

Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness of technologies to combat cargo theft, and for other purposes.

S. 3456

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3456, a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a free annual National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for law enforcement officers and firefighters.

S. 3492

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBRINKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3492, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S.J. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. KAINES, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBRINKS), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 98, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 574—OBSERVING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021, AND RECOGNIZING THE ESSENTIAL WORK OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. ALSOBRINKS, Mr.

FETTERMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. KIM, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KAINES, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 574

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, violent insurrectionists, carrying Confederate flags and symbols, ransacked the Capitol, destroying property and vandalizing the building in an attempt to disrupt a joint session of Congress to count the electoral ballots and certify the results of the 2020 presidential election;

Whereas, for nearly 5 hours, those violent attackers used bear spray, flag poles, fire extinguishers, pipes, bats, bricks, and other items to assault law enforcement officers from the United States Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies who bravely defended the Capitol that day;

Whereas more than 100 law enforcement officers were injured defending the Capitol, including sustaining traumatic brain injuries, cracked ribs, smashed spinal discs, and stablings, and the events of that day contributed to the deaths of 5 officers who later passed away;

Whereas, in the days following the January 6 attack, the Senate unanimously passed and Congress rightly awarded Congressional Gold Medals to the United States Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department, recognizing the many officers who deserve the deep gratitude of the United States for putting their lives on the line to protect the Capitol and the democratic process of the United States;

Whereas Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-103), which was signed into law on March 15, 2022, directing that a plaque be placed on the western front of the United States Capitol to honor the United States Capitol Police and other law enforcement officers who responded on January 6, 2021, yet nearly 4 years after passage, the Speaker of the House has failed to comply with that law and allow the completed plaque to be installed;

Whereas Capitol custodial, janitorial, and maintenance staff were there to pick up the pieces and deserve the distinct honor and gratitude of the United States, as they also put their lives on the line serving the United States on January 6, 2021;

Whereas the work of United States Capitol personnel, including the United States Capitol Police and Capitol custodial, janitorial, and maintenance staff, allowed Members of the Senate to return to the Senate Chamber to continue its constitutional duty to certify the electoral votes and secure the democracy of the United States;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police officers and Capitol custodial, janitorial, and maintenance staff and other essential workers, including food services staff, come to work each day and do their jobs with skill, dedication, and dignity; and

Whereas the work of the Capitol Police and Capitol personnel is too often overlooked, but remains essential to the functioning of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses gratitude for the United States Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Po-

lice Department, personnel of the United States Capitol, and all the responding law enforcement officers for their bravery and service to the United States;

(2) recognizes the strength and commitment of the personnel of the United States Capitol who bring skill and dedication to their work every day and who worked through the night on January 6, 2021, and in the days following, to restore dignity to the United States Capitol and to ensure the democracy of the United States continues to function; and

(3) reaffirms its commitment to protect against efforts to undermine democracy and to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, including defending the legislative branch.

SENATE RESOLUTION 575—CONGRATULATING THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S DIVISION I CROSS COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 575

Whereas the 2025 Oklahoma State University men's cross country team (referred to in this preamble as the "Cowboys"), under the leadership of head coach Dave Smith, won the team's sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as "NCAA") Division I championship title;

Whereas the Cowboys won the national men's cross country title for the second time in the last three years, making it the Oklahoma State University's 55th NCAA team championship overall;

Whereas the Cowboys competed in the 2025 NCAA Midwest Regional Championship 10,000-meter race, where they finished first in points, earning an automatic bid to compete for the national title;

Whereas the Cowboys finished the season by winning the Big 12 Cross Country Championship, NCAA Midwest Regional Championship, and the NCAA Division I Cross Country National Championship;

Whereas the Cowboys 24-man cross country team is comprised of talented distance athletes;

Whereas Adisu Guadie, Ryan Schoppe, Will Muirhead, Laban Kipkemboi, Brian Musau, Fouad Messaoudi, and Denis Kipngetich all played a key role in securing the Cowboys a sixth national title;

Whereas Brian Musau was the first of three Cowboys to cross the finish line in the top 10, finishing fourth and beating his previous 10,000 meter record by three seconds, and earned his third cross country All-America honor;

Whereas Fouad Messaoudi and Denis Kipngetich followed suit with fifth and sixth-place finishes, and both Cowboys earned their third cross country All-America honors;

Whereas Adisu Guadie and Ryan Schoppe both earned their first All-American honors; and

Whereas head coach Dave Smith was named Men's National Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the 2025 Oklahoma State University men's cross country team on its championship season; and

(2) recognizes the 2025 Oklahoma State University men's cross country team for its hard work and dedication to the sport and for the excitement it brings to Oklahoma State University, the State of Oklahoma, and to Cowboy fans everywhere.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have two requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KAIN. Mr. President, I first ask unanimous consent that my legislative fellow Molly Sanders, a proud Navy lieutenant, be granted floor privileges for the duration of her fellowship with my office.

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

DISABLED VETERANS HOUSING SUPPORT ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 224 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 224) to amend section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require the exclusion of service-connected disability compensation when determining whether a person is a person of low and moderate income, a person of low income, or a person of moderate income, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 224) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CONGRATULATING THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S DIVISION I CROSS COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 575, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 575) congratulating the Oklahoma State University men's cross country team for winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Division I Cross Country National Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. 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 with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 575) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is 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 nomination: Calendar No. 503; that the nomination be confirmed; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and 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., sections 601 and 7034:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Christopher C. LaNeve

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that Senator WHITEHOUSE or his designee be recognized to make a motion to proceed to Calendar No. 290, S.J. Res. 86 and, if made, the Senate vote on the motion to proceed at 2 p.m.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further to business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of my colleagues.

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

The Senator from Arizona.

ANNIVERSARY OF JANUARY 6

Mr. GALLEG. Mr. President, today marks 5 years since January 6, the day a violent mob attacked the U.S. Capitol in an effort to overturn a free and fair election and disrupt the peaceful transfer of power. It was not a protest. It was not a misunderstanding. It was an assault on our democracy.

I was there that day, as many of my colleagues were. I remember the pounding on the door of the House Chamber. I remember seeing staff stacking chairs against these doors to stop the mob from entering. I remember helping evacuate the floor as a mob was taking over the Capitol, and I remember looking around thinking about my family and whether we would make it out safely. That day left scars on this institution, on our democracy, and on the men and women who put themselves in harm's way to defend it.

I served in the U.S. Marine Corps. I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and I know what it means to take that oath seriously, not just in uniform but in life, which is why I will be offering an amendment to the Defense appropriations bill to ensure that military funeral honors remain reserved for those who have defended the Constitution, not for those who have sought to overthrow it.

Last year, the administration offered military honors for Ashli Babbitt. Ashli Babbitt was not a hero; she was part of the violent mob that tried to overturn our democracy. She ignored repeated lawful orders from Capitol Police. She pushed to the front of the crowd. She helped to smash a window into the Speaker's Lobby and attempted to force her way through a barricaded door while she was armed