

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 5376. A bill to establish minimum hiring, training, and suitability standards for Federal law enforcement officers, to prohibit accelerated or abbreviated basic training and provisional appointments, to provide for enforcement and oversight, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 5377. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to establish certain procedures for consideration of appropriation bills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 5378. A bill to provide for the disposition of surrendered offshore wind energy lease areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5379. A bill to provide the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security with authority to attract highly qualified experts; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5380. A bill to provide for a ten-year statute of limitations for export control violations under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5381. A bill to require an analysis of threats posed by foreign adversary access to controlled items within the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5382. A bill to require a report on the artificial intelligence power of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S.J. Res. 212. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to ensure that only citizens are eligible to vote Federal in elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 5383. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to schedule MGM-15 and MGM-16 as schedule I controlled substances, and to amend the controlled Substances Act to schedule synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine, and Mitragynine Pseudoindoxyl, as a Schedule I above a specific threshold under the controlled substance act, and to expand enforcement actions against drug manufacturers and distributors of emerging synthetic opioids, commonly known as gas station heroin; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. Res. 842. A resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the contributions of hotel employees and supporting the goals and ideals of National Hotel Employee Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. LUMMIS,

Mr. WICKER, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 843. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the first week of August 2026, as "National Community Health Center Week", encouraging all people of the United States to participate by visiting their local community health center, and celebrating the important partnership between community health centers and the communities they serve; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. Res. 844. A resolution honoring the lives and service of Emily Barker, Nicholas Hutcherson, Sydney Watson, Nathan Matthews, Nicholas Dale, and all those who serve on the front lines of wildland firefighting efforts in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. Res. 845. A resolution designating September 2026 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities that benefit children as well as youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 846. A resolution designating August 21, 2026, as "Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. Res. 847. A resolution commending and congratulating the Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions men's wrestling team for winning the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Championship; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. Res. 848. A resolution celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the premier public health institute of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 849. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2026, as "Patriot Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 427

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 427, a bill to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles

and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to establish a permanent program to provide tuition assistance to members of the Air National Guard.

S. 978

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. ARMSTRONG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 978, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 995

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, a bill to repeal a rule of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to multi-pollutant emissions standards, to amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to develop and disseminate a civic education curriculum and oral history resources regarding certain political ideologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1247

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1247, a bill to ensure the ability of public safety officers to retain their right to free speech on matters related to public safety, working conditions, and other matters.

S. 1289

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1289, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and to support programs at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center.

S. 1540

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1540, a bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, to expand the replacement of stolen EBT benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1894

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to amend MAP-21 to modify provisions relating to a categorical exclusion for projects of limited Federal assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a domestic cotton consumption credit.

S. 2006

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination in the Armed Forces on the basis of gender identity, and for other purposes.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2265, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and the 2034 Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

S. 2329

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 2530

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2530, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the ability to expense certain qualified productions.

S. 2715

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2715, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals with approved medical residency training programs to submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services certain information regarding os-

teopathic and allopathic candidates for such programs.

S. 2821

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2821, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program, and for other purposes.

S. 2898

At the request of Mr. KIM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal penalties for the knowing and intentional administration of any abortion-inducing drug to a woman without her informed consent, if the abortion-inducing drug has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 3038

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3038, a bill to establish a real-time data dashboard for graduate medical education training positions to improve health care workforce planning and distribution for the purposes of alleviating physician shortages in medically underserved communities.

S. 3267

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3267, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of blood-based dementia screening tests.

S. 3345

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3345, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure accurate payments to pharmacies under Medicaid and prevent the use of abusive spread pricing in Medicaid, and to assure pharmacy access and choice for Medicare beneficiaries and modernize and ensure PBM accountability under Medicare.

S. 3416

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3416, a bill to prohibit public comments from governments and individuals designated as foreign adversaries.

S. 3623

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO), the Senator from Wyoming

(Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 3623, a bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system to prescribe regulations relating to network competition in credit card transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 3643

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3643, a bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Program Fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 3852

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3852, a bill to impose certain requirements on data centers to ensure the prioritization of residential ratepayers, and for other purposes.

