

with elected officials to discuss issues affecting the industry. Rick's efforts have also opened doors to other crucial initiatives for many aspiring leaders, including State and international exchange tours and the Washington, DC, experience.

Rick's dedication extends beyond his professional life. He is a steadfast partner to his wife Dorita, a father of two daughters, and an active member of the Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church in Meridian.

As Rick assumes his new role as executive director emeritus, we are confident that he will continue to provide invaluable support and guidance as his daughter Kendra Dustin takes the helm as executive director.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, we extend our sincere appreciation to Rick for his dedication and exemplary service to Leadership Idaho Agriculture and to our great State. His legacy will undoubtedly inspire future generations of leaders in Idaho and across the West. Thank you, Rick, for your years of service, and congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 975. Resolution that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

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-2405. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-215, "Green Housing Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2406. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Financial Report: Fiscal Year 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2407. A communication from the Deputy Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2408. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-216, "Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2409. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-238, "Private Vehicle-for Hire Operator Clarification Temporary Amend-

ment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2410. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-237, "Avanti Real Estate Services, LLC Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2411. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-218, "Juvenile Curfew Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2412. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-217, "D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2413. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2414. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescinding Portions of Department of Justice Title VI Regulations to Conform More Closely With the Statutory Text and To Implement Executive Order 14281" (RIN1190-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2415. A communication from the Acting Deputy Division Chief, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Selection Process for Registrants and Petitioners Seeking to File Cap-Subject H-1B Petitions" (RIN1615-AD01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2416. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2025 calendar session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2417. A communication from the Acting Deputy Division Chief, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Bars and Processing; Confirmation of Effective Date; Partial Withdrawal" ((RIN1615-AC57) (RIN1125-AB08)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 3584. A bill to amend the definition of aggravated felony in the Immigration and Nationality Act to include certain serious drunk driving offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 3585. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to exempt consumer-regulated electric utilities from Federal regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3586. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require small business development centers to assist small business concerns with the use of artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 3587. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for interest paid to taxpayers by the Internal Revenue Service following an audit or litigation in which the taxpayer prevailed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3588. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide funding for trained school personnel to administer drugs and devices for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3589. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 3590. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the clean water infrastructure resiliency and sustainability program, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain resiliency and sustainability programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3591. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop a notice detailing benefits available to veterans, and to require employers to display such notice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3592. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to parole into the United States certain relatives of current and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MOODY:

S. 3593. A bill to increase the penalties for health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJAN:

S. 3594. A bill to provide additional funds to States for administration of certain nutrition programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3595. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for the deployment of United States military

or intelligence personnel in Venezuela for certain purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 128

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 570

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 570, a bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to establish payment and performance security requirements for projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1281

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1281, a bill to establish a new nonimmigrant visa for mobile entertainment workers.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1504, a bill to require the Social Security Administration to make changes to the social security terminology used in the rules, regulation, guidance, or other materials of the Administration.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1650

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1650, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards.

S. 2106

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet certain eligibility requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 2858

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2858, a bill to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, and for other purposes.

S. 2918

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2918, a bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 3480

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3480, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from implementing the WISER model under the Medicare program.

S. 3570

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3570, a bill to establish duties for online service providers with respect to end user data that such providers collect and use.

S.J. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) 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.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. BLACKBURN. 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 THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

CONDEMNING THE RISE IN IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED ATTACKS ON JEWISH INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE RECENT VIOLENT ASSAULT IN BOULDER, COLORADO, AND REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE SENATE TO COMBATING ANTISEMITISM AND POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD COMMEMORATION OF THE ANTI-LGBTQ+ ATTACK THAT OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 19–20, 2022, AT CLUB Q, AN LGBTQ+ BAR IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

COMMENDING CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL AND ITS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the applicable committees be discharged and the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions: S. Res. 288, S. Res. 503, and S. Res. 543.

There being no objection, the committees were discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The resolutions were agreed to en bloc, as follows:

The resolution (S. Res. 288) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of June 18, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

The resolution (S. Res. 503) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 19, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

The resolution (S. Res. 543) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of December 11, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 a.m., Thursday, January 8; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in