks while taking synthetic hemp derivatives off the market. That is important to note. That is included in this continuing resolution.

The original ban, the broad ban, the entire ban—and I know that in my State, we have safety rules in place that have worked very well. The product is taxed. We have not had issues with it since we put those rules in place.

The original ban was tucked into a bill to reopen the government last November. Many Members didn't have the chance to learn about it. There had been no hearings. Now they have

learned more. Bills have been introduced in the Senate and the House—bipartisan bills—to regulate this market.

Back then, that ban moved forward without input from the people who would be impacted. In my State alone, hemp products brought in \$16 million of State tax revenue in 2025.

Senator BUDD has raised concerns about certain hemp products, and I agree with him. That is why bad actors that sell synthetic products will not be allowed to sell them, in this continuing resolution.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to table this amendment and maintaining the bipartisan agreement included in the continuing resolution.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. President, I move to table amendment No. 6747, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I ask for remaining time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is no remaining time.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "nay."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 61, nays 32, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 227 Leg.]

YEAS—61

Alsobrooks	Justice	Schmitt
Baldwin	Kaine	Schumer
Barrasso	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Bennet	Kim	Scott (SC)
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Booker	Lee	Sheehy
Cantwell	Lujan	Slotkin
Coons	Markey	Smith
Crapo	Marshall	Sullivan
Cruz	McCormick	Thune
Curtis	Moody	Tuberville
Daines	Moreno	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warner
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gallago	Ossoff	Warren
Graham	Paul	Welch
Hickenlooper	Peters	Whitehouse
Hoeven	Reed	Wicker
Husted	Risch	Wyden
Hyde-Smith	Sanders	
Johnson	Schatz	

NAYS—32

Armstrong	Britt	Collins
Banks	Budd	Cornyn
Blackburn	Capito	Cortez Masto
Blunt Rochester	Cassidy	Durbin

Ernst	Heinrich	Padilla
Fischer	Hirono	Ricketts
Gillibrand	Kennedy	Rosen
Grassley	Lummis	Rounds
Hagerty	Merkley	Schiff
Hassan	Moran	Young
Hawley	Murkowski	

NOT VOTING—7

Boozman	King	Tillis
Cotton	Lankford	
Cramer	McConnell	

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Under the previous order, amendment No. 6732 is agreed to, and the clerk will read the bill by title for the third time.

The amendment (No. 6732) was agreed to.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to pass the continuing resolution in order to prevent a government shutdown.

I yield back all time.

VOTE ON H.R. 6500, AS AMENDED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass, as amended?

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 228 Leg.]

YEAS—90

Alsobrooks	Gallego	Murray
Armstrong	Gillibrand	Ossoff
Baldwin	Grassley	Padilla
Banks	Hagerty	Peters
Barrasso	Hassan	Reed
Bennet	Hawley	Ricketts
Blackburn	Heinrich	Risch
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Blunt Rochester	Hirono	Rounds
Booker	Hoeven	Schatz
Boozman	Husted	Schiff
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Budd	Johnson	Schumer
Cantwell	Justice	Scott (FL)
Capito	Kelly	Scott (SC)
Collins	Kennedy	Shaheen
Coons	Kim	Sheehy
Cornyn	King	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Smith
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lujan	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tuberville
Cruz	Marshall	Van Hollen
Curtis	McCormick	Warner
Daines	Merkley	Warnock
Duckworth	Moody	Welch
Durbin	Moran	Whitehouse
Ernst	Moreno	Wicker
Fetterman	Murkowski	Wyden
Fischer	Murphy	Young

NAYS—6

Cassidy	Markey	Sanders
Kaine	Paul	Warren

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Graham

NOT VOTING—3

Lankford	McConnell	Tillis
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MOODY). On this vote, the yeas are 90, the nays are 6. The 60-vote threshold having been achieved, the bill is passed. One Senator responded present. The bill is passed.

The bill (H.R. 6500) was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Collins amendment numbered 6750 to the title is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 6750) to the title was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: “An act making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2027, and for other purposes.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The title, as amended, is agreed to, and the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALLS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Blanche nomination and the cloture motion on the motions to proceed to S. 5271.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant bill 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 nomination of Executive Calendar No. 914, Todd Blanche, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

John Thune, Ted Budd, Tom Cotton, Mike Crapo, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Kevin Cramer, Shelley Moore Capito, John Barrasso, Roger F. Wicker, John Boozman, Bill Hagerty, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Marsha Blackburn, James Lankford.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Todd Blanche, of Florida, to be Attorney General, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 229 Leg.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—49

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

NOT VOTING—1

McConnell

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 49, and the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Todd Blanche, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

VOTE ON BLANCHE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Blanche nomination?

Mr. WICKER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

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

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 230 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Armstrong	Cramer	Hoeven
Banks	Crapo	Husted
Barrasso	Cruz	Hyde-Smith
Blackburn	Curtis	Johnson
Boozman	Daines	Justice
Britt	Ernst	Kennedy
Budd	Fischer	Lankford
Capito	Graham	Lee
Cassidy	Grassley	Lummis
Cornyn	Hagerty	Marshall
Cotton	Hawley	McCormick