S. 3900

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Ms. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3900, a bill to promote human rights, internet freedom and accountability in Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 4009

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4009, a bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 4023

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4023, a bill to establish the America's Living Library Project, and for other purposes.

S. 4297

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4297, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the tax credit for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 4379

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4379, a bill to require the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to jointly submit a report on efforts by the Government of the Russian Federation to violate the religious freedoms of the people of Ukraine, to require the President to impose all applicable sanctions with respect to foreign persons determined to have engaged in such efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 4436

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from California

(Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4436, a bill to nullify certain rules related to foreign assistance.

S. 4944

At the request of Mr. ARMSTRONG, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) were added as cosponsors of S. 4944, a bill to streamline permitting under the Natural Gas Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

S. 4981

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4981, a bill to place Federal minimum wage on a durable path toward a living wage aligned with the national median wage, to require large, highly profitable corporations to lead the transition, to end all subminimum wages, and for other purposes.

S. 4983

At the request of Mr. MORENO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4983, a bill to curb criminal activity by aliens, to defend against acts of international terrorism, to protect American workers from unfair labor competition, and to relieve pressure on public services by strengthening border security and stabilizing immigration into the United States.

S. 4992

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4992, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to issue guidance relating to the review of applications for alteration or temporary or permanent occupation or use of certain hydropower projects, and for other purposes.

S. 5036

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5036, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit officers and employees of the judiciary from engaging in official acts affecting personal financial interests.

S. 5048

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5048, a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize the hydropower licensing process, and for other purposes.

S. 5057

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5057, a bill to prohibit the use of certain artificial intelligence models across the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 5148

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Tennessee

(Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5148, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, concerning case assignment procedures for district and circuit courts to ensure randomized case assignments.

S. 5185

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5185, a bill to provide for auditing of the Pentagon.

S. 5201

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5201, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 5223

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5223, a bill to prohibit the purchase or sale of securities while aware of non-public information contained in certain social media accounts controlled by Government officials, and for other purposes.

S. 5252

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 5252, a bill to prevent foreign adversaries from threatening the national security of the United States by extracting key technical features of closed-source, United States-owned artificial intelligence models, and for other purposes.

S. 5271

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 5271, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require voters to provide photo identification.

S. 5321

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of, and expand access to, home and community-based services under the Medicaid program, to award grants for the creation, recruitment, training and education, retention, and advancement of the direct care workforce and to award grants to support family caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 5335

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5335, a bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to provide

for fair audits and inspections for examinations.

S. 5341

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5341, a bill to require the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to delegate to the Commandant of the Coast Guard authority to enter into intergovernmental support agreements relating to installation-support services, and for other purposes.

S. 5357

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5357, a bill to impose requirements for certain Federal positions to promote transparency, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 206

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 206, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Notice of Decision Granting a Waiver of Clean Air Act Preemption for California's 2009 and Subsequent Model Year Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for New Motor Vehicles".

S.J. RES. 208

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 208, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Car Program; Reconsideration of a Previous Withdrawal of a Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

S. RES. 827

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 827, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc. (SAAMI) and commending its work establishing industry standards that ensure the safe interoperability of firearms and ammunition.

S. RES. 835

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 835, a resolution celebrating the July 2026 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit in Ankara, Türkiye, and reaffirming priorities pertaining to transatlantic security and the United States commitment to NATO.

S. RES. 837

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 837, a resolution designating the week of August 22 through August 30, 2026, as "National Park Week".

S. RES. 841

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 841, a resolution celebrating the 35th anniversary of the independence of Ukraine from the former Soviet Union.

AMENDMENT NO. 6716

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 6716 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5334, an act to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation, as championed by the late Senator Lindsey O. Graham, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 6744

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 6744 intended to be proposed to S. 4668, a bill to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 5359. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Pennington County, South Dakota, certain National Forest System land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 5359

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Pennington County Land Conveyance Act".

