

Ms. ERNST. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

**AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO AWARD THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO JAMES CAPERS, JR., FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR**

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3377, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3377) to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr., for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

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

Ms. ERNST. 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. 3377) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**NICHOLAS DOCKERY MEDAL OF HONOR ACT**

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7194 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 7194) to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Nicholas Dockery for acts of valor as a member of the Army while serving in Afghanistan.

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

Ms. ERNST. 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. 7194) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO AWARD THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO JOHN W. RIPLEY FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE VIETNAM WAR**

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7211 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 7211) to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and for other purposes.

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

Ms. ERNST. 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. 7211) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4; 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, morning business be closed, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 6644, postcloture, and at 11 a.m., all time be expired and the Senate vote on the motion to proceed; further, that if Senator KAINE makes a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 104, the Senate vote on the motion at 4 p.m.

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

**ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senator KLOBUCHAR.

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

The Senator from Minnesota.

**WAR POWERS RESOLUTION**

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I join many of my colleagues today in mourning the loss of our servicemembers who have been killed in action in the Mideast, and I am thinking of those who have been wounded. Their sacrifice is a tragic reminder of the gravity of war and why the consequential decision of declaring war requires debate and authorization from Congress.

We must pass Senator KAINE's resolution, which we will be considering tomorrow, to rein in the President because, under the U.S. Constitution, it

is Congress, not the President, who has the power to declare war. The President unilaterally, with no authorization from Congress and without a clear justification of any imminent need for war, has gone to war with Iran, and he has done so without laying out a strategic plan or a path forward.

This military campaign has put American troops at serious risk. We have publicly learned—in addition to the classified briefing that I attended today with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of War and the Director of the CIA, we have learned publicly that this is escalating, and we have seen the results even so far. American servicemembers and innocent civilians have been killed. U.S. military bases have been hit. Our Embassies and allies have been attacked.

To be clear, Iran is a terrorist state, and it should never have a nuclear weapon, and the regime's aggression in the region and its oppression of Iranian citizens must end. That is why I have long supported serious sanctions against Iran, why I voted for funding for the Defense Department, and why I supported the Iran nuclear agreement. It wasn't perfect—far from perfect—but I supported that agreement because of our goal—our major foreign policy goal—to assure that Iran did not have a nuclear weapon.

I opposed President Trump's decision a few years back to take us out of that agreement. Even some of my colleagues who had not voted for the agreement to begin with, which I had, did not support the decision of taking us out of the agreement. Our ultimate goal must be peace in the region—and we know all too well that wars for regime change can lead to unintended consequences for years and decades to come. As we see what is happening, we believe—many of us—that Congress should have this ultimate authorization. Not having a plan is not only dangerous for the United States, it is dangerous for our partners and our allies abroad.

This military campaign has introduced increased chaos and danger throughout the region. Military action of this size and scope must be paired with a plan that takes into account the long-term impacts of war and sets achievable goals that do not unnecessarily endanger our troops and innocents. That is not what has happened here. The President has acknowledged that they do not have a clear plan of who will be taking over this nation of tens of millions of people.

That is why I am on the Senate floor today. The American people don't want another war—an endless war—that puts our troops at great risk. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this resolution and stand up for the institution in which we serve and stand up for the people we represent.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

NOMINATIONS

*To be major*

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

TIMOTHY T. M. CHAN

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:44 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 10 a.m.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

VINCE S. MARGIOTTA