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUNTY.—The term "County" means Pennington County, South Dakota.

(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term "Federal land" means—

(A) the parcel of approximately 8.97 acres of National Forest System land within the boundary of the Black Hills National Forest, as generally depicted as "Parcel to be Conveyed" on the map entitled "Pennington County (SD) Highway Maintenance Facility Land Conveyance" and dated June 22, 2026; and

(B) any improvements to the National Forest System land described in subparagraph (A).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(b) CONVEYANCE.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County, without consideration and subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be appropriate, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land, to be used by the County for a public works facility or any other uses determined to be necessary by the County.

(c) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—On the conveyance of the Federal land to the County under subsection (b), the Secretary shall modify the boundary of the Black Hills National Forest to reflect the conveyance of the Federal land.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 5373. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to limit the compensation and benefits provided to executive officers of the Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I rise today to express my concerns with the U.S. Postal Service operations in South Dakota, my home State. Over the past year or so, my team has heard from thousands of South Dakotans expressing their frustrations and, frankly, anger about poor mail delivery in our State.

We have heard from veterans who are not getting their medication on time; we have heard from individuals who are having to pay late fees because their bills arrive the day they are due; and we have heard from people who simply aren't getting their mail delivered, even though they can see on the Postal Service app that they should be receiving it that day.

My team wanted to test it for ourselves. We wanted to see how long it would take to send a piece of first-class mail from our office in Rapid City, SD, to Pierre, SD, the capital of our State, which is about 172 miles driving distance away.

That would be from Rapid City to Pierre.

Instead of taking a direct route, this letter went from Rapid City west to Denver, and then to Des Moines, IA, across Nebraska and then from Des Moines, IA, to Fargo, ND, and then back to Pierre.

Let me do the math for you. This letter traveled over 1,800 miles across four different States just to end up back at South Dakota.

As soon as we caught wind of just how bad the mail service had gotten in South Dakota, I tried to have an open discussion with the Postal Service leaders. When it became clear to me

that they weren't interested in fixing it, I requested an investigation from the Office of the Inspector General of the Postal Service which happens to answer to Congress, not to the Postal Service.

The OIG accepted our request and began to investigate the issues with mail service in South Dakota. As a part of their investigations, they were on the ground in South Dakota earlier this year. For evidence of just how deep the problem in the Postal Service runs, the OIG reiterated to my team and to me that they had to do this investigation clandestinely. If Postal Service leaders caught wind of where OIG representatives were going to be on which days, they could try to manipulate the results.

Turns out, they were correct. As soon as it was announced that the OIG team would be heading to South Dakota, my team heard from local post office employees that they were being asked to hide piles of mail.

As I mentioned, we have also heard countless stories about lifesaving prescriptions not arriving for our veterans who get many of their refills through the mail. In fact, that is the desired route for many of our veterans to get their prescriptions.

According to the Black Hills VA, the USPS has lost so many important medications, that the VA has had to repeatedly notify the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Postal Service inspector general. In some parts of the country, the VA tells veterans they should order prescription refills at least 20 days before their supply runs out to account for these delays.

By comparison, it only took half that time to put a man on the Moon. I have even heard from the Secretary of the VA Doug Collins who, because of the nationwide postal delays, he directed his staff to look into policies on how the VA can better work with independent community pharmacies to give veterans the prescriptions they need to live a healthy life.

It should not come down to this.

Five years ago, the Postal Service told Congress that it needed billions of dollars in financial relief to become sustainable. Based on that promise, Congress passed the Postal Service Reform Act. They promised that the so-called Delivering for America plan would cut costs, improve service, and return the Postal Service to profitability.

Instead, today Americans face unprecedented costs when they want to mail a letter with delivery times worse than the Pony Express, all while the Postal Service continues to burn through billions of dollars as if money grows on trees.

The U.S. Postal Service decided that in order to be cost effective, they should deprioritize rural America. For many years, mail was picked up from post offices and routed to processing